

## Minutes

2017 GRITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS				
OFFICERS	ALABAMA	LOUISIANA	MISSISSIPPI	EX-OFFICIO
Jonathan Fox, President Diane Hammonds, VP Jake Wimberly, Secretary Deborah Leo, Treasurer Laura Hartley, Past Pres	Jeff Smith Jon Gifford Jeremy Borden Marybeth Bergin Alex Hainen	Mark Melancon Paul Hsu Carryn Sollie Sarah Edel Julius Codjoe	Mike Brown Kevin McCoy John Gilligan Jim Willis Steve Puryear	FHWA Reps Past Presidents Council -Chris Hilyer -Wayne Curry -Acey Roberts -Stephen Glascock -Mike Stokes
	<b>OTHERS (Committee Members)</b> Kim Taylor Corey Rhodes			

### 2017 Committees and Members

Membership	Communications	Training	Academic	TIM	Meeting Planning Committees			Past Presidents Council
Steve Puryear Wayne Curry Mike Brown Sarah Edel Ranzy Whiticker John Gilligan Diane Hammonds Paul Hsu	Kim Taylor, Chair Laura Hartley Diane Hammonds Susan Byrd Jon Gifford <del>Acey Roberts</del> Andre Villanueva Joe Williams Jeremy Borden Paul Hsu	Kevin McCoy – Chair <del>Marshall Elizer</del> Jeff Dogan Waheed Uddin Tait Karlson Alex Hainen	Jake Wimberly, Chair Jeff Smith Carryn Sollie Sherif Ishak Steve Puryear Samantha Islam Alex Hainen Tara Shumate	John Gilligan, Chair Joe Williams	<b>Annual Meeting:</b> Chris Hilyer, Chair Corey Rhodes Marybeth Bergin Wayne Curry Bonnie Bird Diane Hammonds Jonathan Fox	<b>Spring Workshop:</b> Diane Hammonds, Chair Paul Hsu Corey Rhodes Mark Melancon	<b>Fall Workshop:</b> Jeff Smith Laura Hartley Jake Wimberly Jim Willis Steve Puryear Ranzy Whiticker	Laura Hartley, Chair Wayne Curry Acey Roberts Jonathan Fox Chris Hilyer Steve Glascock Mike Stokes

1. Call to order/Roll Call - **John Gilligan, Jake Wimberly, Mike Brown, Laura Hartley, Jeff Smith, Steve Puryear, Jonathan Fox, Chris Hilyer, Wayne Curry, Mark Melancon, Diane Hammonds, Deborah Leo, Kim Taylor, Jon Gifford, Jeremy Borden, Paul Hsu,**
2. Adopt Spring Board Meeting Minutes - **YES**
3. Officer Reports
  - A. Jonathan Fox, President  
**Continued pushing growth, outreach, and student outreach. Push for more activity in calls and committees.**
  - B. Diane Hammonds, Vice President  
**No update**
  - C. Jake Wimberly, Secretary  
**No update**

- D. Deborah Leo, Treasurer  
**Treasurer report attached**
- E. Laura Hartley, Past President  
**No update**

4. Committee Reports

- i. Chairs are to provide the officers updated list of committee members and recap – forecast future meetings. **This is still outstanding**
- A. Committee meeting schedules
- B. Communications – Kim Taylor
  - i. Goal - Weekly touch to membership
  - ii. Newsletter – 2x/yr goal (update)
  - iii. Promotional Materials – current and future ideas.
  - iv. Website – open discussion  
**Website up and going – Fall/Winter newsletter underway as far as being put together. #gritsnguitar trying to get active within social media community. Accepting anyone who may want to help with website.**
- C. Membership – Steve Puryear
  - i. Membership Status by Type, State and Group –
  - ii. **249 active members to date. Discussing various ways to exhibit and push the brand and drive membership. (Possible motion on approach of members, nonmembers at winter board meeting.)**
  - iii. **There has been a loophole where exhibitors have been attending annual meetings but not becoming chapter members. We'll start soliciting these companies to become chapter members**
  - iv. **GRITS needs to start marketing more at other organization meetings (ITE, ASCE, ACEC, ....)**
- D. Training Committee – Kevin McCoy –
  - i. Training Opportunities / Webinars  
**Facebook live running during the annual meeting  
No report otherwise**
- E. Academic – Jake Wimberly
  - i. Goal - Get students jobs in our industry
  - ii. Goal - Improve academic outreach
  - iii. Scholarship Opportunities – moving forward – recap 2017
    - 1. Essay scholarship - ongoing
  - iv. Upcoming presentations / Campus Visits - TBD
  - v. GRITS video
  - vi. **We had nine students, from five different schools; need to discuss in winter meeting possible topics – possible drive for winners to become members; potential for students must become a member before submitting scholarship application.**

- F. TIMS – John Gilligan
  - i. PRVWS Visit Update
  - ii. Other Actions
    - **John discussing how MDOT will not at the moment support TIMS. Potential for GRITS to provide support letter to DOTs for TIM committee participation and TIM outreach**
  
- G. Past Presidents Council – Laura Hartley
  - i. Elections
  
  - ii. I-10 Corridor Coalition – continue discussions with state DOTs
  - iii. Legislative – set reachable goal for 2018 and take action
    - No reports**
  
- 5. Old Business / New Business
  - A. 3C Summit Domain
  - B. 2017 Fall Workshop – Hattiesburg
  - C. 2018 5C Summit (Oct. 7-10) – Chris Hilyer
  - D. 2018 Winter Board Meeting – **Hattiesburg likely for convenience**
  - E. 2019 Mississippi Annual meeting - Jackson or South Haven currently being considered
  - F. 2020 Discussion / Other ITSA Hosting Opportunities – Lake Charles or ITSA
  - G. 2020 ITE International Meeting will be in NOLA (Joint meeting w/ SDITE)**
  - H. Others

**Adjourned**



Florence, Alabama

**Gulf Region ITS Board of Directors Meeting**  
**January 15-16, 2017**  
**Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa**

**Notes:**