

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
Club 101, 101 Park Avenue, New York, NY
January 17, 2008

INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS
METROPOLITAN SECTION

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<i>Awards</i>	<i>Armando Lepore</i>
<i>Career Guidance</i>	<i>Gustavo DaSilva</i>
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LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS

<i>Local Arrangements, Northern NJ</i>	<i>Grace Borden</i>
<i>Local Arrangements, Southern NJ</i>	<i>Kevin Conover</i>
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<i>Local Arrangements – L. I.</i>	<i>Lynn Weyant</i>
<i>Local Arrangements – Westchester</i>	<i>Michael O'Rourke / Brian Dempsey</i>

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Lynn LaMunyon

NON-STANDING COMMITTEES

<i>New Jersey Membership</i>	<i>Haseeb Ahson</i>
<i>New York Membership</i>	<i>Albert Dawson</i>
<i>Newsletter</i>	<i>Mayer Horn</i>
<i>Nominations</i>	<i>Michael Salatti</i>
<i>Professional Development</i>	<i>Thomas Arlo</i>
<i>Public Information</i>	<i>Mayer Horn</i>
<i>Student Outreach</i>	<i>John Miller / Ben Szeto</i>
<i>Communications</i>	<i>Paul Truban</i>
<i>Technical</i>	<i>Ira Huttner</i>
<i>Web Site</i>	<i>Mark Kulewicz / Christopher McBride</i>
<i>Photographer</i>	<i>Jennifer Bates</i>

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Attendees:

Armando Lepore
Ed Bolden
Ray DiBiase
Gordon Meth
Joe Orth
Bill McMenamin
Mike Salatti
Bob Brakman
Grace Borden
Leon Goodman

Andy Saracena
Lynn LaMunyon
Haseeb Ahson
Chris McBride
John Miller
Andy Paluri
Al Dawson
Wasif Mirza
Larry Lennon

Edward Bolden called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm.

Old Business:

Reports from officers and committee heads for Annual Report—These need to be submitted to Armando Lepore so that the report can be submitted by April 1.

Tax filing status –Feedback from lawyers at ITE Headquarters is expected in two weeks.

Banner status – Andy Paluri has the new banner and will unveil it at tonight's dinner meeting.

New Business:

Presidential Candidate Transportation Forum –The Section received a solicitation from the NYU Wagner Rudin Center for a donation which would enable us to attend the forum. Lee Goodman provided some background on the goals of the Rudin Center. Following a long discussion, which included comments that this venture could be too political, and uncertainty about what the donation would be used for, a motion not to participate was offered by Gordon Meth, seconded by Armando Lepore, and unanimously approved.

Ed Bolden will obtain additional information about the Rudin Center. Gordon Meth suggested inviting Allison de Cerreno, Ph.D., the Center's Director, as a future meeting speaker. The potential of establishing a Student Chapter at NYU should be investigated by the Student Chapter Liaison.

Public sector ITE participation – Ed Bolden wants to encourage increased involvement in the Section from the public sector. He will write a letter to New Jersey Transit on this topic, but it was suggested that Linda Mosch be contacted prior to that. Lynn LaMunyon

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stated that NJDOT has minimal involvement because that agency has no budget for ITE membership. Lynn and Joe Orth both stated that serving food at meetings can be a reimbursement problem for some agencies. Lynn indicated that we subsidize dinners only when an agency will not reimburse its employees. A long discussion followed regarding the pros and cons of holding technical sessions separately from the dinner. Gordon Meth suggested reviewing the success of the upcoming Newark luncheon meeting and webinars to see if that is viable.

Meetings – Gordon Meth stated that there will be two meetings in February:

February 20, New Brunswick--Afternoon session on Transit-Oriented Development given by Rich Roberts of NJDOT at the Rutgers University Bloustein School. Evening meeting at Spuntino 360 Restaurant (formerly LaFontana), with Brigid Haynes-Cherin of the FTA speaking on Congestion Pricing.

