



Board Meeting

MEETING AGENDA

March 9, 2022

- Latest Headlines and Industry News – Board Members
 - Henry mentioned the Omnibus bill-Eno Center for Transportation did a quick debrief on the bill, which you can find [here](#).
 - Gina was super excited to note that Tempe Streetcar is getting really close to opening. Henry noted that there are still a few hoops to jump through, but we should be seeing an announcement soon.
 - Ethan talked about the Omaha Streetcar project. Hoping that Omaha will join the coalition.

- Annual Items-
 - Draft Budget
 - The budget was presented in January, and so just a quick review was provided.
 - Ethan led the discussion on reserves, saying that with the unpredictable nature of the pandemic, a higher reserve was necessary. Carl echoed this sentiment and elaborated on some of the items of concern like a potential downturn in membership and Summit sponsorships. However, it is thought that the reserve would need to be reviewed and changed each year based on current circumstances.
 - The board unanimously passed the budget, with Adelee making the motion and Carl seconding the motion.
 - Key Items of the FY 22-23 Budget \$226,000:
 - i. Administration and Professional Services (\$120,000 Consultant and \$30,000 Direct) \$150,000
 - ii. Insurance \$5,000
 - iii. Website Maintenance \$3,000
 - iv. Summit \$50,000
 - v. Conference Events (Receptions at APTA events and RailVolution) \$6,000
 - vi. Conference Scholarships for New Systems \$10,000
 - vii. Member Subsidies (retirees and students) \$2,000

 - Update on Board Nominations Committee
 - The Board Nominations Committee met Thursday, March 3, 2022
 - In order to prepare to make a recommendation, the committee members want to ensure that the recommended board members are current with their dues, are balanced between public and private sector, and be sure that all current members still want to serve.

- The committee plans to recommend a bylaws change that staggers the members by three years, so less members rotate off the board at one time.
- The committee is also looking for another board officer.
- Any interested members looking to serve on the board, should reach out to Christy at christy@streetcarcoalition.org.
- Next meeting will be in two weeks.

- APTA Meeting Participation
 - Christy inserted an additional agenda item, asking the board for their thoughts on hosting receptions, like APTA TRANSform conference in Orlando, Florida. The board agreed that having additional receptions at conferences where APTA Streetcar Subcommittee meet would be helpful.
 - Next conference would be at APTA Rail in San Diego, California, June 5-8, 2022
 - RailVolution will be in Miami, Florida, October 30-November 2, 2022. *Side note-Henry noted that Valley Metro will help host RailVolution in 2023.*

- Annual Summit Update
 - Schedule was presented and Gina recommended posting it along with the invited speakers as soon as possible.
 - The Summit Book will be electronic this year, and Julie Gustafson is pulling it together. Please be responsive to her requests for items.
 - Christy recommended that the Platinum sponsor be limited to one private sector and one public sector sponsor.
 - Oklahoma City will host the 2023 Summit. Charlotte has asked to host the 2024 Summit. Charlotte will be submitting their request in writing to the board for review at the next board meeting.

- Budget Report-Christy Willhite

There are still several membership invoices that are outstanding. Change is hard, and it impacted your accounting departments as they worked to set up the new contact and account information. The third round of notices went out. We still have 12 outstanding invoices, but of those three are in the process of paying. As of February 28, there was \$183,858.74 in the account.

- Christy reviewed the financial overview with the board, noting the invoicing progress and a couple of irregularities, which you can see at the bottom of the financial overview page at the end of the board packet.

Thank you to all who participated in the board meeting!