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Meeting Minutes April 17, 2002

Celebrating Ten Years



Of Working Together 1991-2001

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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This month's meeting, Wednesday, April 17, 2002, was held at the TransAction Conference at the Tropicana Resort and Casino in Atlantic City. The Association would like to thank **Frank Reilly** for providing the room. Congratulations are also in order for **Frank Reilly**, for running another wildly successful conference, and on receiving the Benjamin J. Friedland Award for Meritorious Service to the Short Line Industry.

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Next Meeting: **Friday May 24, 2002 11:00am**

Location: **Conrail Offices 1000 Howard Blvd. Mt. Laurel**

NOTE: STB CHAIR LINDA MORGAN IS SCHEDULED TO ATTEND THE MAY 24 MEETING.

Members NJSLRRA:

Frank Reilly was a most deserving recipient of this year's BJJ award. The support he has given our industry (both locally and nationally) has helped keep New Jersey at the forefront of transportation. It was a little stunning to stand in front of 1000+ people to present Frank with the award, but it was a true indication of what Frank has meant to all of us.

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Arthur Feygelson	Canadian Pacific	917-453-7337
Eric Strohmeier	Somerset Terminal RR	908-927-0910
Paul Gessner	PA NY/NJ	212-435-4226
Asm, Alex DeCroce	NJ State Assembly	973-984-0922

The meeting started at 8:55am

(Editor's Note: Due to the short length of the meeting, and the large number of events coming up, the minutes themselves will be short, but I am adding a section after the minutes for the calendar.)

Preemption

The recent events with the New York Cross Harbor have brought the issue of preemption back into the spotlight. While the NYCH's issues will be settled in a different forum, Bob asked John Fiorilla to go over the what Railroads are allowed to do and not to do.

The major point made was that while Railroads can go ahead and build rail facilities on their properties, they do have to comply with State and Federal safety and environmental codes and regulations. They do not, however, have to get local permits for this construction or comply with local zoning. It would be a good idea to invite local officials to see what you are doing, and they do have the right to see what is going on, but inspections are not required.

ASLRRA Safety Awards

The Association would like to congratulate the **Morristown & Erie Railway** for winning the 2001 Silver ASLRRA Safety Award. This is the second year in a row that the M&E has finished in the top four. The award will be presented to the M&E during the ASLRRA Annual Meeting on April 29.

In addition, the Association would like to congratulate the following railroads for winning the "Jake Award with Distinction", which is awarded to those railroads with no reported train accidents.

**Morristown & Erie Railway Inc.
Port Jersey Railroad Company
Winchester & Western Railroad Company**

We also congratulate **SMS Rail Service, Inc.** for winning the "Jake Award", which is awarded to those railroads with no lost time injuries or accidents.

New Members

The Association would like to welcome the new Rail and Affiliate Members:

Rail Member

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Calendar of Events Through June

- April 22, 2:00pm NJTPA meeting, One Newark Center 17th Fl, Newark.
Featured Speaker: Rep. Don Young (Alaska), Chairman of the
House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee.
- April 28-30 ASLRRA Annual Meeting and Exhibition, Marriott World Center
Orlando, Florida
- May 6, 11:45am NY Transportation Research Forum meeting, Giovanni's Atrium,
100 Washington St., New York City. Speaker: Henry Posner III,
Chairman Railroad Development Corporation
- May 8-10 DVRPC/Keystone State RR Assoc. Freight Symposium, Hyatt
Regency, Philadelphia
- May 8, 6:00pm Fund Raiser for Assemblyman Alex DeCroce
- May 24, 11:00am NJSLRRA Monthly Meeting, Conrail Offices, 1000 Howard Blvd.
Mount Laurel. STB Chair Linda Morgan is scheduled to attend.
- June 2-4 Norfolk Southern Short Line Meeting, Roanoke VA
- June 5-6 NJSLRRA Washington fund raiser and reception, Union Station
Washington DC.
- June 9-11 Canadian Pacific Short Line Meeting, Quebec City, Canada
- June 11 NJSLRRA Rail Members Only Meeting with Transportation
Commissioner Fox. NJDOT Headquarters 1035 Parkway Avenue
Trenton

Note: If you have any questions about any of the meetings, please call or e-mail Steven for more information.