

**American Public Transportation Association  
Business Member Workforce Development Committee  
Sunday March 12, 2017 - 10:30-11:30am  
State Room, JW Marriott, Washington, DC**

**Agenda**

1. Introductions ***Michael Loehr***
2. Safety briefing
3. Approval of minutes of the September meeting **Attachment 1**
4. Leadership Changes
  - Vice Chair of the WDC – William Thompson
  - Chair of the pREES subcommittee - Mark F. Magaldi
  - Secretary Nominations
5. Youth Summit Report
6. pREES Report
7. New Business
8. pREES program development discussion
9. 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.

## Business Member Workforce Development Committee

January 25, 2017

### Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Michael Loehr. A safety briefing was provided.

Present at the meeting were DeLois Babiker, Buddy Coleman, Hugh Harrison, Fran Hooper, Lolalisa King, Mark Magaldi, Janet Rogers, Raquel Olivier, Jeff Wharton, Bobby Hill, Jim Srygley, Eugene de Ribeaux, Margareth Bonds, John Barberis, Joe Gibson, Lee Kemp, Thomas Bush, Karen Dhanie, Denzil Cameron, Lou Quaglia, Barry Dykeman, Mike Allegra, Stepfone Montgomery, Bob Gallant, Rick Simonetta, Steve Banta, Tony Kellen, Gregory Yates, Natalie Cornell, Stanley Grill, and Eve Williams. William Thomsen participated via conference phone. Special guests were Dick White and Randy Clarke from APTA and Doran Barnes, APTA Chair.

The minutes from the September meeting was approved. Mark Magaldi was announced as the chair of the p-REES subcommittee, responsible for overseeing the efforts and execution of the Passenger Rail Engineering Education Symposium. Mike also sought a recording secretary for minutes at the meetings of this committee. None volunteered before the conclusion of the meeting.

Michael Loehr gave a report on Youth Summit, reiterating the logistical information provided at the September meeting. He praised the field of candidates. He informed the committee that February 17 was the deadline to send in completed applications and to contact Brandon Roccio, APTA staff contact for the Youth Summit, should they have any questions.

Michael Loehr gave an update on pREES. The program is taking place in California, chosen because of the vast amount of transit-related ballot initiatives that were voted on by their residents. New Rail Center was APTA's partner at the 2015 pREES, but were not allocated funding to help this year. The New Rail Center saved the program a lot of money on travel, since they paid for their own. Talks are taking place to find other ways they can support the program. Adam Martin expanded on APTA staff efforts to this point. The Los Angeles Technical Trade College has agreed to host the program. At the time of this meeting, the dates were not confirmed, as leads for hotels were being sought. The second week of July was the target. LATTC has great public transportation access and is just minutes from downtown. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority was in the process of planning tours for the group. Marketing materials are being prepared to go to West Coast-based colleges and universities. A meeting is being scheduled to discuss track and session responsibility. Fran Hooper recommended showcasing case studies in Los Angeles. Natalie Cornell asked if there were any extra incentives APTA could offer to draw professors to attend the program. Michael answered that the necessity depended on the institution and their funding situation. APTA is planning to invite local AREMA members. The hope is that most attendees will be local and will not need the stipend that the program offers.

Jeff Wharton doubled back to the Youth Summit and reemphasized the importance of business member involvement. Jeff also promoted the American Public Transportation Foundation, seeking donations. Randy Clarke said that there is conversation taking place regarding a potential wellness run that could benefit the APTF.

Jeff Wharton suggested that APTA poll the business members to find out which companies are offering internships. Margareth Bonds volunteered to spearhead the internship subcommittee.

Michael briefly summarized the curricula outline for the pREES program.

With no new business to discuss, Michael Loehr adjourned the meeting.