



81st Annual Convention

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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: Mark Walker, TransLand, Strafford, MO

1st Vice Chairman: Jeff Buchheit, Buchheit Logistics, Scott City, MO

2nd Vice Chairman: Amber Edmondson, Trailiner Corporation, Springfield, MO

3rd Vice Chairman: Phil Wilt, American Central Transport, Liberty, 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 81st 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 first ever 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 on Tax Reform with Kurt Berry, CPA - BKD, LLP; AOB RD vs ELD with Max Strathman - FMCSA; and a session with Missouri Governor Mike Parson. In the afternoon, golfers

enjoyed a 9-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, **Judy Stockton** of the Missouri Trucking Association was awarded the prestigious "Frank G. Campbell Award for Outstanding Service". **Larry Hewitt** with MHC Kenworth, Kansas City was awarded the "G. Findley Reed Award" the allied industry's highest service award.

At the conclusion of the banquet, Greg Warren entertained guests with a comedy show.

Friday morning, the final day of the convention, was wrapped up with "Ask the Experts" Panel: Clint Johnston, CPA, CVA - Abacus CPAs, LLC; Timothy Niedbalski, Shareholder - Sandberg Phoenix von Gontard PC; Lt. Kevin Kelley, CVE Assistant Director - MO State Highway Patrol; Steff Mosby, Investigations Administrator- MoDOT Motor Carrier Services. Other programs included "Blockchain" presented by Kenneth Craig, Vice President of Special Projects - McLeod Software; "Driver Recruiting & Retention": Laura Gates, VP HR and Organizational Effectiveness - TransLand; Phil Wilt, President/Chief Operating Officer - American Central Transport; Randy Scheel, Director of Sales - Hightower Advertising Agency; "Risk Management Through Truck Technology": Richard Savage, Senior Director of Sales - SmartDrive Systems, Inc.; Doug Sharp, Aftermarket Acct. Manager- Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems; John Simon, Region Manager Medium Duty - Kenworth Truck Company; and "Driver Health & Health Insurance": Ken Stephens, Vice President - Employee Benefits Design; Steven Garrish, Director - SleepSafe Drivers; and Aaron Ellis - Prime Inc.

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