

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RETIREES ASSOCIATION, INC.
WEST TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08629

MINUTES OF MEETING

The February meeting of the New Jersey Department of Transportation Retirees Association, Inc. (DOTRA) was held on Tuesday, February 6, 2018, at Tessara Restaurant. After establishing a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 11:14 AM by President Clint Griggs with the Pledge of Allegiance following. The following were in attendance:

Joe Bodnar	Ann Fratticcioli	Jay Johnston
Janis Stia	Bob Miller	Andrea Mansfield
Gerry Sellner	Mike Eckel	Lou Papp
Donna Troiano	Clinton Griggs	Frank Palise

These members were absent: John Raniero, Frank Stia, Dot Andres and Bruce Strickland.

The minutes of the 1/2/2018 meeting were received and approved as distributed. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Mike Eckel and seconded by Bob Miller. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's reports for January 2018 was given by Frank Stia. Balance as of 1/31/18 was \$14,413.78 including \$4,649.76 in the checking account. A move to accept the report, pending audit, was made by Andrea Mansfield and seconded by Joe Bodnar. The motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Janis Stia reported that there was one membership renewal received during January – for a total received of \$10.00. A reminder that dues are due was sent to all the members who receive their DOTLine electronically. A blurb also appears in the DOTLine.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nominating Committee –Joe Bodnar reported that there are sixteen Board members for 2018-2019. Ann Fratticcioli has become a new Director. She will serve a term until 2020. There was nothing additional to report.

By-Laws —There was no report or new business. With the passing of Art Egan, this committee needs to have a new chair. For now, the position will remain unfilled.

Website – Clint reported for Bruce Strickland from Arizona that there were 263 hits in January for a total of 24,958. Ann noted that in her redesign of the website, she has clicked in many, many times.

Employee Memorial Committee –There was no report from Jim Dixon. The Silent Auction held on December 7 and December 8, as planned and it seemed to be very successful and well organized, as usual. The EMC is looking for new officers.

Historian - Mike Eckel is working on an article for May; his February article was left out of the DOTLine inadvertently and will be printed soon.

Chaplain – Jay Johnston reported that DOTRA member Robert Kerr, passed away recently. Also, Mary Kane, a DOT retiree passed away recently.

Audit Committee: There is no report until next spring which is fast approaching. Frank Stia, Frank Palise and John Raniero will meet shortly.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

Trips –Jay Johnston reported that he will try to plan another bus trip for the spring and have details by the next meeting.

Spring Breakfast: Joe Bodnar has booked Golden Dawn in Hamilton for Wednesday March 14 and the cost will be \$12/pp plus tax and gratuity and we will charge \$16.00. A flyer is included in the February DOTLine. The menu will be a buffet, as it was last year. Reservation deadline is March 7. We expect that about 56 members will attend.

June Luncheon: A chair is needed for this event. Ann Fratticcioli has done some research regarding local restaurants which she will share with Clint. All details will be in place before the May mailing of DOTLine. Last year we paid \$30.00 at Erini's. Other suggestions are Hamilton Manor, Diamonds, Trenton Country Club, and the Hilton Garden Inn.

Tentative dates for future events are: Holiday Party at Mercer Oaks—December 12
Fall Picnic at Mercer County Park Belle Mountain—September 12

OLD BUSINESS:

Bob Miller is working toward archiving DOTRA records (including- DOTLines, Minutes, Treasurer's Reports, By-Law Changes, Directors/Officers) to a permanent location.

New Director Ann Fratticcioli has been working toward changes to our roster using new technology and will be creating a new website. She suggests that we utilize e-mail more frequently to communicate our messages about coming events. New technology helps provide feedback immediately. Ann & Gerry will meet to share ideas about our mailing list.

Donna Troiano suggested a new column for DOTLine—"Where in the World Have I Been". Contributors could share their travel stories; many of our members travel frequently and visit all parts of the world. It was thought to be a good idea and we will try to incorporate it for the May DOTLine.

NEW BUSINESS: Ann presented a working model for our new website/membership list. This will be an email marketing tool for us and can be utilized to send information to our membership and receive feedback, too. There are interactive links to events, directors, membership, et al. The tool being used is called mail.chimp. Ann has worked with this tool on other applications and is very familiar with the features. The presentation was very instructive and helpful. All the Directors expressed delight and gratitude to Ann for bringing this technology to DOTRA.

Since there was no further business to discuss, a motion to close the meeting was made by Bob and seconded by Joe and the motion passed. Clint adjourned the meeting at 12:30 PM. At the close of the meeting, the Directors prepared the DOTLine for mailing.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday 3/6/2018 at Tessara Restaurant at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrea Mansfield
Recording Secretary