



MAINTENANCE & TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

February 21, 2019

10:30 AM

Embassy Suites, 3303 Pinnacle Hills Parkway, Rogers, AR 72758

CALLED MEETING TO ORDER

James Berry, Fleet Maintenance Supervisor, ATA MTC Chairman, to call the 127th meeting to order.

HOUSEKEEPING - reviewed

- Point out emergency exits
- Out of courtesy to others, please turn off your cell phones or put them on silent, and step out of the room if you need to take a call
- Please take a moment to sign one of the sign-in sheets on your table so we may account for your attendance.
- As a reminder, we have removed the requirement for separate MTC membership dues and meeting attendance fees, so for ATA members, there is no cost for you attending today's MTC meeting provided you sent in a RSVP. However, for attendees who did not RSVP, or who are not ATA members, or are guests of members, there is a charge to attend today's meeting. Please visit with Sarah for more information.

SAFETY MESSAGE - provided

In keeping with tradition set by our first chairman, Carl Tapp, I will share a safety message.

Diesel engines provide power to many types of equipment used in transportation and exposure in the winter season can be an issue. Technicians, drivers and office personnel are exposed to diesel exhaust (DE) which is a mixture of gases and particulates produced during the combustion of diesel fuel and diesel particulate matter (DPM) consisting primarily of solid elemental carbon cores with organic carbon compounds adhered to the surfaces. The organic carbon includes polyaromatic hydrocarbons, some of which cause cancer when tested in animals. Workers exposed to diesel exhaust face the risk of health effects ranging from irritation of the eyes and nose, headaches and nausea, to respiratory disease and lung cancer. Please ensure safety and proper ventilation when it comes to DE/DPM in your shops.

UPCOMING EVENTS

In your packet you'll find a flyer that lists upcoming events, please note the following:

- March - American Trucking Associations TMC Annual Meeting, Atlanta
- March - Carl Tapp Technician Scholarship application deadline
- April - Skills USA, Hot Springs
- May - Arkansas Trucking Association Business Conference & Vendor Showcase, Little Rock
- July - Arkansas Trucking Championship - Technician Training Fair and Championship, Rogers
- October - Fleet Maintenance Certification Course (CSME & CDME), Little Rock

TECHNICIAN CURRICULUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT from Heath Wilson, Maverick Transportation, Committee Chairman

This committee was created to bring together our industry with the education community in efforts to address industry workforce needs by researching and developing educational curriculum guidelines for secondary and postsecondary school systems in Arkansas with the assistance of industry and education experts.

Since its inception in June of 2016, we have visited 6 schools and hosted the Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Workforce Education Excellence.

We recently shared updated ASE curriculum course maps with these schools and serve as a contact for further visits and to assist in NATEF accreditation.

We are working with the department of career education on reviewing an updated list of Arkansas schools offering a diesel/medium/heavy duty technician program.

Provided updates on schools accreditation, etc.

***Also, if you are interested in presenting to high schools for career day on the opportunities within our industry, please let us know. (NEW)**

I have a request from a high school in Marshall.

TECHNICIAN SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE from Heath Wilson, Maverick Transportation

In 2017, this Council established the Carl Tapp Memorial Scholarship Fund. Last year, we awarded two high school seniors \$7,500 each, to pursue training for a career in medium/heavy duty truck technology.

We presented the graduates checks during the Technician Championship Awards Banquet. Their families were in attendance, and they were able to experience the breadth and professionalism of our industry.

The donations we raise to provide these scholarships have the potential to impact the lives of aspiring technicians and introduce them to the best our profession has to offer.

The application deadline is March 30 and a copy of the application is in your packet as well as online, if you know of a graduating senior with an aptitude toward our field, please encourage them to apply.

We currently have \$21,950 in donations. Discussion – how much/many to award for 2019, we will have a conference call after March 30 to discuss applicants.

Also, if you are interested in donating, the form is in your packets as well as online at arkansastrucking.com. No amount is too small.

