

CASTA Summer 2018 Board Meeting - Minutes

June 7, 2018, 12:00 9m

By Conference Call

In attendance: David Averill, Sarah Dodson, Hank Braaksma, Sherry Ellebracht, Craig Blewiit, Joyce Rihanek, Dawn Block, Scott Truex, & Ann Rajewski.

CASTA member dues

There was discussion regarding the need to increase member dues and various options for the increase to be implemented. Ann asked the Board to make a recommendation based upon scenarios provided. There was discussion regarding Senate Bill One's impact to agency budgets, the Gallagher Amendment, and the possibility of putting together a subcommittee to discuss the issue. In order to increase the dues, it will be necessary to get approval by a vote of the entire membership.

After further discussion, it was decided to put subject off for a year, do some more research, see how SB-1 as well as the 2018 November election affects CASTA revenues, and let the membership know at Colorado Day that they will be asked to vote on the issue at the fall, 2019 conference

CASTA conference registration fees update

Ann noted the fee for Colorado day at the fall conference will cover our costs and that the CDOT will pay the whole fee for attending RIBTC and Colorado day during the fall conference for 5311 grantees.

It was decided to ask staff to come up with more information and put spring conference fees on the next agenda.

Operating Reserve

Ann noted that it is customary to have three to six months of funds in reserve, but that our funding sources are fairly stable and predictable, so we don't have a lot of risk. This will be impacted by the decisions made on the above items. At this point the Board desires to have a goal of three months in the operating reserve fund.

Ballot initiative update

Ann reported that the coalition has decided to go with a question asking for 0.62% sales tax across the state and they are collecting signatures through August 6th. Ann asked the Board if we would like to offer the opportunity to offer our membership a training on how to collect signatures properly. There was discussion regarding the possibility of advertising other petition collection training options rather than providing our own. After further discussion, it was decided that CASTA would make our membership aware of training options, but not provide our own.

The coalition will be starting a campaign in favor of the initiative on August 7th. There was discussion regarding how CASTA can help with marketing the campaign by collecting transit stories, help people get

the materials they need to answer questions, direct people to the campaign website, and other strategies.

CASTA directors are meeting with CDOT officials to determine how SB-1 will affect the membership.

Ann asked the Board to make a resolution to support the ballot initiative.

Hank Braaksma moved and David Averill seconded a motion to draft a resolution in favor of the ballot initiative. There was discussion regarding adding opposition to John Caldera's initiative 167 which doesn't include transit to the resolution. After discussion, it was decided not to amend the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The resolution will be presented to the board by email for approval.

Meeting adjourned at 12:57 pm.

Next Monthly informational call will be July 12th at 12:00 PM

Next Board Meeting – October 2nd, 3-6 PM in Breckenridge during the RIBTC Conference.

Update: July 2, 2018

Resolution to support Transportation Funding Ballot Initiative was emailed to the board. Changes were made to the document. The resolution to support was approved. Craig Blewitt abstained from voting.