



Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

Hotel Captain Cook

September 5, 2008, 1:30 – 2:30pm

Attendees:

Andersen, Dennis – Campbell Scientific
Belcher, Scott – ITS America (President)
Breedon, Dan – ADOT&PF, MS&CVE (Board Member)
Czinko, Roy – IRD
Howard, Debbi – ADOT&PF, Transit
Imhof, Larry – Wostmann & Associates
Jacobson, Les – Telvent
Landgren, Roberta – Inter-island Ferry Authority
Laurie, Robert – ADOT&PF, Program Development
Lilly, Michael – GW Scientific (Board Member – Vice President)
Marrero, Kalyani – Kullyworks
Marrero, Paul – Wostmann & Associates
Matthew D'Angelo – PBS&J
McHugh, Austin – GW Scientific
Moose, Daniel – Alaska ITS
Ottesen, Jeff – ADOT&PF (Board Member – President)
Parmelee, Mark – ADOT&PF, Central Region Planning
Perut, Phil – SES – America
Phelan, Marty – Wostmann & Associates
Roach, Jeff – ADOT&PF, Northern Region Planning
Ronchetti, Mike – Intertiviti (a.k.a. RFID Complete)
Stewart, Burr – Port of Seattle
Stickel, Jack – ADOT&PF, Highway Data
Dierckman, Maryann – ADOT&PF, Highway Data
Sullivan, Jill – ADOT&PF (Board Member – Secretary/Treasurer)
Taylor, Eric – ADOT&PF, Transit
Underwood, Vivian – Municipality of Anchorage – Traffic Dept.
Unholz, Stacy – PBS&J
Webb, Will – USKH
Wilber, Lance – Municipality of Anchorage – Traffic Dept. (Board Member)

1) General

This is the first annual meeting of the membership held during the National Rural ITS Conference at the Hotel Captain Cook. This meeting also welcomed non-members of ITS Alaska in hope to expand its membership.

2) Call to order

The President, Jeff Ottesen, called to order the first annual membership meeting of ITS Alaska at 1:30 pm on September 5, 2008 originating from Anchorage, AK.

3) Roll Call

Attendees were asked to introduce themselves..

4) Approve Agenda

The agenda was approved with no objection.

5) Approve of Minutes

The July 10, 2008 meeting minutes were approved with no objections.

6) Membership Status-

The Secretary gave status of membership and list of members. Total members include 13 (5 Organizations, 6 Corporate, 2 Individuals).

7) What did we learn from NRITS 2008? (Open Discussion)

Scott Belcher, President of ITS America, thanked ITS Alaska for the meeting and felt that the conference was well done. Debbi Howard, ADOT&PF, announced that the NRITS transit track should continue each year with the NRITS conference. Michael Lilly, GW Scientific, mentioned the climate change sessions and how well received that topic was. Jeff Roach, ADOT&PF, mentioned that there was very little emergency response sessions during NRITS and hoped to see more.

8) ITS Alaska – Ideas for meeting goals

- Jill Sullivan mentioned acquiring a webinar software for future membership meetings.
- Michael Lilly discussed having a direct tie-in with the water resource conference next May.
- Jeff Roach mentioned affiliating annual meeting with the annual transit conference.
- Jeff Ottesen moved to hold annual meeting in conjunction with the annual transit conference. Dan Breeden seconded the motion.

9) News/Announcements

-Jill Sullivan mentioned an ITS project ADOT&PF and the City of Wasilla are coordinating on for the Wasilla Wideband Communications Network (WWCN). The City received a \$5 million Federal Earmark to develop a 4.9 GHz mesh network to improve public safety communications, i.e., police, fire, etc.

-Debbi Howard announced that the Annual Transit Conference will be held at the Hotel Captain Cook, October 13–15th. The agenda is available on the the website, <http://dot.alaska.gov/stwdplng/transit/index.shtml>

-Les Jacobson announced the ITS World Congress and ITS America conference being held in New York, November 16–17.

–Jill Sullivan discussed the Department’s plans to potentially replace the 511 system. DOT&PF hired Athey Creek Consultants to articulate the Department’s and partner agencies’ needs and evaluate other 511 options. Jill asked everyone to please fill out the 511 survey available at <http://511.alaska.gov>. Jeff Ottesen followed up with how the CARS/511 pooled fund has not been favorable in meeting Alaska’s needs. Jeff also discussed major travel information needs with regard to the potential “gas pipeline.” Stacy Unholz mentioned keeping up with the 511 Coalition and documents that they supply to help States develop 511 systems. Debbi Howard will send out a reminder to transit folks asking them to take the 511 survey.

–Jeff Ottesen discussed the “bad news” regarding the Highway Trust Fund (HTF) crisis mode. All states are on short rations. FHWA will reimburse States 60–70cents for every dollar. Too little money to go forward. Alaska’s cash flow, however, is handled differently where we rely on the General Fund account to offset expenses. Aves Thompson mentioned a temporary fix of using \$8 billion General Fund to offset costs. Les Jacobson mentioned that this was known to happen for 15–20 years. States will begin to see user fees of a different “variety” to fund the HTF

rather than relying on a gas tax. Jeff Ottesen also mentioned the new transportation bill that will include “Global Warming” and will be completely “new” in how it addresses use of funds.

-Jeff Ottesen would like to hold next annual meeting during the annual transit conference in 2009.

10) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm

11) Next Membership Meeting

TBD. Jill Sullivan will set up date in early November.

Minutes submitted by: Jill Sullivan, Secretary/Treasurer