

NEW JERSEY SHORT LINE RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES APRIL 18, 2018



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 customary meeting of the New Jersey Short Line Railroad Association during the annual NJ TransAction Conference was held in the Board Room of the Tropicana Hotel in Atlantic City on Wednesday, April 18, 2018.

Kel MacKavanagh, the Association Secretary, began the meeting at 8:01 a.m. with a safety briefing and a round of introductions. As usual, the meeting during TransAction had guests whom we don't normally see at our regular meetings.

Despite the conflict with the Northeast Association of Rail Shippers meeting in Newport, RI which affected attendance, the hotel staff had to bring in extra chairs for the meeting.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 21-23, 2018	Norfolk Southern Short Line Meeting, Norfolk, VA
June 11-12, 2018	SafeRail 2018, Washington, DC
July 22-23, 2018	AARS Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
Oct. 8-10, 2018	ASLRRA Eastern Region Meeting, Burlington, VT

MEETING ATTENDEES

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MEETING MINUTES

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1. Review of CSXT Short Line Workshop on March 4-5 in St. Augustine, FL.

Jim Foote, the new CSX CEO, said that he wants to sell lines and eliminate another 6,000 jobs. Implementation of Precision Scheduled Railroading will continue.

2. Review of Railroad Day on Capitol Hill on March 7.

Railroad Day had its largest attendance ever; more than 700 people were there. The number of NJ representatives was down because of bad weather here. However, they managed to meet with the staffs or our congressional representatives themselves, including Senator Cory Booker.

3. Status of railroad-related legislation in the US Congress.

Kel MacKavanagh said that there were currently 164 bills in Congress which contain the word 'railroad' somewhere in the text. All are still in committees, including the 45-G tax credit, although it has a majority of co-sponsors in the House and the Senate. We were advised at the ASLRRRA Convention that they hope to have 45-G enacted this coming fall.

4. Status of railroad-related bills in the NJ Legislature.

The major bill which concerns railroads is S1883. Senate Majority Leader Loretta Weinberg is the prime sponsor. The bill, which has been approved by the Senate Transportation Committee and referred to the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee on March 13, requires the owner or operator of certain trains to have discharge response, cleanup and contingency plans to transport certain hazardous materials by rail. It also requires the NJDOT to request bridge inspection reports from the USDOT.

The identical bill in the Assembly is A3783. This was introduced on April 5 and referred to the Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee.

5. Critique of the ASLRRRA Convention in Nashville, TN on April 7-10.

Over 1,800 people attended the Convention at the huge(!) Gaylord Opryland Hotel. There were a record number of exhibitors and exhibit spaces.

Members agreed that the highlight of the meeting was ASLRRRA President Linda Darr's candid interview of Matt Rose, BNSF Executive Chairman.

6. Proposed NJSLRRA organizational changes.

The freight railroad members held two special meetings on March 16 and April 3 regarding the future of the Association. The proposed new bylaws (attached) were approved by the freight railroads. Major changes are:

- Changing the name of the Association to **The New Jersey Railroad Association.**
- Officers will be elected for one-year terms.
- Class I representatives may serve as President and Vice President.
- A President and Vice President may only remain in office for a maximum of three years.
- There is no restriction on the number of years a Secretary and Treasurer may serve in these positions.

Legislative, Bylaws, Finance, and Membership Committees will be established. The Legislative Committee will search for a lobbyist.

All of these organizational changes will be discussed in more detail at the June 13 meeting of the Association.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at the Conrail offices at 1000 Howard Blvd. in Mount Laurel, NJ.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m. before the beginning of the TransAction sessions for the day.

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