

**Board of Towing and Recovery Operators
Full Board Meeting
October 14, 2010, 10:00 am
Department of Motor Vehicles, Rm. 131
2300 West Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23220**

Members Present:

Captain Steve Chumley – Chairman
Mark Sawyers
Roy Boswell
P. Dale Bennett
John J. Beall, Jr.
Randy Seibert
Brock Cole – Designee for the Commissioner of the
Department of Motor Vehicles

Gary Teter
Woody Herring
Kenneth Mitchell
Lt. Raymond W. Gill, IV
Adan Rangel, Jr.
Richard Metz
Tony Troilo
Scott Wyatt

Members Absent:

Charlie Brown
Andres Alvarez

Staff Present:

Marc Copeland
Barbara Drudge
Kara Corso

Board Counsel:

Jeff Spencer – Senior Assistant Attorney General

Meeting Called to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am.

Public Comments:

Ralph Wilcher, of AAA Mid-Atlantic, Inc., congratulated Capt. Chumley on his appointment to the Chairmanship and asked that the meeting format be changed to allow for public comment throughout; the Chairman agreed.

George Mahone, of Skimino Enterprises, asked that BTRO develop a form to allow licensed operator's to add or remove a tow truck from their fleet. He also noted two tow companies in his area that are not listed on the BTRO website as having a license, and suggested that BTRO send out a reminder to these companies.

Terry Wood, of Hampton Roads Towing, Inc., remarked on the letter he had from the Governor stating that BTRO has temporary licenses available. He went on to state that he was not notified that his towing credentials needed to be renewed, and that he now has

to reapply as a new applicant. Chairman Chumley suggested he meet with BTRO staff after the meeting to discuss these matters.

Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:

Chairman Chumley requested a motion to accept the minutes from the August 18, 2010, Board meeting. Mr. Mitchell moved to accept the meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Teter seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report:

The Chairman reported that Colonel W. Steven Flaherty sends his hopes that the Board will succeed, but that due to the demands at State Police, he is no longer able to chair the Board. The Chairman also mentioned that Lieutenant R. Curtis Hardison, of the State Police, will serve as a liaison to the Board.

Executive Director's Report:

Mr. Copeland reported on the license renewal volume and that a number of driver's still have still not renewed their credentials. He noted that the updated list of active drivers will be put on the website, and that BTRO staff is contacting individuals who have not renewed their credentials.

Recommendations of the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee:

The Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee met prior to the Board meeting and decided to meet again to further review the specific draft statutory and regulatory amendments for the Governor's Reform Initiatives before making recommendations to the full Board.

Recommendations of the Administrative Affairs Committee:

The Administrative Affairs Committee made recommendations to the Board to not move forward with the credentialing fee reductions but to evaluate the possibility of making a larger treasury loan payment at the end of the fiscal year.

Mr. Bennett moved that the Executive Advisory Committee evaluate the possibility of making a larger treasury loan payment at the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Herring seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Chairman Chumley recommended that the Administrative Affairs Committee research the options for online credential renewals.

Additional Public Comments:

There were no additional public comments.

Other Business/Comments:

Mr. Copeland remarked that the budget amendment request was approved for hiring up to two part – time compliance specialists and mentioned the risk that may be involved if two part – time compliance specialists are hired along with one full – time administrative position, as opposed to hiring one part – time compliance specialist and one full – time employee. The risk of filling all three positions is that the funds have not been appropriated to cover them all, and it might be spring before additional funds will be appropriated.

Mr. Seibert moved to fill both part – time compliance positions. Mr. Sawyers seconded that motion. A discussion ensued on the immediate need for hiring compliance specialists over hiring an additional full – time staff member.

Mr. Seibert amended his motion and moved to hire two part – time compliance specialists and delay the hiring of the full – time administrative position until more funds have been appropriated. Mr. Troilo seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Board discussed a draft letter which will require that applicants whose credentials have expired and are reapplying as new applicants certify that they were not operating during the time their credential was expired.

Ralph Wilcher, of AAA Mid-Atlantic, Inc., commented on the approval to hire the two part – time compliance specialists and how it is a move in the right direction. He remarked that he takes issue with how the draft letter is incriminating.

Mr. Boswell recommended that the Compliance and Consumer Affairs Committee review the draft letter.

Next Meeting:

No meeting was scheduled.

Chairman Chumley asked that members focus on a vision/mission statement for the Board.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.