

MISSOURI TRUCKING ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 1247—102 East High Street
JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI 65102

NEWS RELEASE

Contact: Tom Crawford
Telephone: (573) 634-3388

For Immediate Release

MISSOURI TRUCKING ASSOCIATION HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

Ridgedale, MO- The membership of the Missouri Trucking Association held their annual convention September 16-18, 2014 at Big Cedar in Ridgedale, Missouri and elected the following slate of officers to lead the association during the 2014– 2015 year.

Chairman: Jim Wingfield, Tri-State Motor Transit Co., Joplin, MO

1st Vice Chairman: Rocky Griffith, Walmart Transportation, St. James, MO

2nd Vice Chairman: Michael Gully, Gully Transportation, Inc., Quincy, IL

3rd Vice Chairman: Greg Swift, Swift Carriers Inc., Marshall, MO

Treasurer: Larry Morgan, Gencom Inc., Marshall, MO

ATA Vice President: Danny Opie, Opies Transport, Inc., Eldon, MO

During the three-day annual meeting, marking MoTA's 77th year as the voice of the trucking industry in Missouri, nearly 200 motor carrier and allied industry members and guests, attended business sessions and heard from local and national speakers. New to the convention this year was the MoTA Mobile Events App with 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.

The Tuesday evening "Welcome" reception was followed by a full day of educational programming designed to quickly update the trucking executives. Topics covered in Wednesday's presentations included the Truckers Against Trafficking effort, the ATA Trucking Moves America Forward program, an ATA update from 2d Vice Chairman Pat Thomas of UPS, a Highway Funding – What's Next? Panel, and a Rapid Fire Business session that included updates on finance, driver recruitment, safety & compliance and the newly available Missouri Truck Services, a safety consulting service operated by Missouri Trucking Association. In addition, Ted Perryman of the Roberts Perryman firm in St Louis gave a keynote presentation on the Do's and Don'ts regarding professional responses during depositions.

At the Candlelight Banquet on Wednesday night, Ross Nichols, was awarded the prestigious "Frank G. Campbell Award for Outstanding Service".

Ted Perryman, Roberts Perryman PC, St. Louis, Missouri was awarded the "G. Findley Reed Award" the allied industry's highest service award.

The Ursel G. Lewellen Scholarship was awarded this year to Kayla Jackson-Williams, a Juris Doctor Candidate. This scholarship was established by the Association at the University of Missouri Law School, Columbia, in honor of its first Executive Manager, Ursel G. Lewellen.

The final day of the conference was wrapped up by guest speaker Bob Costello, American Trucking Associations Senior Vice President & Economist. Golfers proceeded to the course for 9 holes of golfing at the Top of the Rock followed by a self-guided tour of the beautiful Lost Canyon Cave & Nature Trail by golf cart.