

This month's meeting, Thursday, April 12, 2001, was held at the Tropicana Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City, New Jersey. The meeting was held during the **TransAction 2001 Conference**. The Association wishes to thank **FRANK REILLY** for providing our meeting room.

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In last month's meeting minutes, reference was made to a presentation made on the status of the railroad industry during Railroad Days on the Hill, in Washington, D.C. This presentation was made by the **United Transportation Union (UTU)** and not the entity indicated. The Editor expresses his regret for this error.

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NEXT MEETING: 10:00 A.M., FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2001

**LOCATION: NJ DOT HEADQUARTERS
1035 PARKWAY AVENUE
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY**

Members NJSLRRA:

With 950 attendees, **TransAction 2001** is again a successful symposium for the Transportation Industry. **FRANK REILLY** deserves immense credit for the fine work he does in bringing together the people that make transportation work for the United States and other countries. We look forward to next year's event.

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NEW JERSEY SHORT LINE RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

MONTHLY MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2001

Attending:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Telephone No.</u>	<u>Fax No.</u>
J. R. Wilson	NY & Greenwood Lake Railway	973-743-5300	973-743-4580
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F. A. Winkler	Winchester & Western RR	856-451-6400	
Jack F. O'Connor	Consultant	609-871-7507	
Kel MacKavanagh	CSX Transportation	609-704-1270	609-704-1273
Wesley Weis	Morristown & Erie Railway	973-267-4300	
G. Fuller	Morristown & Erie Railway	973-267-4300	
Steven Friedland	Morristown & Erie	973-267-4300	
Mark Mastro	CSX	215-209-4359	
Bill Hickey	Bethlehem Steel RR	610-694-1312	
Michael Allen	Somerset Terminal	608-683-0350	
Ron Batory	CR	856-231-2003	
Jeff Sutch	SMS/Penn Jersey Railway	856-467-4800	857-467-2121
Jerry Madden	Manageering Assoc.	856-866-0500 N.J. 215-545-3900 Phila.	
Bob Bailey	Port Jersey Railroad	201-434-8373	201-434-8242
John Fiorilla	Watson Stevens Fiorilla & Rutter	732-545-2250	
Greg Walter	NJ DOT	609-530-8029	
Joseph Iadanza	East Jersey Railroad	201-339-4639	
Bill Doran	Somerset Terminal	908-927-0910	
Eric S. Strohmeyer	Somerset Terminal	908-927-0910	
Ed Fink	Somerset Terminal	732-906-5654	
A. J. Erdman	NJ TRANSIT	201-714-2788	201-714-2829
Fran Hennessy	Norfolk Southern	215-591-3653	

NEW JERSEY SHORT LINE RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 12, 2001

BOB BAILEY called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. This month's meeting is being held at the Tropicana Hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey. It is being held in tandem with the ***TransAction 2001 Conference***. Bob reported that there are 950 attendees at this year's conference. As in the past, the ***TransAction Conference*** is a popular event in the transportation industry.

Bob advised that the Keystone Railroad Association will be holding its meeting May 9, 10 and 11, 2001, in Farmington, Pennsylvania. **LINDA MORGAN**, of the Surface Transportation Board is expected to attend that meeting.

Bob then asked the members if anyone has had their issues resolved. **GORDON FULLER** reported that the Morristown and Erie Railway is awaiting the results of the proposal submitted to Conrail with the RIA. The issue involves the location of an interchange point at South Kearny, New Jersey. Bob asked Gordon how the procedure works with RIA. Gordon explained that there is a form that must be filled out and faxed to the Railroad Industry Agreement (RIA). Once this is done, additional information is requested to pursue the issue. RIA meets once a month via conference call. Meetings are held quarterly in person with the committee. Gordon feels that the reply from RIA will be negative on his issues.

JEFF SUTCH explained that he has been having problems with Norfolk Southern on certain issues. Bob asked if there is an appeals process if requests are denied.

FRED WINKLER suggested the interchange issue, with the M&ERR could be viewed as a safety issue.

JACK O'CONNOR felt that the safety hazard path could be followed on the South Kearny issue. Problems could occur with NJ Transit if the M&ERR freight switching at Center Street, South Kearny became delayed and caused an interruption of service on NJ Transit thereby resulting in overcrowded conditions at main terminals.

JEFF SUTCH observed that it seemed most of the problems in the Shared Assets Area were caused by Norfolk Southern.

BOB BAILEY asked that the members be patient and try to work out their problems. Jeff noted that he had consulted with **FRITZ KAHN** and Fritz recommended that litigation against another railroad should only be used as a last resort.

Bob wanted to thank **FRANK REILLY** for all of his help in arranging our meeting today. The meeting room was elegant and comfortable.

JEFF SUTCH was critical of Norfolk Southern on a number of issues whereby CSX has been working well with his company. One example: NS does not recognize SMS as a railroad and when NS delivers cars to the Paulsboro interchange for SMS, a loss of revenue for SMS results account the cars are considered delivered to their consignee.

BOB BAILEY suggested that the NJSLRRA invite NS President **DAVID R. GOODE** and Vice President and Chief Operating Officer **STEPHEN C. TOBIAS** to the next meeting. Bob felt that the issues have reached a point where the officers that run the Norfolk Southern have to be made aware of the serious problems being experienced and attempts made to resolve them. Bob explained that the problems with NS are such that the future of Short Line Railroads, in New Jersey, could be at stake.

RON BATORY advised that issues concerning Conrail Shared Assets should be taken to the parent railroads, CSX and NS. Both companies do talk to each other. Issues of concern involving one of the parents will be handled by that company. In some cases, both parent companies may make certain decisions concerning an issue on the CSA. Ron noted that the new Conrail owners are still learning and mistakes can happen.

TOM COLLARD stated that the feeling of the Short Line Railroads is that one parent understands the issues and the other does not.

BOB BAILEY agreed. Bob explained that, through the years, there grew a business understanding between the Short Line Railroads and Conrail. This has changed since the merger with CSX and NS. Bob expressed that something has to be done to resolve the many outstanding issues.

RON BATORY noted that the goals of the industry is to grow their business.

FRED WINKLER reminded the members that the concept goes way back, even before the merger.

SENATOR FRANK LAUTENBERG made a presentation to the Surface Transportation Board which was to ensure the growth of rail freight service in the State. As a reminder, Senator Lautenburg held a Senate Hearing on the merger issue prior to CSX and Norfolk Southern acquiring Conrail. At those hearings, Senator Lautenburg made it clear that if the merger was approved, it was expected that there would be a cooperative and business like relationship maintained between the Class I railroads and the Short Line Railroads for the benefit of the State's economy.

An invitation will be sent to Norfolk Southern Executives to attend our next meeting.

JIM WILSON asked **ERIC STROHMEYER** how things are progressing on the Somerset Terminal Railroad. Eric replied that he is still in negotiations with NJ Transit and Norfolk Southern over the routing and connections to the Lehigh Line at Manville, New Jersey.

