

Mid America Association of State Transportation Officials, Subcommittee on Highway Transport

MAASTO SCOHT December 07, 2011 Tele Conference Meeting Minutes

1. Attendees:

Iowa – Phou
WI – Tracy & peter
MO – Kelly
MI – Rob
IL – Steven
KY- Tom
IN- Angela

2. Brief overview of MAASTO SCOHT Spring Conference – Wisconsin. Discussed issues that were brought to the Committee from carriers and our plan of action. Agreed to take three issues and complete them before going to the next.

3. The three issues that were chosen and assigned:

Signage and Flags – Steven Todd/IL
Escorting – Angela Woodard/IN
Weekend Travel – Kathleen Nichols/WI

We set a due date of February 8th to present to states. We understand that some changes may require some states to go through the legislation process. Once the review has been given and changes requested, we will set another date discussion to see where we stand. We will continue to set goals to get these accomplished as well as any tasks before moving to the next item. Our goal is to stay on top of these issues so they don't get pushed to the side and forgotten.

4. 2012 SC&RA

- Doug Ball invited the states to speak Wednesday during their symposium. It was agreed on that all state regions meet at the SC&RA Conference in March. All agreed that it would be beneficial and informative to learn from one another and be informed of what each other is doing.
- Need to check with Doug Ball to make sure we have capability to have conference call for the states that will not be able to attend at the state region meeting sessions.
- States that are planning on attending SC&RA in March:

Missouri
Wisconsin
Minnesota
Indiana
Kentucky will not be able to due to budget
MI and IA do not know, will advise at later date

5. 2012 MAASTO CONFERENCE

- We are hoping to set the date for the 2012 MAASTO conference in Lansing, MI for the week of October 15th. Pete is checking to make sure no other conferences for size and weight is going on during this week. Also, we are looking to set the third week of October for the MAASTO conference each year.
- Robert will check with the Radisson Hotel to make sure they have the availability and room rates (government as well) for this time frame in October of 2012.
- We are looking at having the conference either 2 full days or 1 full day and a ½ day and deciding if it will be Tuesday & Wednesday or Thursday and Wednesday. We are looking at the cheapest days of the week for travel. Monday or Tuesday would be better.
- Briefly discussed 2011 Conference Expenses – conference cost an estimated \$15k, cover over funds estimated \$4200 but we still have expenses that has not been closed out. Pete addressed the issue of outstanding bills with C-fire and asked to get them paid so we can move forward and know what we are looking towards next year with starting funds. C-Fire is giving a proposal of \$3500 for future assistance in setting up registration, hotel and food for conferences. This was discussed to see what cheaper avenue we could go but nothing has been decided.
- MAASTO is to have an agenda and registration set to send out notices to carriers in enough time to get approval for travel. We are going to send out the notices at the end of June or beginning of July 2012. Offer an early registration up until mid-September to try to bring in more industries.
- States need to bring ideas to the table for the agenda as well.
- A budget wasn't set or discussed so we will bring that to the table on our next conference call.
- Next conference call is set for February 8th, 2012 – a meeting request has already been sent out.