February 21, Palisades Mall, Nyack, NY—Co-sponsored by the NY State Society of Professional Engineers and two ASCE Chapters, this will be a luncheon meeting with a technical session on the NY State Thruway's High-speed EZ Pass Deployment. Registration will be via a link to the NYSSPE website.

For the March 19 afternoon session at Koenig's in Floral Park, Gordon is assembling a round-table discussion panel, with retired transportation executives from the public and private sectors giving their perspectives. Ed Bolden suggested that Gordon check with Mayer Horn about a private sector representative. This session would not be eligible for pdh credits. The evening session is not yet set. For the April 17 meeting in Princeton, Gordon will arrange a "Traffic Simulation Olympics" which will be a competition between traffic simulation software packages.

Webinars – Gordon had identified five potential webinars, with the goal of running five sessions simultaneously, since there are five Local Arrangements Chairs. Grace Borden suggested using these chairpeople to coordinate the sessions, under the coordination of the Professional Development Chair. Gordon will coordinate selection of webinar sessions using this approach, and will send a list of sessions to the Local Arrangements Chairs. Lynn LaMunyon requested that all Chairs be copied on e-mails. Ed Bolden indicated that selecting sessions that can be adequately publicized in TransTalk will be important; he stated that the June session should be targeted for this reason. Gordon indicated that the March sessions (Signal Timing) may be better attended than June sessions (Trip Generation). Armando Lepore offered the Port Authority conference room in Newark as a webinar site, and stated that he knew of three potential volunteers who can assist with webinar arrangements.

Monetization of public assets - Governor Corzine is proposing creation of a Public Benefit Corporation to monetize highway assets of the NJ Turnpike and Garden State Parkway, to pay off \$16 billion in debt and fund future capital improvements. The PBC would operate and maintain the roads and collect the tolls. Lee Goodman suggested that the Met Section remain neutral, and Gordon Meth indicated that the Section's role is to

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educate, and avoid political positions. The consensus was that the Section will not take a position on this issue.

Board meetings vs. Afternoon PDH sessions – Board meeting start times have been made earlier for the last couple of years to allow attendees to also attend pdh sessions. There has been a suggestion to run the meetings concurrently. Ray DiBiase and Bill McMenamin both expressed the opinion that they would like to have some opportunity to attend the afternoon session, i.e. maybe half of the year's sessions. There appeared to be a consensus that the every other afternoon session would be held concurrently with a Board meeting.

TransTalk – Mayer Horn will continue to publish Trans Talk. The Section will be purchasing a program, Page Maker, to assist him. At tonight's meeting, volunteers who can assist Mayer with use of the program will be solicited. Ray DiBiase/Bill McMenamin will submit the 2008 Budget for publication. Publication deadlines were reviewed.

District 1/District 2 Joint Meeting, May 28-30, Atlantic City – Lynn LaMunyon gave a summary of activities. A total of 48 presentation abstracts have been received. Three sessions would be held on Thursday, and two on Friday along with a golf outing. A technical tour of the Atlantic City-Brigantine Connector, and possibly the NJ Transit bi-level rail car, will also be held. A preliminary agenda will be available soon via e-mail.

Paul Eng-Wong – Paul addressed the Board, offered thanks for its support, and requested votes in his race for International Vice President.

Louis Pignataro Education Award/Student Chapters – Marv Gersten sent an e-mail today to several colleges to encourage student applications. All that is needed to apply is a resume. John Miller and Joe Orth will reach out to Student Chapters. Lynn LaMunyon suggested that John should use 2008 Student Chapter funds coming from the District for Student Chapter purposes this year. Al Dawson indicated that City College may be interested in establishing a Chapter; Prof. Clare McKnight will respond.

Expenditures over \$1,000 – If not in the Budget, these expenditures require a vote by the membership. Ray DiBiase asked whether the Board should adjust this amount for inflation. Mike O'Rourke will be reviewing this as part of his examination of the By-laws.

2007 Audit Committee – The committee has met and will submit a report. Ray DiBiase will contact Armando Lepore for a sample report

The meeting concluded at 5:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond DiBiase