

# MISSOURI TRUCKING ASSOCIATION

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### MISSOURI TRUCKING ASSOCIATION HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

**Branson, MO-** The membership of the Missouri Trucking Association held their annual convention September 21-23, 2016 at Chateau on the Lake in Branson, Missouri and elected the following slate of officers to lead the association during the 2016– 2017 year.

**Chairman:** Michael Gully, Gully Transportation, Inc., Quincy, IL

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman:** Greg Swift, Swift Carriers Inc., Marshall, MO

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman:** Mark Walker, Transland Inc., Strafford, MO

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chairman:** Jeff Buchheit, Buchheit Logistics, Scott City, MO

During the three-day annual meeting, marking MoTA's 79th year as the voice of the trucking industry in Missouri, over 175 motor carrier and allied industry members and guests, attended business sessions and heard from local and national speakers. The MoTA Mobile Events App offered a complete agenda for attendees to maneuver the convention and contact each other through messaging. Presentations and information from speakers were also made available in the app.

Golfers enjoyed kicking off the event at the Buffalo Ridge Golf Course, taking advantage of the rolling, wooded hills of the Ozarks. The Wednesday evening "Welcome" reception was followed by a full day of educational programming designed to update and inform the trucking executives on many topics of interest. Topics covered in Thursday's presentations included Women in Trucking, Ellen Voie, President/CEO; Current Legal Issues in the Trucking Industry, Ted Perryman, Roberts Perryman PC; Cargo Theft Issues - Prevention and Recovery, Keith Lewis, Vice President of Operations, CargoNet; At Noon the membership was address by MoDOT Director Patrick McKenna followed by updates and a Q&A session for the "Ask the Experts" panel: Tim Niedbalski of Sandberg, Phoenix, and Von Gontard; Nathan Fitzgerald of BKD LLP; Senior Chief CVO Jeff Sims with MO State Highway Patrol; Scott Marion, Director of Motor Carrier Services, MoDOT. During the annual membership meeting John Lynch, Vice President Federation Relations - American Trucking Associations, updated the membership on national issues.

At the Candlelight Banquet on Thursday night, Brett Sheets of Steelman Transportation Inc. was awarded the prestigious "Frank G. Campbell Award for Outstanding Service".

Skip Wombolt, Cline Wood, a Marsh & McLennan Agency, Leawood, Kansas was awarded the "G. Findley Reed Award" the allied industry's highest service award.

At the conclusion of the banquet, Buckets N Boards entertained guests with a comedy percussion show.

Friday morning, the final day of the conference, was wrapped up with Economist Chris Kuehl, Managing Director, Armada Corporate Intelligence; and Jeremy Clopton, Management Development Institute, Missouri State University, BKD Advisor addressed "Tackling the World's Two Biggest Problems – Managing Data and Millennials in the Workplace".