



MINUTES

JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING

INTERMODAL ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2008

8:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

AMPHITHEATER
OAK BROOK HILLS MARRIOTT RESORT
OAK BROOK, IL.

Ted Prince, IANA Chairman and President of Consolidated Chassis Management LLC called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m., immediately after which the antitrust guidelines were read by IANA staff member Tom Malloy. Malloy explained that this was the first Joint Committee meeting being conducted and that the underlying premise was to avoid potential redundancies of information presented during individual committee meetings.

Legislative/Regulatory Update

Malloy then furnished a legislative/regulatory update, noting that 2008 thus far has been fairly quiet on both federal and state fronts

From the federal legislative perspective, Malloy said the potential highway fuel tax holiday is gaining momentum via S. 2890, [sponsored by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz]., but is meeting with some objections in the Senate because of the length of the period (Memorial Day through Labor Day) that it would remove the 18.4-cent federal tax on gasoline and the 24.4-cent tax on diesel fuel. Concerns were that during that period, Highway Trust fund revenues would not be able to be replenished by alternative sources of revenue and could impact funding for potential transportation projects. Malloy then advised the House bill for non replenishment of the strategic petroleum reserves – H.B. 5473 [sponsored by Rep. Peter Welch, D-Vt.] – is being supported by the American Trucking Associations but appears as if its progress will be slow, as also appears to be the case with a companion Senate action [S. 2598, sponsored by Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D.]. **[Subsequent to the meeting, on May 13, 2008, both Houses passed bills to suspend replenishment of the SPR through the end of 2008. The measures have been submitted to the president for his signature].**

Commenting on the federal regulatory horizon, Malloy noted two matters pending before the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. The first FMCSA matter, to revise commercial driver's license and learner's permit standards, is slated for a June 9 close of the comment period

on a notice of proposed rulemaking. The second FMCSA matter, regarding the roadability rule, initially published in proposed form in December 2006, is subject to a revised timetable, with the FMCSA's release to the Office of the Secretary on April 24 to be followed by release to the Office of Management and Budget on or about May 23. Thereafter, OMB has 90 days to clear and return the rule, with sights on a proposed publish date of Sept. 5. Malloy said this is an important issue upon which to keep watch and members can stay abreast of the situation via the IANA Web site. **[Subsequent to the meeting, the FMCSA timetable has been revised once again and the new target date for publication is as of this writing, September 25, 2008.]**

Also on the regulatory front, Malloy said the Federal Railroad Administration has announced its interim final rule regarding hazardous materials and their routings, with a planned effective date of June 1.

Regarding the Transportation Security Administration and its Transportation Worker Identification Credential program, Malloy noted that since this time last year, IANA participates in monthly Transportation Stakeholder Communications Committee (TSCC) meetings with over 25 other affected trade associations, and there are broad concerns the program will present significant challenges, particularly in light of the fact that only about 70,000 of the credentials have been activated vs. an estimated 750,000 to 1 million TWICs that will be required. He cited as critical the Sept. 25 date for completion of enrollments, at which time the U.S. Coast Guard would implement TWIC as a flash pass until the biometric reader aspect of the program has been determined. Malloy said details on TWIC, including Top 25 U.S. Port-specific links, are available on IANA's Web site, www.intermodal.org. He concluded by stating that during the next few days the Seminar would provide several opportunities for attendees to hear additional information on the TWIC program through the Operations Committee meeting and a panel discussion dedicated solely to the Challenges of TWIC implementation. **[Note: On May 2, the TSA announced that the new TWIC implementation date is being moved to April 15, 2009. However, certain Port compliance zones will be rolled out during the course of this extension period starting with the New England area by October 15, 2008.]**

On the state front, Malloy said there are matters of interest taking place in 18 states, with 32 separate bills in play. Major issues include California actions related to emissions and comparative bills in several states. Other areas of note include indemnity agreements and diesel idling, he said, with 10 states currently having 17 bills in play regarding idling. Several state actions on idling are using verbiage mirroring that used in California, with Arizona to adopt California standards verbatim.

Intermodal Freight Technology Working Group (IFTWG)

Tony Furst of the Federal Highway Administration and Co-chairman of the IFTWG provided an update on the group's recent activities. He said the U.S. Department of Transportation has had the working group in place for eight years and urged industry professionals to come to the group with suggestions as to how the federal government can help them in establishing technological assistance to create a more efficient and congestion free transportation environment. Furst said the Electronic Freight Management initiative is advancing and cited progress with the Kansas City information-sharing program for the Cross town Improvement Project (CTIP). Furst said he is hopeful that a final rule regarding selection of projects of national/regional significance will be

in place this summer. He added that six finalists have been selected for Corridors of the Future consideration.

Prince noted that the ultimate goal of the Cross-town Improvement Project was to help alleviate congestion in Chicago but that the project initially was unveiled in Kansas City to test the concept. He said it is important that the public sector helps nurture the initiative by their participation in IFTWG meetings.

Other Issues

Tom Malloy advised that the 2008 IANA Membership Handbook and Resource Directory were mailed to members earlier in the week and that they should be expecting receipt when attendees return to their offices. Malloy noted that in the past the Membership Handbook and the Product & Supplier Directory were two separate publications that were distributed at different times of the year. This year, IANA has combined the publications into a single book and the combined publication will be released each year to coincide with the Operations and Maintenance Seminar. An additional 2008 enhancement was the online version of the Resource Directory, formerly the Product & Supplier Directory that is available through the IANA Web site. Malloy noted that access to this function is attained from the IANA home page, under Business Solutions.

Malloy also stated that IANA values its member's feedback on events such as the Seminar and the Intermodal Expo and he encouraged attendees to complete the post-Seminar survey that would be distributed via an email link within a week of the conclusion of the meeting. It was noted that attendees should specifically let IANA know if this type of Joint Committee meeting should be continued in the future.

Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance Roadside Inspection Demonstration

Malloy explained that representatives from the Illinois State Police Commercial Vehicle Division were present to provide a CVSA roadside inspection demonstration that would be conducted just outside the meeting room. He advised that there would be a second demonstration starting at 11:30 a.m. for those that were not able to attend the first session.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 a.m. for attendees to go to the outside tent area for the CVSA demonstration.