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## MEETING MINUTES

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

**Monday, September 12, 2022**  
**2:30 -3:30 PM PDT**  
**Intermodal EXPO**  
**Long Beach, California**

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 PM by Committee Chairman Christopher O’Hea of C & K Trucking, LLC. IANA Director of Membership Brian Lagana reviewed the housekeeping and safety items. IANA General Counsel Marc Blubaugh reviewed the anti-trust guidelines. Initially quorum was not established, however, later in the meeting, a quorum had been reached.

#### **Approval of the May 3, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

With quorum eventually being present, Committee Vice Chair Ingrid Crafford of Norfolk Southern Corporation asked for a motion to approve the May 3, 2022, meeting minutes. A motioned was made and appropriately seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

#### **Task Force and Working Group Reports**

##### ***Damage Prevention Outreach Task Force***

Andrew Knouse of Norfolk Southern Corporation, the Task Force Leader, stated that the Task Force is working to create several deliverables to get ahead of some of the more common types of damage to equipment. The first product under consideration is a self-audit for supervisors that can be shared so companies can audit their processes and determine areas where further driver education is needed to prevent damage to equipment, such as to trailer landing legs, tires, brakes, etc.

The second idea is to develop an expansive library of daily job briefings similar to examples shown that were developed by ATA’s Technology & Maintenance Council for drivers and others that come into contact with intermodal equipment. The idea to is review one topic during each daily driver safety briefing.

##### ***Preventive Maintenance Task Force***

Task Force Leader Carl Francis of Consolidated Chassis Management, LLC presented a revised charter for this dormant Task Force. He noted that the three main goals of the Task Force’s charter were to identify the critical elements that should be included in an Intermodal Equipment Preventative Maintenance program; identify and leverage existing IANA resources to support the program; and publish and distribute the recommended practices to the industry.



A motion to approve the charter was made and appropriately seconded. With there being no discussion or questions from committee members, the charter was unanimously approved.

Mr. Francis noted that he may not be available to take a leadership role on the Task Force; committee leadership will work towards recruiting a Task Force leader and finalizing proposed Task Force members.

### ***Roadside Service Task Force***

Task Force Leader Ralph Iacono of Roadrunner Towing & Truck Service reported that the task force has concluded its work and have procured a collection of road service resource materials onto a new centralized webpage on the IANA website. The webpage acts as a quick reference guide, containing roadside service documentation, links to various roadside service websites, and specific business rules pertaining to Intermodal Equipment Providers, or "IEPs," within the industry.

It was recommended that the Task Force be sunset following completion of its work. A motion to sunset the Task Force was made and appropriately seconded. With there being no discussion or questions from committee members, the motion was unanimously approved.

### ***Mechanics Training Working Group***

Working Group Leader Ed Smith of Webb Wheel Products informed the Committee that Lincoln Tech's chassis mechanics online assessment tool was ready to launch. The assessment can be used for new hires or existing employees to test their knowledge; and will allow managers to place employees on the task they have the most knowledge with, thereby increasing production. He encouraged attendees to visit Lincoln Tech's booth to view a demonstration and consider signing on to the program.

### ***Roadability Regulations Review Working Group***

Working Group Co-Leader Marty Summers of Consolidated Chassis Management, LLC reported to the Committee that the Working Group has approved its mission statement. The group has met three times since May to review the violation attribution list and the violation attribution map to determine current enforcement requirements and whether there have been technological developments to intermodal equipment and/or components, since the initial roadability regulations were promulgated in 2009, that impact the regulations as they relate to the assignment of violation attribution.

While early consensus identified lighting and braking systems as the two most likely component groups to provide comment on, they are expanding their reach by distributing the violations attribution list to other (non-Working Group) motor carriers and IEPs, removing the most obvious violation attributions that are not in dispute, to determine those that should be addressed, ranking in order of importance. The group is also working to determine the number of violations versus issued citations.

Mr. Summers reported that the Working Group discussed addressing the violation attributions with CVSA's Vehicle Committee, rather than going directly to FMCSA, as the Working Group's perception of



the process was that FMCSA would take IANA's input and consult with CVSA as part of their input assessment. Additionally, since CVSA trained the inspectors, the Working Group believed that more value could be derived from addressing the violations from the inspector's perspective.

## **New Business**

### **NHTSA's Advisory Committee for Underride Protection**

Mr. O'Hea updated the committee on NHTSA's Advisory Committee for Underride Protection, reporting that the advisory committee is seeking industry participants, and that he was planning to apply. He encouraged committee members to do likewise.

### **Encouragement of Committee Participation**

Mr. O'Hea reminded the attendees of the importance of committee participation and for voting members to either be present or designate a proxy so committees can vote and conduct business.

### **Housekeeping and Adjournment**

It was noted that there will be a virtual meeting in February 2023 followed by an in-person meeting at the May Business Meeting.

Mr. O'Hea called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made and appropriately seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.