THANK YOU TO OUR CARL TAPP MEMORIAL TECHNICIAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONORS

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TechForce Foundation

The Tapp Family

Truck Centers of Arkansas

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If you are interested in volunteering for the curriculum or scholarship committee, please let us know.

READING OF THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes from our last meeting have been published on ATA's website. Do I have a motion to waive the reading of those minutes and approve them as written? - approved

OLD/NEW BUSINESS - none

MOTION TO ADJOURN BUSINESS MEETING - approved

If there is no further business, I would like to adjourn the business meeting. Do I have a motion to adjourn?

SELF INTRODUCTIONS

RECOGNITION OF MIKE BRUST

James Berry, ATA MTC Chairman, introduced Mike Brust as he is new to the ATA team and will give you an overview of his position and services. Mike joined Arkansas Trucking Association last month in the newly created role of Director of Loss Prevention. Mike comes to ATA with over 25 years of experience in the trucking industry, and more than a decade in safety-focused roles.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS

Mr. Berry also recognized Heath Wilson and David Burks, our current Council vice chair and secretary. Each May these positions ascend and in April we will ask for nominations for the position of secretary. If you are

interested or would like to nominate someone, please let us know. If you have served as an officer of this Council, please stand to be recognized.

SESSION 1

KENNETH CALHOUN, FLEET OPTIMIZATION MANAGER, ALTEC INDUSTRIES

Kenneth Calhoun is a 30 plus year veteran of the transportation industry working first in the maintenance department of a fleet of 500 tractors. He then spent 15 years working for a Detroit Diesel/Allison Distributor. Kenneth then served as vice president customer relations for Truck Centers of Arkansas until October of 2017. Additionally, in August of 2015, he established Roanwood Maintenance Data Management. His firm analyzes fault code information, provides action reports and then aggregates the data to identify trends to be addressed during scheduled preventive maintenance. In October of 2017, he sold that business and accepted the position of fleet optimization manager for Altec Industries. During his tenure in the industry, he has served as secretary, vice chairman and chairman of this Council. In addition, Kenneth chaired the S16 Service Provider Study Group within the American Trucking Associations Technology and Maintenance Council (TMC) until February 2015 when he was elected to serve on TMC's Board of Directors. In March of 2013, he was awarded the Council's highest honor The Silver Spark Plug. In February 2018, he was elected to serve as TMC's vice chairman and chairman of meetings. He will serve in this capacity until March 2019 when he ascends to the role of general chairman and treasurer. Kenneth was also appointed two years ago by the Governor of Arkansas to serve on the Legislative Task Force on Workforce Education Excellence. In January 2019, he will begin a two-year term on the Research Advisory Committee of the American Transportation Research Institute.

ANDREW PARKER, ARKANSAS STATE CHAMBER PROVIDED A BE PRO BE PROUD UPDATE

Andrew Parker is a licensed attorney and graduate of the William H. Bowen School of Law, is part of the Arkansas State Chamber's governmental affairs team which focuses on improving the business climate in Arkansas. He is the former Director of its Leadership Arkansas program and directs Be Pro Be Proud - an effort to change student, parent and teacher perceptions of skilled professions in Arkansas's transportation, construction and manufacturing industries. Andrew previously served as Regulatory Counsel for the Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission and is a current Arkansas Game and Fish Commissioner.

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SESSION 2 - ROBERT BARKER, STRATEGIC SALES MANAGER, THERMO KING – APU UPDATE

Robert Barker has over 20 years of industry experience in roles involving technology based transportation solutions, sales, implementation, and project management. Robert joined Thermo King in early 2018 as a strategic sales manager for the auxiliary power unit (APU) product line. He has also served as a national sales manager at PeopleNet, selling a portfolio of solutions including electronic logs, in-cab video systems and back office fleet management solutions. Robert is a graduate of the University of Tennessee's supply chain program and is a current resident of Knoxville, TN.

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have started planning for the 2019 Technician Championship. If you are interested in serving on the planning committee, please let us know.

Hope to see you all in May at the business conference in Little Rock.

MEETING ADJOURNED