



## MINUTES

### MAINTENANCE & REPAIR COMMITTEE MEETING INTERMODAL ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2008  
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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Committee Chairman Jim Reo of CMA CGM America Inc. convened the IANA Maintenance & Repair meeting at 10:02 a.m. As the incoming Chairman, Reo said he is happy and honored to chair the committee and thanked his predecessor, Dave Manning of Tennessee Express Inc., for the work he has done on the committee. A Committee Roll Call was conducted, after which a quorum was declared to be present. The anti-trust guidelines were read by IANA staff member Jim Morrow.

Russ Graef, Committee Vice Chairman of ContainerPort Group Inc. summarized the minutes from the Maintenance & Repair Committee on Sunday, November 11, 2007 at the Intermodal Expo and annual Meeting held in Atlanta, Georgia. Following a motion by Chris Montgomery of Milestone Equipment Corporation, seconded by Mike Baker of Tredroc Tire Services, the minutes of the November 2007 committee meeting were approved.

#### **TMC – Bias Tire Condition Analysis Guide**

Carl Kirk of the ATA and its Technology and Maintenance Conference (TMC) gave an overview of the **Bias Tire Condition Analysis Guide** that is being developed by one of the TMC Study Groups. The guide is a “work in progress” (50 percent complete) and due for completion within three to five months. This guide is similar to the **Radial Tire Condition Analysis Guide** previously developed by the same TMC Study Group.

He noted that the TMC is an apolitical part of ATA, consisting of between 2,700 and 3,000 individuals who work in the industry, half of whom are from less-than-truckload carriers. He said the TMC has 120 task forces under 12 permanent study groups. Kirk stated that the Bias Tire Condition Analysis Guide is an educational tool aimed at two different segments: Fleet maintenance directors and engineering practices. Kirk further stated that the ultimate document will probably include between 70 and 80 tire conditions.

Kirk requested that upon completion of the Study Group’s next draft [**mid August**] that the M&R Committee review and provide comment and feedback. Reo advised that the draft document will be referred to IANA’s TMC Initiative Task Force and Tire Issues Task Force for review.

## **Task Force Updates**

### **TMC Initiative Task Force**

Task Force Leader, Mike Niemeyer of Pressure Systems International said the TMC Initiative Task Force has yet not completed its efforts. The Task Force's work should be completed by the November 2008 meeting. Niemeyer said six of the 12 TMC study groups have intermodal applications. The Task Force reviews of the recommended practices are between 75 percent and 80 percent completed. He requested additional volunteers, primarily motor carrier representatives to provide additional review over the next 60 days. The Task Force will then work with Robert Braswell, TMC's technical director, to work towards a completed review of the current TMC Recommended Practices as it relates to intermodal equipment.

### **Roadability Compliance Task Force**

Task Force Leader, Jim Reo said the Roadability Compliance Task Force had nothing additional to report. The final rulemaking for the Requirements for Intermodal Equipment Providers and Motor Carriers and Drivers Operating Intermodal Equipment has been postponed again. The original forecasted date was 4/28/2008 and is now 9/5/2008. **[Subsequent to our meeting the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has delayed the final rulemaking publication date to 9/29/2008.]**

### **Tire Issues Task Force**

Dave Manning, the new Task Force Leader, reported that the Tire Issues Task Force has made some progress. Work is being done to finalize the field study report performed by Mike Sanchez at CBA Tire (Tredroc) and his group of volunteers. Manning said the task force has reviewed and analyzed that study and should have its report finalized, including additional graphics from Al Cohn of Pressure Systems International Inc., and sent to the M&R Committee for review and comment in the next few weeks.

### **Equipment Damage Process Task Force**

Manning, the Task Force Leader also updated the Committee on the Equipment Damage Process Task Force's recommendation to the UIIA regarding the UIIA's Dispute Resolution Process (DRP). He advised that only a few disputes have arisen during the DRP trial period. The IIEC (Intermodal Interchange Executive Committee) has indicated that they intend to adopt the DRP and participation in the arbitration process will be mandatory and binding. The UIIA has initiated a 30-day comment period on many proposed modifications to the agreement. UIIA participants will have the ability to provide their comments on the proposed modifications. **[By June 10, 2008]**

## **Education Session - An IICL Perspective on Equipment Inspections**

Gary Danback, director of technical services with the Institute of International Container Lessors (IICL), gave a presentation on "An IICL Perspective on Equipment Inspections". Danback said the corner-casting issue is being looked at and International Organization for Standardization (ISO) codes are being reworked. He suggested that IANA's M&R Committee become involved in the USA Technical Advisory Group (TAG) and offered to facilitate such involvement. Danback said the ISO Group meets each September in London and that the Convention for Safe Containers (CSC) is being looked at by the ISO. Danback said the IICL also deals with the U.S. Coast Guard on CSC and security issues; works with IANA on matters

including roadability; conducts education/training classes; produces various manuals, including, most recently, a flatrack manual (with manuals available on the IICL Web site); conducts exams for inspectors; and conducts an annual container and chassis fleet survey.

