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NEWS RELEASE

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Branson, MO- The membership of the Missouri Trucking Association held their annual convention October 10-12, 2018 at Chateau on the Lake in Branson, Missouri and elected the following slate of officers to lead the association during the 2018- 2019 year.

Chairman: Jeff Buchheit, Buchheit Logistics, Scott City, MO

1st Vice Chairman: Amber Edmondson, Trailiner Corporation, Springfield, MO

2nd Vice Chairman: Phil Wilt, American Central Transport, Liberty, MO

3rd Vice Chairman: Greg Orr, CFI Logistics, Joplin, MO

Treasurer: Brent Witte, Witte Bros Exchange, Troy, MO

ATA Vice President: Amber Edmondson, Trailiner Corporation, Springfield, MO

ALT ATA Vice President: Danny Opie, Opies Transport, Eldon, MO

During the three-day annual meeting, marking MoTA's 82nd year as the voice of the trucking industry in Missouri, over 200 motor carrier and allied industry members and guests, attended business sessions and heard from local and national speakers. The MoTA Mobile 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.

MoTA hosted the Pontoon Poker Run which provided an opportunity for both allied industry members and motor carrier industry members to network in a fun and upbeat environment. 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 sessions from the American Trucking Association's Alan Karickhoff, and the FMCSA's Alan Hanson. In the afternoon, golfers enjoyed a 12-hole scramble at the Ozark National Golf Course, taking advantage of the rolling, wooded hills of the Ozarks.

At the Candlelight Banquet on Thursday night, **Kimberly Bonhart**, of United Parcel Service was awarded the prestigious "Frank G. Campbell Award for Outstanding Service". **Steve Cook**, of Summit Truck Group, Joplin, MO was awarded the "G. Findley Reed Award" the allied industry's highest service award.

At the conclusion of the banquet, Mike Bliss entertained guests with a comedy show.

Friday morning, the final day of the convention, topics such as Safety Best Practices, Qualifying a Driver & Accidents, Driver Benefit Benchmark Survey, H.R. Trends and Legal Update, Driver Compensation and Accountability Trends, and wrapped up with "Ask the Experts" Panel.

For a complete list of speakers and their presentations, please see here. [INSERT LINK](#)

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