

Minutes of the Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board of Directors Meeting
Hilton Hotel, Chicago O'Hare Airport
August 22 and 23, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Avelino Gutierrez, chairman, at 1:00 p.m. on August 22, 2006.

Attendance:

Board of Directors - Avellino Gutierrez, Bob Pitcher, Rick Craig, Barb Hague, David Hugel, Frank LaQua, Dave Lazarides, Bill Leonard, Angel Oliver, Tony Portanova, Rick Schweitzer, Craig Sharkey, Ruth Skluzacek, Terry Willert. Absent – Bob Voltmann.

Others - Brian Price, FMCSA; Shannon Watson, FMCSA; Christine Taylor, FMCSA; Judy Rutledge, FMCSA; John Jabas, FFE; R Charles Waymire, Trans/Mid-Am; Ron Wyamire, Trans/Mid-Am; Vicky Hart, JJ Keller; Dick Henderson, CVSA; Cande Cerniglia, ACS Inc; Bill Debord, KY DOT; Carolyn Barr, Con-Way; Russell Stover, Schneider Nat'l; Sonia Sanders, KY DOT; Kathy Hunter, WA UTC; Gene Eckhardt, WA UTC; Connie Owen, JJ Keller; Linda Stuttgen, Northland Ins; and Tom Klingman, UPS.

Self-introductions were made by all present.

The Agenda was reviewed and approved.

Ground rules for the meeting were reviewed.

The minutes of first (June 13, 2006), and second (July 13, 14, 2006) Unified Carrier Registration Board of Directors (Board) meetings were distributed for review. The minutes would be discussed on August 23, 2006.

Bill Leonard and Bob Pitcher provided an update of their meetings with staff of committee members of the Senate Commerce Committee, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, House Appropriations Committee, and the Senate Appropriations Committee. Discussion at the meetings included delay of the effective date of the Unified Carrier Registration System (UCRS) and repeal of Single State Registration System (SSRS), and the applicability of the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) on the Board.

Avelino Gutierrez distributed for review and approval a letter to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) regarding deferral of operation of UCR Registration System, Administrative Procedure Act, Ex Parte prohibitions, and UCR implementation timeframes, etc. Discussion was deferred to August 23, 2006.

Dave Hugel provided an update from the FMCSA regarding holding the next Board meeting in Washington D.C. and the Board administrative support grant.

The Industry Advisory Subcommittee (IAS) report was given by Bob Pitcher, Chair. A list of nominees for the IAS was distributed to the Board. Additional nominations from the floor included Victor Parra with the United Motorcoach Association and Charley Parfrey with Parfrey Trucking.

The Procedures Subcommittee report was given by Barb Hague, Chair. The draft of the Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) Agreement was reviewed and discussed.

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UCR System Subcommittee report was given by Dave Lazarides, Chair. Different approaches to and the needs of the UCR System were discussed.

The Revenue and Fees Committee report was given by Bill Leonard, Chair. Entitlement verification, fee structures, and carrier population were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned for the day at 5:10 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Avelino Gutierrez, chairman, at 8:00 a.m., August 23, 2006.

By consensus, the Board decided that by November 1, 2006, letters should be sent to state motor carrier associations, and to state Governors and SSRS agencies. The letters will include information for non-SSRS states regarding joining UCR and for SSRS states regarding joining UCR for first registration year, filing of a state plan, certification of fees, statement of intent to participate in first registration year and commensurate deadlines, etc. Also included with the letters would be a UCR State Plan, the statutes, and question and answer document.

The next steps of the Board and the subcommittees were discussed. Each subcommittee chair will have a nomination list ready for their respective subcommittees by the next meeting for submission to Avelino Gutierrez.

The Revenue and Fees Committee will provide to the Board prior to the next meeting any items it has ready for discussion at the next meeting.

The letter to the FMCSA from the Board will be circulated to the Board and mailed within two weeks.

Discussion of absence from the Board meetings by Board members was discussed.

By consensus, minutes of the Board meetings are to be short and concise.

Future UCR Board meetings in 2006 were tentatively set for October 11 & 12 in Washington DC, November 7 & 8 in Chicago, and December 4 & 5 in Chicago.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.