

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**  
**Riccardo's, 21-01 24th Avenue, Astoria, NY**  
**November 13, 2008**

**INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS**  
**METROPOLITAN SECTION OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY, INC.**

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**STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

<i>Awards</i>	<i>Armando Lepore</i>
<i>Career Guidance</i>	<i>Gustavo DaSilva</i>
<i>Industry</i>	<i>Rich Marsanico</i>
<i>Legislative</i>	<i>Leon Goodman</i>

**LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS**

<i>Local Arrangements, Northern NJ</i>	<i>Grace VanKirk</i>
<i>Local Arrangements, Southern NJ</i>	<i>Kevin Conover</i>
<i>Local Arrangements, New York</i>	<i>Wasif Mirza</i>
<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>Membership Coordinator</i>	<i>Bob Brakman</i>
<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:

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Ray DiBiase	Mike Salatti
Larry Lennon	Lynn La Munyon
Joe Orth	Andy Saracena
Lee Goodman	Grace VanKirk
Mayer Horn	Al Dawson
Chris McBride	

Edward Bolden called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

**Old Business:**

**Speakers Bureau** – Based on input from Andy Paluri, ten speakers have volunteered.

**Logo Contest** – Ed Bolden indicated that he had cast the tiebreaking vote. The winner is Brendan Clinch, whose entry was submitted through Met Section member Steve Eisenberg. The entry may be tweaked. Ed stated that thought a “logo search” for a potential copyright infringement was not required, based on input from ITE Headquarters.

**Future Meetings**

January 15, 2009 Meeting – Gordon Meth stated that John Miller is making the arrangements.

February 18, 2009 Meeting – Gordon and Ray DiBiase are working with Mike O'Rourke on selecting the venue. The topic for this luncheon meeting will be the Port Authority's development of Stewart Airport.

March 19, 2009 Meeting – Ray will reach out to Gus DaSilva regarding the rescheduling of the evening presentation on the LIRR's Mainline Third Track project, which was postponed from last September.

April 21, 2009 Meeting – Gordon will check with Kevin Conover on making arrangements at Princeton University.

**Update of Section By-Laws** – Ed Bolden expressed disappointment that the update will not be completed during his tenure. He indicated that the March meeting should be the target for approval of the revisions.

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**New Business:**

**Annual Reports** – Ed asked that these be prepared and submitted. He will provide Gordon with a sample Vice-President's report.

**Treasurer's Report** - Bill McMenemy has provided the report. Ray DiBiase will distribute copies at tonight's Business Meeting.

**Election Results** - Andy Saracena indicated that Grace Van Kirk has won the election for Treasurer. The results will be announced at the Business Meeting this evening. Ed will ask for a motion to destroy the ballots.

**TransTalk Articles** – Mayer Horn will draft a disclaimer stating that opinions expressed in submitted materials are not those of the Met Section.

**Mentoring Opportunity with Stevens Institute of Technology** – Lee Goodman stated that Stevens is looking for ITE Members to mentor its students on a one-to-one basis once or twice a year. Ed Bolden stated that this should be pursued, and asked Lee to contact either John Miller or Ben Szeto to progress this effort.

**Action Calendar** – Andy Saracena asked when this should be distributed. The consensus was the day before the Board Meeting.

**2009 Reorganization Meeting** – Gordon Meth stated that the meeting will be held at 10 AM on December 5 at RBA's offices in Parsippany, NJ.

**History of NY City Arterials Course at Pratt Institute** – Lee Goodman asked whether he could distribute flyers for an upcoming course he was teaching at tonight's Business Meeting. Publicity for the course has appeared in the past in TransTalk. There were no objections.

**Tolls on East River Bridges** – Lee noted that the Section has not issued a policy statement on this issue. Mayer Horn indicated that the proposal is "on the table" and will be addressed in an upcoming Ravitch Commission report. Gordon Meth asked how this issue differed from New Jersey Governor Corzine's proposal to create a Public Benefit Corporation to monetize highway assets of the NJ Turnpike and Garden State Parkway. Lee indicated that the proceeds from the proposed NJ legislation would also be used to reduce the state's debt. Andy Saracena suggested that this is a funding issue. Lee replied that benefits other than funding, e.g. implementation of congestion pricing, could be realized. Mayer stated that this could be a tool for a transportation management scheme. Lee will prepare a draft policy statement so that it will be available when the Ravitch report is released.

**American Planning Association** – Gordon stated that the APA, co-sponsor of the today's afternoon technical sessions and tonight's meeting, has offered to work with the

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Section again next year. He noted that the one of the afternoon sessions is approved for AICP continuing education credit.

**International Board of Directors Meeting** – Lynn LaMunyon distributed notes from the meeting. Surface Transportation and Greenhouse Gas Emissions were the focus issues. The 2009 ITE budget has been revised. Normally a deficit budget, the budget has been balanced by eliminating or reducing some programs. Budgets for the national Traffic Bowl and a career video have been reduced. The TRB Student Reception and the website upgrading have been postponed. The Young Member Program will now be the responsibility of the districts. Lynn noted that two young members typically have been sent to Washington to attend a Young Member Forum and express student viewpoints. Ed Bolden suggested that a line item for travel expenses for the Forum be added to the 2009 Section budget. Lynn recommended that Section activities related to young members be increased.

**Delinquent Members** – An effort has been made to contact members who have not paid their dues for 2008. Al Dawson reported that 14 payments have been received from the 79 delinquent NY members. Lynn noted that this effort has been successful on a national basis.

**Section Administrator** – The Section Administrator, Mike Salatti, requested that copies of documents, such as past meeting minutes and Treasurer's reports, be provided to him.

**Meeting Minutes** – Gordon Meth made a motion to adopt the October minutes, Joe Orth seconded, and by a unanimous vote the minutes were approved.

The meeting concluded at 2:40 pm, following a motion to adjourn by Ray DiBiase, a second by Gordon Meth, and unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond DiBiase