

Draft Minutes for January 27-28, 2016

The Railroad Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (the “Council”), pursuant to notice, held a meeting on January 27-28, 2016 in Washington, DC.

The meeting was called to order at 1pm, on January 27th, 2016, by Chairman Ogborn.

The following members were present: Chairman: Michael Ogborn, Omnitrax; Treasurer/Secretary: Howard Kaplan, U.S. Magnesium, LLC; Robin Burns, Occidental Chemical Corp.; Robert Byrd, Nucor; Michael Christensen, Port of Long Beach; John Friedman, Norfolk Southern Corporation; Tom Giovinazzi, Holcim (US), Inc., Wayne Hurst, Agricultural Producer; Lawrence Malski, Pennsylvania Northeast Regional Railroad Authority; John McCreavy, SMS Rail Services, Inc.; Jeanne Sebring, International Paper; Tom Williams, BNSF; Daniel Zink, Red River Valley & Western

Chairman Daniel Elliott, Surface Transportation Board; Vice Chair Deb Miller, Surface Transportation board; Ann D. Begeman, Surface Transportation Board; Scott Greene, Federal Railroad Administration

Also present: STB staff member Gabriel Meyer, and Stephanie Lyons

Absent: Vice Chairman Shelley Sahling-Zart, Lincoln Electric System; Mike Mohan, Canadian National Railway Company;

**1:00 p.m. Meeting Commences-RSTAC members only**

1. Welcome from Chairman Ogborn, introduction of new member and review of proposed agenda; minutes from previous meeting approved. Financial report from treasurer. Annual Report from RSTAC 2015 reviewed and approved.

Commissioners arrive approximately 1:45 pm.

2. Welcoming remarks from STB Chairman Daniel Elliot, Vice Chair Deb Miller, and Commissioner Anne Begeman
3. Report from Chairman Elliott on the Surface Transportation Board Reauthorization Act of 2015 and potential impact of changes.
4. Report on Infrastructure funding by Richard Sherman, Partner, Chambers, Colon, and Hartwell.
5. Reports from the field.

Meeting adjourns approximately 5pm.

## **Thursday January 28<sup>th</sup>, 9am-meeting reconvenes**

6. Discussions re next RSTAC meeting schedule and topics. Future meetings to start with half days then second full days
7. Presentation on National Freight Strategic Plan – John Drake, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy, US Department of Transportation.
8. Additional field reports conclude.

Recess for lunch and Commissioners adjourn

9. Presentation on TRB report” Modernizing Freight Rail Regulation- Thomas R. Menzies, Jr., Senior Director of Special Programs and report Study director.
10. Discussions regarding meeting schedule changes for 2016 and possible future topics for discussion; Next meeting May 4-5, DC, then August 17-18 in DC, starting with half day first day and full day second. Chairman after January to be Shelley Sahling-Zart and vice chair John McCreavy. Field trip planned November 1-2-3 for Charleston SC with visits to Nucor and Oxy; (Note-some possible conflicts arose with the August dates after the meeting). Possible future topics included: Truck sizes; Update from STB on SAC rate modifications; PTC update; Indemnification/Insurance issues; STB Metrics; progress by board to implement changes from reauthorization act re computers, manning, etc.; Car supply issues; Chicago Transportation office; Mergers update (w/o Commissioners).
11. Mr. Ogborn to draft letter to Congress to recommend maximum funding to STB and expediting of appointments.
12. Adjourned at approximately 4pm, with thanks expressed to Mike Ogborn for his service and dedication to RSTAC as member and Chairman.