



**MEETING MINUTES  
SAFETY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL/MAINTENANCE & TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL**

July 9, 2015  
Embassy Suites  
Little Rock, AR

**CALL TO ORDER**

Megan Iseler, Walmart Transportation, ATA SMC Chair

Welcome and called the meeting to order. Encouraged involvement and hopes that everyone takes away some benefit for time invested.

**HOUSEKEEPING**

- Emergency Exits
- Informal meeting format; feel free to use the facilities as needed
- Out of courtesy to others, please turn off your cell phones or put them on silent; if you need to make a call, please step out of the room
- Please sign the sign-in sheet placed on your table so we have record of your attendance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**1. Arkansas Trucking Championship**

The event held last month was a great success with almost 200 total competitors. 67 technicians representing 12 companies and 129 drivers representing 17 companies. Please find enclosed list of award recipients.

**2. National Truck Driving Championship**

August 11-15, St. Louis, MO. Congratulations to our 9 winners going on to represent Arkansas.

**3. CVSA Annual Conference & Exhibition**

September 13-17, Boise, Idaho. Visit [www.cvsa.org](http://www.cvsa.org) for more information.

**4. Truck Driver Appreciation Day**

National Truck Driver Appreciation Week is scheduled for September 13-19. The Arkansas Trucking Association will host its annual event on Thursday, **September 17**, at the TA Petro in North Little Rock. From 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. we will serve hot lunches to drivers, provide goody bags and Lindsey Lawler will be perform as part of her Highway Angel Truck Stop Tour. We need food donations and items for the goody bags, as well as volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Sarah Sheets at [sarahsheets@arkansastrucking.com](mailto:sarahsheets@arkansastrucking.com) or by calling the ATA office at 501-372-3462.

**5. SuperTech**

September 21-24, Orlando, FL. Congratulations to our Truck Tech Grand Champion going on to represent Arkansas.

**6. ATA-PAC Golf Tournament and 40 Under 40 Council Meeting**

September 24, Jonesboro, AR

**7. NATMI Seminars**

Please find enclosed flyer that lists each seminar. Detailed information can be found by visiting the Arkansas Trucking Association website at [www.arkansastrucking.com](http://www.arkansastrucking.com) and click on Calendar of Events.

**8. American Trucking Associations Safety & Human Resources Conference**

It will be held **November 2-4** at the Marriott Little Rock and State House Convention Center. Please visit the Arkansas Trucking Association website for more details.

**SELF-INTRODUCTIONS**

Everyone in attendance stood and provided name and affiliation.

## **READING OF THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes from the Council's last meetings have been published on the ATA website. Do I have a motion to waive the reading of those minutes and approve them as written? Motion made and carried.

## **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

No old or new business brought before the floor.

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN BUSINESS MEETING**

Motion made and carried.

## **BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNED**

## **LUNCH**

Ron Gillen, CalArk International, ATA MTC Chairman to provided safety message and introduced presenter.

## **SAFETY MESSAGE**

When it comes to welding or the use of a cutting torch. Not only is it proper safety to utilize welding helmets, but the use of Welding gloves and protective welding jackets is a necessity. Also, consider the other people around you and make proper use of welding screens to protect them as well.

## **Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA's) Clark Thomas, Safety Administrator of the Arkansas Department of Labor Biography:**

Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA's) Clark Thomas, Safety Administrator of the Arkansas Department of Labor received his formal education from AM & N College (now University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff), where he earned a Bachelor of Art (BA) degree in industrial art.

Mr. Thomas has received several certificates from the OSHA Training Institute for completing studies in: accident investigation, accident prevention, developing & setting up safety & health programs, initial OSHA compliance course, grain industry safety, basic consultation course and other studies provided by the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville (U of A) that further prepared him for the safety field.

He is certified as Safety Professional Source by the Arkansas' Workers Compensation Commission (AWCC).

He is a member of AFSCME Local 1399 and a member of Arkansas Forestry Association.

He has been employed by the Arkansas Department of Labor for approximately 44 years where he currently serves as Safety Administrator for the Safety Division, which consists of supervising approximately sixteen (16) OSHA employees. His job duties involve:

- Processing various monthly and annual reports for OSHA & the Department of Labor
- Making public speaking appearances
- Presenting safety award presentations
- Monitoring the effectiveness of the overall OSHA safety and health program
- Organizing and conducting various safety conferences around the state
- Coordinating SHARP Association meetings and annual conference

His previous job duties consisted of:

- OSHA Consultant
- OSHA Compliance Officer
- Training Coordinator
- State Safety Supervisor
- State Safety Inspector

During his tenure with the Arkansas Department of Labor, Safety Division, he has written several safety and health manuals which have been utilized by the safety and health staff as a resource guide.

Thomas was a speaker at the National OSHA Consultation meeting in 2004. Voted as a top Project Manager in Region VI in 2005, 2009 and 2015. During this same time frame, he received an Oscar Award for establishing a Teen Safety Program, SHARP Association within the State and Temporary Worker Safety Hand Booklet.

## **POWERPOINT PRESENTATION AND HANDOUT MATERIALS/ Q&A**

**Next Council Meetings are:**

**MTC – August 20 and SMC – August 27**

**MEETING ADJOURNED**