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Meeting Date: July 13, 2016 | **Meeting Location:** Maher Training Room, Elizabeth, NJ

Attendees: Molly Campbell, John Nardi, Gary Cross, Frank Grossi, David Cicalese, Jim Mara, Jeff Bader, Tom Adamski, Randy Bayles, Wilby Whitt, Mike McGuinness, Steve Schulein, Greg Moore (on behalf of Phil Connors), Rich Hansen (on behalf of Bill Shea), Bethann Rooney, Amanda Valdes

Guests: Dan Pastore, Bob LaMura, Mike DiVirgilio, Beverly Fedorko, Janis Rich-Gutierrez, Anne Strauss Weider

Excused: John Atkins, Mike Wilson, Dennis Daggett, Pat Hackett, Keith Lovetro, Thorkild Hove, Adele Fasano, Jeff Flumignan

Agenda:

- 1.) Welcoming Remarks
- 2.) State of the Port
 - a. YTD Figures through May
- 3.) Labor Update
- 4.) Panama Canal
- 5.) Implementation Team Updates (as necessary)
 - a. Equipment
 - b. Customer Care
 - c. Gate Operations
 - i. Truck Management System
- 6.) Government and Community Outreach Committee
- 7.) Old Business
 - a. July 1st SOLAS Implementation
 - b. ULCC Ship Simulation Study
- 8.) New Business
 - a. New BCO Representative
 - b. NJTPA Participation
- 9.) Open Forum
- 10.) Housekeeping
- 11.) Next Steps and Action Items

Welcoming Remarks and New Member Introductions:

- PA and NYSA preparing for City of Newark's potential motorcade thru the port
 - Public safety and maintaining port operations are top priorities

State of the Port:

- Year-to-date figures through May are 0.7% down from the same period in 2015
 - Imports down 2%
 - Exports down 4%
 - Empties up 3%
 - Volume decreases due to
 - Weakening economy

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- Traditional peak season replaced by a “Back to School” season
- Better management of inventories
- Rail lifts are up 4% and account for approximately 16.5% of total containers
 - US East Coast rail volumes are flat
- Early data for June indicates a strong month
 - Projecting the second best year on record

Labor Update:

- Hiring and training processes for longshoremen is essentially complete
 - Waiting on 12 checkers to be approved by the Waterfront Commission
- Conceptual discussions held between NYSA and ILA regarding the move to a relief gang system with current resources
- Labor shortages this summer have been significantly less frequent than in past years

Panama Canal:

- Last week, the Port received its first service from the newly opened Panama Canal
 - MOL Benefactor was the first of ten new 10,000 TEU ships
 - Part of the NYX and G-6 alliances
 - Port of New York is first port of call
 - MOL Benefactor captain was pleased with approaches and pilots
- Bayonne Bridge Navigational Clearance is 55-65% complete
 - December 2017 targeted completion
 - Sandy Hook pilots and docking pilots participated in ULCC Ship Simulation Study
 - Simulated a 14,000 TEU vessel in a variety of operating conditions
 - Study concluded that there were no navigational issues for a 14,000 TEU vessel
 - Additional simulation study to be conducted for an 18,000 TEU vessel

Implementation Team Updates:

Equipment

- Nothing new to report regarding chassis pool
- Discussions continue among all parties
- Working through key issues of the agreement
 - Jurisdiction and enforceability
 - Committed to interoperability

Customer Care

- All MTOs currently reporting 4 KPIs
 - Three MTOs have agreed to report an additional 8
- Group aims to begin reporting by the end of the year
- New U.S. Bureau of Transportation Statistics committee is also developing KPIs
 - Top 25 U.S. ports by TEU, tonnage and bulk cargo will measure and report performance to BTS
 - Committee to meet Friday, July 15th in Washington, DC
 - Six ports, including PONYNJ, will participate
 - Further discussion required to possibly include ocean carriers, MTOs, and trade associations to help identify best KPIs to be captured

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Gate Operations

- GCT Bayonne close to implementing an appointment system
 - There will be a July 15th trial run using three selected truckers
 - Non-mandatory appointments will start next week, provided the trial goes well
 - Truckers will be phased into the system daily
 - Mandatory appointment system should be in place by the end of the month

Government and Community Outreach Committee:

- Nothing new to report, as working groups have not requested support

Old Business:

- July 1st SOLAS Implementation
 - In general, very few issues with implementation
 - OCEMA committee working to tweak weighing of rail cargo
- ULCC Ship Simulation Study
 - See Panama Canal comments above

New Business:

- New BCO Representative Selection
 - Port Authority staff working to identify possible candidates
- NJTPA Participation
 - Anne Strauss Wieder, Director of Freight Planning
 - NJTPA is a Metropolitan Planning Organization
 - Serves as a conduit for \$2 billion in federal transportation funds for Northern and Central New Jersey
 - Responsibilities include
 - Building knowledge (economic studies, forecasting, marketing)
 - Moving grant projects forward (TIGER, TIFIA, etc)
 - Funding projects
 - Discussion regarding state funding from Volkswagen settlement
 - PA already working with AAPA to provide comments
 - FHWA requires all states to report performance measures and posts to their website
 - Also requires states to submit a 2045 Freight Master Plan by end of 2017
 - Plan should include states' priority investments in transportation

Open Forum:

- Currently NYSA does not have the ability to hire additional labor
- Recognized need to continue education and outreach in support of other career opportunities throughout the supply chain
 - NJ's Department of Workforce Development was suggested as a useful resource
- Bi-State Motor Carriers Association testing GPS and geo-fencing technologies
 - Three truckers included in test were very successful
 - Information gathered during testing will be released within the next three months
- Street Turn Program
 - Intermodal Association of North America has launched an online platform that facilitates the exchange of intermodal equipment among motor carriers

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- Saves trips to terminals
 - Decreases emissions
 - Participation at PONYNJ increased from 150 truckers to 300 in the month of June
- News from Trenton
 - Fuel tax increase rejected
 - Discussions continue regarding misclassification of truck drivers as independent contractors
 - American Trucking Association met with FMC regarding door moves, specifically who assumes responsibility of paying per diem

Action Items/Deliverables for Next Meeting:

- Share ULCC Ship Simulation Study report for 14,000 TEU vessels once available
- Distribute information regarding Volkswagen settlement to trucking associations and other interested parties