

**American Public Transportation Association
Business Member Legislative Committee/Business Member Procurement
Committee Joint Meeting
Saturday, March 11, 2017 – 4-6pm
Salon F, JW Marriott, Washington, DC**

Agenda

1. Introductions – **Natalie Cornell and Freddie Fuller**

2. APTA Anti-trust statement:

The cardinal rule in keeping an association's operations within anti-trust laws is that there should be no agreements – express or implied – which restrain the member's freedom to make independent decisions in matters that affect competition. Each member must be completely independent to set prices, establish production and sales levels, choose the markets in which he or she will operate and select his or her customers and suppliers.

3. Approval of Meeting Notes from January
Committee Meeting

Attachment 1

4. Legislative Update

Freddie Fuller

5. Key Messaging to take to the Hill

Freddie Fuller

6. May Business Members Fly-In update

Freddie Fuller

7. Industry Footprint Tool and Use During Conference

Freddie Fuller

8. Ongoing Legislative and Procurement Issues
Buy America & Local Jobs

Natalie Cornell & Freddie Fuller

9. Procurement Committee Plan for 2017

Natalie Cornell

10. Research Updates

11. Other Business

12. Adjourn

2017 Business Member Board of Governors Meetings:

-Bus & Paratransit Conference, Sunday, May 7, Reno, NV

-APTA Annual Conference & EXPO, Sunday, October 8, Atlanta, GA

All Business members are invited to attend and participate in BMBG meetings

Joint Business Member Legislative & Procurement Committees

January 24, 2017

Minutes

Ray Melleady, vice chair of the Business Member Legislative Committee, called the meeting to order on behalf of chair Freddie Fuller. He introduced Natalie Cornell, chair of the Business Member Procurement Committee. He proceeded to read the anti-trust statement. The minutes from the September meeting was approved.

The meeting was attended by Joel Abraman, John Andreas, Buddy Coleman, Natalie Cornell, Barry Dykeman, Bob Gallant, Joe Gibson, Stanley Grill, Cliff Henke, Bobby Hill, Fran Hooper, Angela Iannuzziello, Tony Kellen, Kevin Kirk, Mike Loehr, Mark Magaldi, III, Jack Martinson, Ray Melleady, Raquel Olivier, Joe Policarpio, Lou Quaglia, Rick Simonetta, Jim Srygley, Jeff Wharton, Chuck Wochele, Gregory Yates. Guests from APTA were acting president and CEO Dick White and vice president, operations and member services Randy Clarke. Rob Healy, vice president, government affairs and Andrew Brady, senior director, government affairs participated via phone.

Ray has sought the aid of the APTA government affairs team to educate the group on the political landscape with the new Congress and what affect business members can have on lobbying the relevant committees for transit funding. Ray briefed the committee on the party composition of the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate. He stressed the importance of having influence on legislation before it hits the floor. He also listed the chairs of the Ways and Means Committee, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and Appropriations Committee in the House of Representatives. Next, the chairs were listed for the Banking Committee, Environment and Public Works Committee, Finance Committee, Appropriations Committee, and Commerce Committee in the Senate. Rob Healy and Andrew Brady, of APTA, gave more in-depth background into the committees and chairs. Cliff Henke inquired about the rumor of lifting the sequestration caps in the Budget Control Act that would allow for increases in the defense budget. Andrew responded that it's too soon to know if that rumor would come true. Ray emphasized the importance of connecting public transit to transportation, as it pertains to President Trump's transportation promise. In conclusion, Ray wanted to lock down a date for the business member fly-in. Cliff Henke noted that it is important that the committee monitor the finance and tax provisions moving forward.

Natalie Cornell took the meeting over and updated the committee on the Buy America requirements. A single date was established in the final rule for compliance. The FTA is releasing the Buy America handbook. One component to the Procurement Committee's workplan is monitoring Buy America alerts, and Natalie asked for Rob Healy and Andrew Brady's assistance in monitoring this, as well as plans for local job initiatives. At the time of this meeting, there were several procurement reports that had not been completed. The status was unknown. Adam Martin is following up. Natalie spoke about the Procurement Committee's workplan for the coming year. Natalie asked the committee if they were experiencing procurement issues at their companies. There were no answers to this.

Natalie is seeking a vice chair for the Business Member Procurement Committee. Jeff Wharton introduced himself as chair and gave a very brief overview of the week ahead at the BMBG Annual Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.