



## MINUTES

### SASHTO Board of Directors Meeting

**APPROVED 8-20-2019  
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA**

Thursday, May 23, 2019  
8:00 – 9:30 a.m.  
Park City, Utah

- I. Call to Order/Welcome/Roll Call**

SASHTO Board of Directors (BOD) meeting was called to order by SASHTO President and GDOT Commissioner Russell McMurry. Puerto Rico was not in attendance.
- II. Approval of Minutes from September 24, 2018 Meeting-Atlanta**

Draft minutes from the September 24, 2018 meeting were distributed in advance of the meeting for review. A motion was made by Arkansas and was seconded by Virginia that the meeting minutes be approved. The motion carried via unanimous vote.
- III. SASHTO Annual Meeting – Savannah, GA August 17-21**
  - a) Georgia - 2019 Annual Meeting – Mike Dover with Georgia DOT provided an update on planning and logistics for the 2019 Annual Meeting. The event will be held beginning August 17 - 21 in Savannah, Georgia at the Westin Hotel and Conference Center. Currently there are \$700k in sponsors and 1200 registered attendees. Sunday evening will be the opening session. Tuesday afternoon is closing reception. Mike discussed flight information for Savannah and that Uber and Lyft are available for transportation to the Westin from the airport.
  - b) Board of Directors - Required attendance and Invitation Only events were presented to the group. Please let Russell McMurry know if there are any topics for discussion at the FHWA meeting.
  - c) SASHTO Annual Report – This year’s Annual Report will not be printed as previously discussed. The Report will be in video format to be shown throughout the Conference. Video requirements were provided. All video submissions for the Annual Report are needed by June 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - d) Agenda - A DRAFT Conference Agenda was provided for information. There will be Spouse/Guest events, Technical Sessions, Port of Savannah Tour, and a Riverboat tour. The Welcome Reception is planned to be a big event.
    1. Burt Tasaico from North Carolina asked if the data session could include a discussion on potential revenue opportunity using state DOT



Savannah International Trade and Convention Center

data. Russell asked Burt if he could recommend a speaker for the topic. Burt stated that he will get a recommendation to GDOT.

2. Russell asked all Board of Directors to please provide GDOT with names for proposed speakers on the Agenda that will be presenters at the Conference.
3. Breakfast for Board Members – Christy Hall from SC requested an organized breakfast meeting for State Board Members/Commissions. Several States will have Board Members in attendance. Russell McMurry stated that GDOT will work to add a breakfast to the Agenda if possible.

**IV. Alabama - 2020 Annual Meeting** – George Connor from Alabama DOT noted their event will be held August 8 – 12 in Mobile, Alabama. There will be golf at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Course. USS Alabama for the opening night with a low country boil. Technical Tours/Sessions will consist of: Port of Mobile, Airbus Facility, and others. Tuesday will be at the Maritime Museum with a “Taste of Mobile”.

**V. Winter 2020 Board of Directors Retreat**

Alabama will host the next retreat. It is scheduled for February 2020. The retreat will be held in Birmingham, Alabama.

**VI. Florida – 2021 Annual Meeting** – Kevin Thibault from Florida stated that the 2021 meeting will be held at the Hilton Bonnet Creek in Orlando, Florida. This is located within Disney World but it is not owned by Disney. The theme will be “Uniquely Florida”. They are very early in the planning stages.

**VII. SASHTO Tax Status and Bank Accounts**

a) 501(c)(3) vs 501 (c)(6)

1. Matt Cline engaged counsel with IRS knowledge of the process. It is a 3-6 month process and there is no guarantee that the IRS will approve.

b) Bank Accounts

1. There has been difficulty getting quotes for a single bank account. A CPA firm will be between \$1500-\$2000 annually for a 501c(6), it will be more expensive as a 501c(3). SASHTO would need to vote on a single person to act as a permanent Treasurer. Action Items: CPA & SASHTO Treasurer, Bank, and Tax Status Application.
2. Christy Hall from South Carolina stated that they interpreted that the scholarship funds could not be distributed because it benefitted an



individual. Is this different if the move is made to c(3)? Matt Cline stated that both are tax exempt. Angela Whitworth stated that a centralized Bank could write a check directly to a College on behalf of a student.

3. Russell McMurry asked for a motion to move to a 501c(3). There was no motion made. SASHTO will remain as a 501c(6).
4. Florida made a motion to amend the SASHTO by-laws for one State to rotate and establish a Treasurer every 3 years. The motion was seconded. There would be a proposal presented at the annual meeting in August-Savannah. The motion passed.

#### **VIII. Transportation Funding and Electric Vehicles**

The next item on the agenda was Electric Vehicles. Russell McMurry discussed the impact of EVs and individual states' regulations, legislation, and planning around the use of EVs with regards to fees and funding.

#### **IX. Federal vs State Delivery of Projects**

Russell McMurry discussed Federal Funding vs State Funding and the scope that Georgia is utilizing in a study of the two funding mechanisms in project delivery. The Scope of the study is to analyze the cost and time differences. Is there a way to leverage the funds? If there are 50% or less Federal funds without NEPA, leverage State/Local funds to show real benefit.

Melinda McGrath from Mississippi discussed that individual States are treated differently by FHWA and this is a concern.

Russell stated that there is a real opportunity at SASHTO roundtable to discuss concerns with FHWA.

#### **a) Adjournment**

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.