



Minnesota Chauffeured Transportation Association

The Minnesota Chauffeured Transportation Association serves as the voice of small business owners who are dedicated to the success of chauffeured transportation and improving industry laws.

MCTA Summer Mtg Recap

Members of the MCTA gathered for their summer membership meeting on Monday, July 10, 2017 at Salut Bar Americain in its Champagne Room in St. Paul for social hour/networking, followed by a dinner meeting. President Len Nelson of Valley Limousine kicked off the meeting filled with speakers and discussion.

The first speaker was State Representative Linda Runbeck (R-Circle Pines), chair of the House Transportation & Regional Governance Policy Committee, who gave an update on the legislative session and took questions. She said that Minnesota has gone from the 39th to 17th most congested transportation system and the Republican majority in the Minnesota House and Senate approved \$500 million in new road money by dedicating money from the sales tax and auto repair to transportation funding. She said there will NOT be an increased gas tax in the future and doesn't believe light rail transit is very effective or a good use of taxpayer dollars. Members expressed concerns about license taxes and tabs.

The second speaker was Laura Roads, staff attorney and commercial vehicle staff at MnDOT. She highlighted MnDOT's efforts to combat human trafficking so they are doing much outreach and training, particularly around the Super Bowl. Ms. Roads mentioned that the department is working on a new commercial vehicle web portal for all regulations and information to come together in one place. She also said their office was going to recommend to the legislature to add language to allow limos to be inspective by private inspectors. MCTA asked about the rule making process and timeline of that from the limo law passed three years ago (& was told there was staffing & time limitations).

Chad Peterson, Renee's Royal Valet, was the highlighted member. Chad gave a recap of the company - with 11 vehicles based on Plymouth with a focus on retail customers. He was formerly in the paint/coating business and he values the relationships with MCTA members. Vice President Charlie Murray gave an advocacy update and noted his trip to Washington, D. C. Leslie updated the group on the recently passed minimum wage ordinance in Minneapolis and how it pertained to chauffeured transportation when working in the city. Secretary/Treasurer Gina Brennan reported on the current financials and that 2017 dues invoices would be sent shortly. Lastly, the group made several key decisions including voting on a new MCTA logo, maintaining the \$100 per insured vehicle dues structure going forward, and continuing the framed membership certificates. The group also discussed new membership recruitment and outreach.



2017 MEMBERSHIP

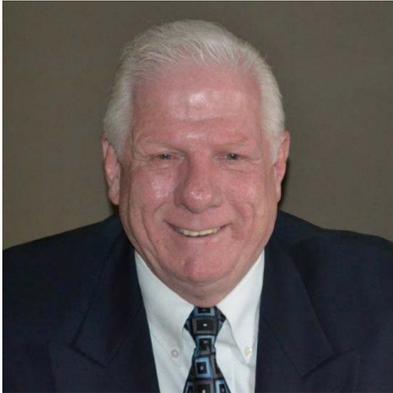
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Message from 2017 MCTA President Len Nelson, Valley Limo & Coach



We are halfway through the year and I'm energized about the future of the MCTA. We've made advancements this year with several new members, two casual member happy hours under our belt, and improved our branding with a new logo. While we have some work to do with policy discussions with MnDOT and the new minimum wage rules, I'm heartened by the strength and collaboration of our organization, and the future of our industry.

Moving forward, I will continue to focus on membership recruitment and ask each member to consider reaching out and inviting a contact to join our group. Whether they have one car or 20, our organization is always stronger together! If you have ideas about how to also strengthen our industry and ways the MCTA can help, please let me know or bring the up at the upcoming meetings. We will continue bringing in industry speakers and looking for ways to positively influence decision-makers for the benefit of chauffeured transportation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to lead the MCTA in 2017.

Happy Hour at Renee's Royal Valet
Thanks to Chad Peterson of Renee's Royal Valet for hosting our second casual membership happy hour on August 8, 2017. While there's no formal agenda, it's a good time for folks to network, share best practices, and get to know member companies.



Leslie's staff updates:

- Membership dues (for the first half of the year) are due August 30. Send invoice/payment directly to Gina Brennan or contact Leslie with questions.
- Please feel free to use the MCTA logo on your company's website to share your involvement.
- Our next membership meeting will be in September - stay tuned for details.

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