Inspection is very important for both containers and chassis as owners should encourage inspection, maintenance and repair. Safety depends on commitment by all parties. At minimum a cursory check (inspection) of tires, lights and brakes are needed each time a chassis moves. He recommended that inspectors be trained and certified per 49 CFR 396.19. The key regulatory issue related to chassis is roadability, while, regarding containers, some regulations are at odds with certain International Maritime Organization safety criteria. He said he believes in the owner's responsibility to make decisions by component and recommend appropriate corrective action.

### **Future Educational Session Topics**

Graef updated the Committee the M&R Advisory Group's previous educational recommendations. It has been recommended that a 15- to 20-minute segment of each committee meeting be dedicated to specific items of interest to members. Graef reviewed past session's topics and requested future topic suggestions. Reo urged topic suggestions for the November meeting be submitted as soon as possible and should be sent to IANA staff liaison Jim Morrow at jim.morrow@intermodal.org.

### **Potential Task Force Initiative - "Over the Road M&R"**

Paul Dean of Norfolk Southern and Vice Chairman - M&R Committee opened the discussion of a potential "Over-the-Road M&R" Task Force. Dean gave a presentation on the Norfolk Southern's experience with on-road expenses of rail-controlled equipment. He summarized how the current process determines the responsibility for damages.

Dean proposed that a task force be developed to review the current model and make recommendations to the Committee. Reo asked if there was a sentiment favoring a new task force to address such matters, adding that the goal is to come up with the easiest, most cost-effective way to deal with this important issue.

A motion to form a task force was made by Mike Murray of Trac Lease, Inc. Division of Seacastle Chassis and seconded by Kevin Lhotak, Reliable Transportation Services. Following the motion the formation of such a task force was approved.

Reo suggested that such a task force should include three member representatives of equipment providers, truckers and vendors. The next steps are establishment of a task force mission, leadership, and charter. Interested members should notify staff liaison Jim Morrow at jim.morrow@intermodal.org.

### **Other Business**

#### **AAR Intermodal Operations Sub-Committees**

Paul Dean gave an update on matters related to AAR activities of the AAR Intermodal Operations Subcommittee in both the Operations and M & R meetings. Dean said the committee approved the interchange of Chassis Stacking Units (CSU) as shown in Figure 849 in the AAR Open Top Loading

Manual. He also noted concerns related to tripping hazards caused by long-handled IBCs, citing 8 inches as proper length. Dean said the subcommittee was given a presentation from a company regarding universal container locking systems, which would attempt to eliminate the need for IBC's and ground personnel.

Other topics discussed were the update to AAR Manual of Standards and Recommendation M-930, the AAR Intermodal Interchange Rules, and AAR M-952 Intermodal Container Support and Securement System for Freight Cars, which were sent to subscribers for comments by the close of business May 1, 2008.

### Next Meeting/Adjournment

The committee's next meeting initially was set for Friday, Nov. 14, in Fort Lauderdale. However, Reo noted that some committee members may have conflicts, so an alternate date of Sunday, Nov. 16, was proposed will be taken under advisement, with Reo to get back with committee members regarding a final date decision. There being no further business, this meeting, following a motion by Mike Murray, seconded by Kevin Lhotak, was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

### Action Items

Subject	Item Description	Name	Date
Tire Issues Task Force	Finalize Field Study data and formalize recommendations based on that document.	Dave Manning	June 1, 2008
TMC Initiative Task Force	Completion TMC Preventive Maintenance Manual for suitability to intermodal service and recommendations for revisions.	Mike Niemeyer	July 1, 2008
OTR M&R Task Force	Select Task Force Members, establish leadership, mission and Charter	M&R Committee Leadership	July 1, 2008
TMC and Tire Issues Task Force	Review final draft of <b>TMC – Bias Tire Condition Analysis Guide</b> and make recommendations to TMC to complete	Dave Manning and Mike Niemeyer	September 30, 2008 (Tentative)