

NEW JERSEY SHORT LINE RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES APRIL 13, 2016



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We want to thank Frank Reilly for arranging the meeting room at the Tropicana during the TransAction Conference.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 26-28, 2016	North East Association of Rail Shippers (NEARS) Meeting, Baltimore, MD
May 12-13, 2016	Keystone State Railroad Association Rail Freight Seminar, Gettysburg, PA
May 15-17, 2016	Norfolk Southern Short Line Meeting, Norfolk, VA
Sept. 12-14, 2016	ASLRRRA Eastern Region Meeting, Indianapolis, IN

MEETING ATTENDEES

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MEETING MINUTES

NJSLRRA president Bob Bailey began the meeting at 8:02 a.m. with a safety briefing and a round of introductions. He was especially pleased to see old friends and welcome newcomers.

1. Review of the ASLRRA Convention in National Harbor, MD on April 3-6, 2016.

Members who attended the Convention were very pleased. There were excellent breakout sessions. About 1500 persons were at the Convention. There were over 270 exhibit booths; a record number by far.

Farmrail's president, Judy Petry, was elected as the new Chair of the ASLRRA Board of Directors, replacing Ed McKechnie of Watco; Ed had reached his term limit.

2. Review of Railroad Day on Capitol Hill on March 3, 2016.

Railroad Day went very well. As usual, the NJ delegation broke up to cover the NJ congressional representatives and their staffs. Members met directly with Rep. Donald Norcross, Albio Sires, Tom MacArthur, and others.

Congressman Norcross is very interested in short lines, South Jersey, and the replacement of the Conrail bridge in Paulsboro, NJ.

3. Review of the annual CSXT Short Line Workshop in St. Augustine, FL on March 6-8, 2016.

CSX's Dave Scott did a great job. Don Hutton said that the NYNJ and the New York & Atlantic received awards for increasing the volume of their traffic. The meeting was well attended.

4. Nominations for the 2016 Friedland Award for meritorious service to the short line railroad industry.

Richie Green, the retired FRA inspector from Region 1, was nominated and selected to receive the 2016 Friedland Award. Richie was always a great help to the NJ short lines; he kept us abreast of the latest safety notices, rules and regulations, and best practices. Richie also helped us arrange and implement two FRA training seminars for all of the NJ railroads, including NJ TRANSIT.

We hope to present the Friedland Award to Richie at the NJSLRRA meeting in Mount Laurel, NJ on June 17, 2016.

5. NJDOT rail grant status (if available).

Gary Brennfleck has retired. Bob Bailey said that he expects the grant process to move more slowly this year.

6. NJSLRRA 2016 dues payments.

Kel MacKavanagh said that CSXT has agreed to pay its NJSLRRA dues, although it has backed away from paying dues to other state railroad associations. Norfolk Southern had paid its dues earlier in the year. Most other members have paid their dues.

7. SafeRail Conference report (Michael Allen).

Mike Allen said that this was a good conference and included several safety initiatives.

8. Member reports.

a. PTC (Positive Train Control).

A PTC box, which can almost fit into an automobile, can be signed on by a train crew in order to get a box. This may be available by 2018.

Mike Fesen said that Norfolk Southern is progressing on PTC.

Bob Rohauer stated that CSXT has updated the circuitry from Selkirk west across New York State. Nothing has been updated yet on CSXT's River Line on the west side of the Hudson or on the Trenton Line. Nothing is live yet except for testing. The tests have been good so far.

b. Norfolk Southern.

Mike Fesen reported that the Canadian Pacific had called off its repeated attempts to take over Norfolk Southern. The Department of Justice and the Department of Defense were both opposed to the merger.

Although this would have led to a reduction in the number of Class I railroads from six to three because it would have forced the other railroads to merge, Mike said that it was difficult to get the attention of the NJ legislators on this issue even though it would have affected Conrail. Mike said that the NY legislators weren't much better.

The Canadian Pacific had looked at CSX earlier. Mike said that duopolies are working OK. He said that the railroad industry needs to keep raising whom we are.

c. CSXT.

Bob Rohauer said that the first quarter results had just been released. Revenue was down 14%; volume was down 5%. CSXT has been investing heavily in its core route across New York State. Intermodal traffic is doing very well.

d. FRA.

The FRA is doing a Railroad Safety Advisory Committee (RSAC) meeting for hazardous materials on May 5. It will include the position of hazmat cars in a train and tank car design.

Jo Strang of the ASLRRA is working on security plans and routing for short lines.

The FRA is also working on the handling of defective tank cars.

WATCO is looking to buy foreign-built freight cars. The Japanese are trying to get a contract in Texas.

e. NJTPA Freight Initiatives Committee.

Peter Palmer, who is the chair of the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, the metropolitan planning organization for thirteen of New Jersey's 21 counties and also chair of its Freight Initiatives Committee, announced that the Freight Initiatives Committee was holding a meeting on April 18 which would be devoted to railroads. The railroad speakers will be:

- Conrail – Tim Tierney
- CSXT - Rodney Oglesby and Jennifer Tanner
- Norfolk Southern – Rick Crawford and Mike Fesen
- NJ Short Line Railroad Association – Kel MacKavanagh

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be on **Friday, June 17, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at the Conrail offices at 1000 Howard Blvd. in Mount Laurel, NJ.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

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