

RMACT



Rocky Mountain Chapter of the
Association for Commuter Transportation

RMACT Board Meeting 12/2/05 MINUTES

BOARD PARTICIPANTS: Lynn Rumbaugh, Scott Miklos, Allison Billings, Sabra Jane Basler, Brendon Harrington, and Melissa Gordon

OTHER PARTICIPANTS: Micha Stone

1. 2006 Work Plan and Budget: Lynn welcomed the board to the annual board meeting and handed out the current chapter board list. Scott reviewed the books with the board. There is currently a balance of \$3,738 in the chapter bank accounts.

The board reviewed the 2005 work plan and discussed changes and updates to the new 2006 work plan. Key elements of the 2006 work plan will include Board meetings, conferences, publications, training/professional development workshops, and an annual member meeting. The board did decide to forego continuation of scholarships allocation for the national conference registration fee.

The board also discussed appropriate changes to the 2006 budget. The planned budget will be \$4,180, with dollars allocated to travel, chapter expenses, net conferences and local events. In addition to not allocating any dollars toward scholarships, the board also decided to not spend dollars on Chapter awards.

Other items discussed during the work plan and budget section of the agenda included setting criteria for local events, discussing the ACT member recruitment benefit, and including regional legislation information in the chapter newsletter.

2. 2007 ACT International Conference: Micha Stone of UrbanTrans Consultants joined the board for the discussion about submitting a proposal for Denver to host the 2007 ACT International Conference. The RFP for the 2007 ACT National Conference will likely be released in January 2006 and though Seattle was likely a strong contender up until earlier this year, reportedly they are no longer interested. The opportunity to submit a proposal to host in Denver is generally appealing to the group, but a number of questions and items of concern were discussed throughout this agenda item. Micha informed the board about the financial results of both the Salt Lake City and New Orleans conferences. Micha also reported a little bit of feedback she recalled from the 1996 Denver conference. The most important considerations will be the level of interest from Rocky Mountain Chapter members. The other major item of concern is the proposed ACT national policy for the international conference profit sharing. The new sliding scale limits the amount that the chapter could receive, even with a substantially profitable conference. The scale also means that if certain profit targets are not met, the chapter could be left with nothing, a prospect that raises significant concerns from the board. The board

recommended that we wait until the RFP is out after the January national board meeting to make a final decision.

3. Other business and work assignments:

- a. Lynn will email the membership to gauge interest in Denver hosting the 2007 conference and to determine whether enough potential volunteers will be available to assist.
- b. Scott will email the 2006 work plan and budget to ACT National.
- c. Allison will draft a recommendation for determining the criteria for the Chapter to provide local event funding.
- d. Sabra will contact net conference attendees who are not RMACT members to provide information about the benefits of ACT membership. Sabra will also create RMACT letterhead.
- e. Board members will email Lynn with any names they would like added to the email distribution list.
- f. Lynn will add a legislative article to upcoming newsletters.

Allison also announced that Transportation Solutions will be hosting an event about streetcars in Denver at 10am on January 26th.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 31st at 1pm via conference call.