

The meeting was called to order by President Chad Weatherman, welcome to all.

Introductions were held and a quorum was determined

**Secretary's Report: By Ryan Otte,** Minutes are posted on the website for all to see. Tim M. made a motion to approve the minutes. Tim Marthe 2, all ayes.

**Treasure's Report: By Ken Russell,** Current checking account balance is 49,233.50. Currently Northland has no outstanding commitments. Ryan made a motion to accept the minutes and Rick 2<sup>nd</sup> all ayes.

**Board Report Chad:** "How To" out growing the Ramada, we may have to consider capping the attendees at 500. Discussions will occur with national about the increasing fees, the board will follow up and report back. Northland should consider getting an itemized list of duties from National with fees attached to each duty. Northland spent \$3,841.29 on printing last year for the How To, discussion was held on eliminating the mailing and going with an electronic. It was determined to stick with having the mailing going out for field personnel and those without access to the internet. Dave Meslow possibly getting on MCEA and be our liaison.

**ATSSA Fly In-Eric Tennesen:** By attending the Fly In gives an opportunity to go meet with our reps and discuss stories on what we need for highway safety. National will set up appointments for Eric to meet with the reps from our area for a full day of meetings and discussions. Feedback from National: Roger Wenz was very happy that our chapter sent individuals to the Fly in and wishes more chapters would send people. Judd and Dean Tidwell also attended. Judd noted that both ND and SD had their Reps on hand, MN only has the Reps aids on hand.

Robbie Nickelson and Reed went to the ATSSA Leadership Training. Reed said it was a very valuable training to help in situations when dealing with the media on issues or concerns in real world situations.

**ATSSA Update Lori Diaz:** ATSSA has high-quality, FHWA-sponsored training courses available. We will be promoting these courses with Training: ATSSA Grant Training Courses

- Work Zone Traffic Impact Analysis
- Traffic Control Design Specialist
- Work Zone Strategies
- Maintenance and Short-Duration Work Zones
- TTC Considerations in Urban Areas
- Positive Protection in Work Zones
- Work Zone Road Safety Audits
- Work Zone Data Collection

1. ATSSA Midyear Meeting is August 12-14, 2015 in San Diego, CA. Register online at [atssa.com](http://atssa.com).
2. National Work Zone Awareness Week is April 11-15, 2016 in Toledo, OH
3. Member Services Director, Dan Williams, retired on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Bob Felt is serving as the interim director. ATSSA will be posting a position in Member Services in the near future.
4. Transportation Bill Update
  - Current MAP-21 extension expires July 31 → Congress needs to either extend or reauthorize the program before leaving for their annual August recess
  - Senate supposed to vote on a highway bill next week, still fluid with limited details though
  - House has already passed a 5 month extension of MAP-21 with the goal of completing a 6-year highway bill this fall.
  - Nate's guess: Senate passes some version of a new highway bill, but compromises with the House and a short term extension into the fall is enacted.
5. Foundation is working on raising public awareness by promoting the National Work Zone Memorial; looking for more venues to host the Memorial. Northland Chapter How-To might be a good location. The hosting fee is \$1,500 which covers the costs of shipping and the replacement of name panels when more name are added. If you work like to submit a name, please contact Lori Diaz.

6. The Foundation's Golf Tournament and SCE Event will be held in conjunction with ATSSA's Convention and Traffic Expo on January 29, 2016 in New Orleans. The Northland Chapter has always supported the Foundation Golf Tournament and we look forward to the Chapter's support again for 2016.
7. The Foundation just released a television and radio PSA campaign last week. They were picked up by several media outlets across the country. The television and radio PSAs are posted to the Foundation web page. Just visit [atssa.com/thefoundation](http://atssa.com/thefoundation).

**Memorial:** IAPWA coming to Minneapolis next year, this would be a good opportunity for Northland to sponsor the Memorial at the event.

The Memorial is 20' long. A motion by Chad was made to host the Memorial and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick all ayes. A Committee was put together (Scott, Dave, Judd) to help put this together.

**Golf Outing, Rick:** 30 golfers participated. The fee was dropped to offset some of the costs for membership. This was the 5<sup>th</sup> year we have held the golf outing.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** ND LTAP, is putting on a sign training course and is asking us to sponsor it with a \$2,500 donation. A motion was made for Northland to donate up to \$2500.00 by Chad and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick all ayes.

Mike Leaf asked that we do a memorial at next year's How To in honor of Craig.

**Elections:** Two positions on the board are open. The nominees are Ryan Otte, Mike Granger Jr. and Chris Rathjen.

The results: Ryan and Mike Granger will on the board.

**Adjournment:** Chad made a motion to adjourn and Tim Mc 2<sup>nd</sup> all ayes  
How To will be held March 15 and 16, 2016.