

## Minutes for April 28-29, 2015

The Railroad Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (the "Council"), pursuant to notice, held a meeting on April 28-29, 2015, in Washington DC. The meeting was called to order at 1pm, on April 28, 2015, by Chairman Ogborn.

The following members were present: Chairman: Michael Ogborn, OmniTRAX; Vice Chairman Shelley Sahling-Zart, Lincoln Electric System; Treasurer/Secretary: Howard Kaplan, U.S. Magnesium, LLC; Robin Burns, Occidental Chemical Corp.; Robert Byrd, Nucor; Michael Christensen, Port of Long Beach; George Duggan, BNSF; John Friedmann, Norfolk Southern Corporation; Tom Giovinazzi, Holcim (US), Inc., Wayne Hurst, Agricultural Producer; Lawrence Malski, Pennsylvania Northeast Regional Railroad Authority; John McCreavy, SMS Rail Services, Inc.; Mike Mohan, Canadian National Railway Company; Jeanne Sebring, International Paper; Daniel Zink, Red River Valley & Western.

The following ex officio members were present: Acting Chairman Deb Miller, Surface Transportation Board; Ann Begeman, Vice Chairman, Surface Transportation Board, and Scott Greene, Federal Railroad Administration.

Also present: STB staff members Gabriel Meyer, James Boles, and Than Bawcombe.

Tuesday April 24th, 2015, 1PM (without STB commissioners or staff)

- I. Welcome and opening remarks from RSTAC Chairman Ogborn.
- II. Minutes from February 2015 meeting approved.
- III. Treasurers report - finances in good order

1:30 pm Board Members and Staff arrive, including department directors and other staff including Christopher Sherwood, Ryan Lee, Scott Zimmerman, Phillis Johnson-Ball, William Brennan, Chip Vance, Anika Cooper, Rachael Campbell, William Huneke, and Lucille Marvin

- IV. Report from the Process Improvement and Performance Metrics Working group and discussions from all; Key issues noted were timing of decisions, level playing field on rate cases, transparency of case status, and ex parte rules
- V. Presentation from Robert Benedict, PHMSA, on status of upcoming final rules on crude by rail
- VI. Field reports

Meeting adjourns at 5pm and reconvenes 9:00 AM April 29 without STB Board Members or staff

- VII. Follow-up discussions on STB Metrics.

STB Board and staff join meeting - 9:30 a.m.

- VIII. Report from Michael Christensen on service recovery at Port of Long Beach
- IX. Presentation by Patrick Fuchs, Senate Commerce Committee staff, on current status of legislation regarding STB reauthorization and other pending matters relating to transportation. Matters discussed included expansion of STB Board to a total of 5 members, authorization to the Board for investigative authority, additional funding, expansion of voluntary arbitration, and establishment of a complaint database.
- X. Report from Mike Christensen on August field trip plans. Arrival 8/17/15 through 8/19/15.
- XI. RSTAC unanimously approved resolutions recommending delay of PTC and support of STB reauthorization and authorized RSTAC chair to draft resolutions and circulate promptly for approval by all
- XII. Meeting adjourned at noon, April 29, 2015