

2007 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2007
(4:30- 5:30 PM)

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jimmy Isonhood of Mississippi.

The following states, representing a quorum, were in attendance:

Arkansas	Florida
Georgia	Louisiana
Mississippi	Missouri
New Hampshire	Nebraska
Ohio	Oklahoma
South Carolina	Tennessee
Utah	Virginia
North Carolina	Kansas
Nebraska	Washington State
Texas	

Treasurer, Juanice Hagan of Florida, presented the 2007 Treasurer's Report which was approved unanimously.

There were no Old Items of Business to be discussed.

The following New Items of Business were discussed in detail:

- (1) **Election of Board of Directors:** The floor was opened for nominations for the Second Vice Chair. The members voted for Barbara Wessinger, South Carolina DOT, as the Second Vice Chair. The following represent the NAHBA Board of Directors:

Chair: John Garner, Chairperson, Florida DOT
Vice Chair: Rod Boehm, Tennessee DOT
Second Vice Chair: Barbara Wessinger, South Carolina DOT
Past Chair: Jimmy Isonhood, Mississippi DOT
Host State Chair: Pat Hurley, Montana DOT
Secretary/Treas.: Juanice Hagan, Florida DOT

- (2) **NAHBA Teleconferences:** All states encouraged to participate. If a state has a question that requires an answer or opinion from FHWA, the state's FHWA representative must also participate in the teleconference. Barbara Wessinger will act as the liaison for NAHBA with FHWA and all requested teleconference issues must be submitted to her in advance of the teleconference.

- (3) **Scanning of FHWA Documents Status Report:** Jimmy Isonhood reported that while we were hopeful the project could be completed by September 2007, it does not appear that NAHBA will be able to index the documents and post on its web site. If a member is interested in receiving a set of the five discs, please notify Jimmy Isonhood and he will send the discs out.
- (4) **By Law change:** Ohio proposed that the By Laws be amended to reflect the designation of one vote for each state with active membership in the Alliance. If requested, information can be sent out in advance of meeting and votes on annual meeting issues can be e-mailed to the Board prior to the meeting. The proposal was unanimously approved.
- (5) **NAHBA Web Site:** Concern was raised that the Discussion Room segment of the web site was not being utilized and there is some confusion as to how one navigates within the site. Suggestions from the membership included: (a) Elimination of the password so there is more accessibility for the members; and (b) Removal of dead-end links. Consideration needs to be given for a better e-mail blast system.
- (6) **NAHBA's participation in the FHWA STEP Program concerning Safety Effects of Electronic Advertising:** It was agreed that the regulatory agencies need additional data relating to safety of digital boards; brightness studies; and straight roadway sections vs. curved roads when permitting LEDs. Membership asked that NAHBA work with FHWA through its STEP Program to secure funding for such studies. North Carolina also suggested that it might aid the groups doing studies if they were provided individual state crash data.
- (7) **Liability Insurance:** It was determined that the Alliance does not need to have a liability policy; however, if needed, the Board can secure liability coverage for short term events, such as the annual educational conference.

(8) Committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Administrative Matters – Joyce Musick, Chair

Maintenance and Nonconforming Issues – Keith Melvin, Chair

Commercial Area Designation – Rod Boehm, Chair

These committees address the issues raised by the regulatory agencies during the year and provide updates to the membership through sessions established for the annual educational conference and quarterly FHWA teleconferences.

COMMITTEES SERVING UNDER THE BOARD:

Model Rules – Kerry Yoakum, Chair

Membership Recruitment – Juanice Hagan, Chair

AASHTO Standing Committee – Barbara Wessinger, Chair
Awards Committee – Keith Melvin Chair

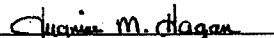
(9) **Long Term Direction of NAHBA** – The membership reviewed the vision, mission and goals of the organization and felt no changes are needed at this time.

(10) **Future Conference Locations:** It is anticipated the following states will host upcoming Conferences:

(a) **2008 Conference Location** – Montana

(b) **2009 Conference Location** – South Carolina (Tentative)

With there being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.



Juanice M. Hagan
Secretary-Treasurer