

NEW JERSEY SHORT LINE RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES APRIL 18, 2013



THE NEW JERSEY SHORT LINE RAILROAD ASSOCIATION IS AN ORGANIZATION MADE UP OF RAILROADS SERVING THE GREAT STATE OF NEW JERSEY. THE PURPOSE OF THE ASSOCIATION IS TO ADDRESS CONCERNS AND PROBLEMS WHICH FACE SHORT LINE RAILROADS AND TO FIND MEANS OF MITIGATING PROBLEMS AND FINDING SOLUTIONS THROUGH COLLECTIVE EFFORT AND COOPERATION.

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The New Jersey Short Line Railroad Association held its meeting at the Tropicana in Atlantic City during the annual TransAction Conference. We again thank Frank Reilly, the Conference Chairman, for his assistance in arranging this. Since it was during TransAction, the meeting had an abbreviated agenda.

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Location: Conrail offices at 1000 Howard Blvd. in Mount Laurel, NJ

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 27-30, 2013	ASLRRA 100th Anniversary Convention, Atlanta, GA
June 6-7, 2013	FRA Training Seminar, Raritan Center, Edison, NJ
June 17-19, 2013	Norfolk Southern Short Line Meeting, Roanoke, VA
September 8-10, 2013	ASLRRA Eastern Region Meeting, Norfolk, VA

MEETING ATTENDEES

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MEETING MINUTES

NJSLRRA President Bob Bailey convened the meeting at 8:04 a.m. He then introduced Kevin Clyne and Tim Brown of RailComm and urged the meeting attendees to visit their display truck outside the hotel. The truck was going to be parked there all day.

1. FRA Training Seminar at the Hilton Garden Inn in Edison, NJ on June 6-7, 2013.

The NJSLRRA will sponsor this training seminar. FRA inspectors from Regions 1 and 2 will be the instructors. Kel MacKavanagh is working with Rich Green of Region 1 and Jeff Moore of Region 2 on the details.

Representatives of NJ short lines, Conrail, CSXT, NJ TRANSIT, Norfolk Southern, our NJ supplier and engineering members, and short lines in DE, MD, and the eastern part of Pennsylvania will be invited to attend the seminar. Registration will be free.

Field training will probably be in Raritan Center again on the Raritan Central Railway.

2. Railroad Day on Capitol Hill on March 14, 2013.

There were over 500 railroaders at Railroad Day on Capitol Hill this year; they participated in over 300 meetings with members of Congress or their staffs.

A number of co-sponsors for the extension of the 45G tax credit were picked up, including Rep. Leonard Lance.

The Benjamin J. Friedland Award for Meritorious Service to the Short Line Railroad Industry was presented to Rep. Albio Sires by Ben's grandson, Andrew Friedland. This was done in Rep. Sires' office during the visit by our large NJ delegation which also included John McCreavy's daughter.

Photos of the presentation, one of which was also published in the ASLRRA *Views & News*, are on the NJSLRRA website (www.njshortline.com) under 'News'.

3. Review and critique of CSXT Short Line Workshop on March 3-5 in St. Augustine, FL.

Members who attended thought that CSX did a "great job." John McCreavy commented that you can see that COO Oscar Munoz's influence is reaching out to other areas.

4. ASLRRA 100th Anniversary Convention in Atlanta, GA on April 27-30, 2013.

Steve Friedland said that the meeting app should be live either on April 18 or April 19; it will be available on the Apple Store under MyASLRRA or ASLRRA.

Over 2000 persons are already registered for the Convention.

Steve Friedland urged members to attend the extra cost tribute to retiring ASLRRRA President Richard Timmons on Sunday evening; Keith Hartwell has been working on his 'roast' of General Timmons for weeks.

Steve Friedland also said that the general sessions will be visually spectacular.

5. American Association of Railroad Superintendents Meeting in Newark, NJ.

The AARS Annual Meeting will be held at the Hilton Penn Station in Newark, NJ from July 21 to July 23, 2013. The meeting will begin with a rail tour.

Membership in this organization, which was founded in 1881, is very reasonable. Annual dues for active railroad members and suppliers are only \$75.00.

Further details about the annual meeting and the AARS may be found on the website, www.railroadsuperintendents.org. Bob Bailey said that the meeting is a good opportunity for networking. The registration costs are kept down for attendees.

Joe Garofolo of Conrail is the current president of AARS. He had planned to attend our NJSLRRA meeting but was unable to do so at the last minute.

6. Member reports.

a. CSX.

Bill Goetz said that the first unit oil train for South Jersey had arrived on Wednesday evening, seven hours ahead of schedule.

b. Norfolk Southern.

Mike Fesen stated that he is still working on the NJ Legislature's proposed stormwater regulations.

c. NJDOT.

Miki Krakauer told the group that the Strategic State Rail Plan should be up on the NJDOT website in the near future.

Bob DeSando informed us that is now a special liaison on infrastructure recovery for NJDOT and is attending after action conferences in the wake of Superstorm Sandy.

d. RailComm.

Kevin Clyne briefly described his firm which specializes in integrating rail switch and signal components with a command and control architecture. The demonstration truck will be outside the hotel.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be on May 29, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. at the Conrail offices at 1000 Howard Blvd. in Mount Laurel, NJ.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

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