



Membership Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2009 (1:30 PM – 3:30 PM)

Attendees (Members):

Adler, Jeff – Open Roads Consulting
Crapps, John – MOA, Traffic
Edwards, Laura – ADOT&PF, MS&CVE
King, Ron – ADOT&PF, Program Development
Levy, David – Alaska Mobility Coalition
Lilly, Michael – GW Scientific (Vice President)
Minton, Pam – ADOT&PF, MS&CVE
Moose, Daniel – Alaska ITS
Morgan, Karen – Wostmann & Associates
Ottesen, Jeff – ADOT&PF, Pgrm Dev (President)
Ronchetti, Mike – Intertiviti/RFIDcomplete
Davis, Randy – Wostmann & Associates
Sullivan, Jill- ADOT&PF, Pgrm Dev (Secretary/Treasurer)
Thompson, Aves – Alaska Trucking Association
Underwood, Vivian – MOA, Traffic
Webb, Will – USKH
Wilber, Lance – MOA, Traffic (Board Director)
Total: 17 Members in attendance

Attendees (Non-members):

Deeter, Dean – Athey Creek Consultants
Twitchell, Elizabeth – City of Bethel, Bethel Transit
Hegland, Gary – North Dakota State University, SURTC
Isenberg, Brent - LogicTree
Total: 4 Non-members in attendance

1. General

This is the 2nd annual meeting of the membership. The prior annual meeting was held on September 5, 2009. The prior membership meeting was held on August 12, 2009.

2. Call to order

The President, Jeff Ottesen, called to order the 2nd annual membership meeting of ITS Alaska at 1:35 pm originating from Anchorage, AK during the Alaska Community Transportation Conference at the Hotel Captain Cook.

3. Introductions/Roll Call

The President introduced himself and requested that members introduce themselves.

4. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was then approved with a couple changes. The 2010 Chapter goals with Michael Lilly was moved in front of the presentations. Announcing the new board members was removed since the Election Committee was not ready.

5. Adoption of Minutes

The August 12, 2009 meeting minutes were approved with no objections.

6. Business

- a) **Nominee Committee** – The President mentioned that the board of directors positions are to expire December 31, 2009. Anyone who is interested in being nominated to the new Board to please let the Nominating Committee know. Contact Will Webb, USKH, wwebb@uskh.com PH: (907) 257-7500.
 - **Actions:** Nominee Committee will continue with identifying nominees and organize an election in November.
 - **Actions:** All- contact Will Webb if you are interested in being nominated.
- b) **Membership Status** - The Secretary reported the status of membership. Total members include 22 (10 Organizations, 10 Corporate, 2 Individuals). The newest member are Open Roads Consulting and USDA Forest Service. A list of members is provided at <http://www.itsalaska.org/membership.html>
- c) **Treasurers Report** – The Treasurer reported that we have \$3,300 in the bank account. \$550 in donations is available for educational purposes.
- d) **ITS Alaska Chapter Goals for 2010** – The Vice President, Michael Lilly, handed out an annual meeting questionnaire in order to generate ideas for 2010 from the membership. Michael discussed educational scholarships that would not only benefit ITS Alaska but also students that have an interest in ITS or transportation. Michael discussed two types of scholarships, one for the University students and one for younger students such as those that participate in the State Science Fair. Michael suggested having the American Society of Civil Engineers administer the scholarships like they do for other non-profit chapters.
 - **Actions:** All, if you have not filled out the annual membership questionnaire and would like to give your comments, please contact jill.sullivan@alaska.gov for a copy.

7. Presentations:

- a. **Jeff Ottesen, New Transportation Bill** – Jeff mentioned that the new transportation bill will include major “reform.” New emphasis is on fewer roads, fewer lanes and emissions measures - being greener. Therefore more emphasis will be placed on intelligent transportation systems (ITS) and using this as a solution to improve congestion and efficiency of our highways. Heavy emphasis will be placed on data collection and analysis to show that States are meeting performance. Lance Wilber commented that the same measures of vehicle miles traveled (VMT’s) will be for greenhouse gases. States will need to demonstrate reduction in VMT’s. Aves Thompson commented on the requirements for trucks having to reduce VMT’s with the advent of the gas pipeline development.
- b. **Lance Wilber, MOA ITS & Future Projects**- Lance gave an overview of the Municipalities ITS highlights for parking management (electronic pay stations), transit (real-time bus tracking), traffic management (signals, pedestrian countdown, red light confirmation), 511 traveler information, asset management (sign inventory), traffic data management system, and updating the Municipalities regional ITS architecture.
- c. **Jill Sullivan, ADOT&PF ITS & Future Projects**- Jill gave an overview of the Department’s Alaska Iways Architecture and the systems engineering process, both of which are federal requirements.

She briefly discussed current projects (511, Road Weather Information System, Smart Snowplow/blowers) and near future projects (i.e., New Gen 511, enhanced RWIS, real-time traffic cameras and counters)

- d. **Dean Deeter, Athey Creek Consultants, Transit Technology Needs in Alaska**- Dean is a consultant for the ADOT&PF. The purpose of his work is to develop a concept for the use of transit technologies statewide. The need to deploy transit technologies include the need for transit information and planning, vehicle status and location, scheduling and dispatching, ridership tracking, efficient payment and processing and vehicle surveillance. Technology options to address the needs include statewide transit options, transit trip planner, transit vehicle tracking and display, transit scheduling and dispatch software, passenger counting and payment solutions, and on-board surveillance. Dean discussed deployment strategies (statewide, central system and local deployment) and gave outside examples of each. For information, deeter@acconsultants.org
- e. **Brent Isenberg, LogicTree, New Generation 511 & Transit** – Brent discussed transit features that could be available on Alaska’s New Gen 511 telephone. 511 telephones have the ability to provide fixed route schedules, scheduled arrival time, real-time arrival, transit trip planning, paratransit outbound and inbound. The benefits of providing transit information via the 511 telephone is that it provides affordable access to automation for rural/small transit agencies, provides increased access to transit information, helps to better leverage scarce transit resources and promotes use of 511. For information, brent@logictree.com
- f. **Laura Edwards, ADOT&PF-MS&CVE, Future ITS Projects** – Laura discussed the State’s Weigh in Motion (WIM) sites and the general goals of Alaska’s ITS/Commercial Vehicle Operations Program. One major goal of the program is to improve safety. Currently they have deployed Aspen- a records and processing system to meet this need. Soon they will deploy an electronic crash reporting system, an electronic transfer of data system and a performance and registration information system management (PRISM). Another goal is to improve customer service through automation. Currently they have deployed an oversize/overweight permitting system. Another goal is to improve transportation efficiencies through electronic screening. Laura discussed the automatic vehicle identification system located on the Glenn Highway, Seward Highway and at the Port of Anchorage.

Presentations are available by emailing Jill Sullivan, jill.sullivan@alaska.gov

8. News/Announcements

- a. The Secretary announced that the ITE Alaska will have a special “ITS & Public Transit” presentation during their next scheduled membership meeting on November 3rd.
- 9. **Next meeting** – Topic not discussed. The new BOD to select dates for the next schedule membership meeting.

10. Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM

Minutes submitted by: Jill Sullivan, Secretary/Treasurer