

MISSOURI TRUCKING ASSOCIATION

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MISSOURI TRUCKING ASSOCIATION HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

Jefferson City, MO –

The membership of the Missouri Trucking Association held their annual convention September 27-29, 2017 at Chase Park Plaza in St. Louis, Missouri and elected the following slate of officers to lead the association during the 2017– 2018 year.

Chairman: Greg Swift, Swift Carriers, Inc., Marshall, MO

1st Vice Chairman: Mark Walker, TransLand, Strafford, MO

2nd Vice Chairman: Jeff Buchheit, Buchheit Logistics, Scott City, MO

3rd Vice Chairman: Amber Edmondson, Trailiner Corporation, Springfield, MO

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

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

During the three-day annual meeting, marking MoTA’s 80th 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 Forest Park Golf Course. The Wednesday evening “Welcome” reception at the Budweiser Brew House on the Bud Deck in Ballpark Village was followed by a full day of educational programming designed to update and inform trucking executives on many topics of interest. Among notable speakers was Chris Spear, President, American Trucking Associations. Topics covered in Thursday’s presentations included “Good Dads”, Dr. Jennifer Baker; ELD: Legal and Liability Issues, Ted Perryman, Roberts Perryman PC; Easing Transition from Military to Civilian Professional Drivers, Selden Fritschner, FMCSA Transportation Specialist. An “Ask the Experts” panel featured Scott Marion, Director – MoDOT; Brandon Whittington CVE – MO State Hwy Patrol; Russ Quinn representing – MO Dept. of Revenue; Tim Chitwood, Director- BKD CPAs & Advisors; and Tim Niedbalski, Shareholder – Sandberg Phoenix & Von Gontard PC.

At the Candlelight Banquet on Thursday night, Rocky Griffith of Walmart Transportation, St. James, was presented the prestigious “Frank G. Campbell Outstanding Service Award”.

Kyle Larson, The Larson Group, O’Fallon, MO was awarded the “G. Findley Reed Award” the allied industry’s highest service honor.

At the conclusion of the banquet, Reza / Illusionist entertained guests with amazing “Edge of Illusion” show.

Friday morning, the final day of the conference, was wrapped up with “Detour”, an entertaining message by Steve Gilliland; and the Missouri Movers Council meeting.