

## MEETING MINUTES

2017 GRITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS (✓ = In Attendance)				
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 Dr. Alex Hainen	✓ Mark Melancon ✓ Paul Hsu ✓ Carryn Sollie Sarah Edel Dr. Sherif Ishak	✓ 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			

- Jonathan sent a go to meeting link... further in the agenda to see website update material and for everyone to discuss.
- Adopt Winter Board Meeting Minutes Motion – Jeff Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> – Diane all in favor, none opposed
- **Officer reports**
  - Jonathan –
    - Ongoing discussion ITS America trying to change strategies as a parent organization. Chapters are paying dues for being associated with ITS America we have been with them for 8 years and this is the first we have heard of.

They have raised them to \$500/year per chapter. Other chapters have asked what they are getting and why went from 275 – 500. They have hired additional staff. Last week they had a call to address the concerns. Good call. Old business model was operating at a loss. They are pushing advocacy, trying to be more transparent.

Get on their email list to get the notices. Pushing legislative outreach - If you ask they will do their best to accommodate and attend chapter meetings. We can publicize any event that we would like. John Gifford motioned for GRITS to pay – Mike Brown 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor... none opposed; will be added to the budget.

  - State Chapters task force ITSA is looking for volunteers for. Will use that for feedback on how to support the chapter. Be on the lookout for that. One board

member should be on the task force. They will still maintain the state chapter call and Jonathan has been attending those.

- Latest By-laws – a few changes mostly covering election changes and the other item was the change to require the board members to be mandatory attendees at the Winter workshop and the annual meeting. Other meetings are ok to call in – Laura motioned to Approve – Diane 2<sup>nd</sup> – none opposed
- Diane – Handbook
  - Will adopt next meeting if any other comments please send immediately
  - Laura will send comments with updated cover
- Jake – see report under Academic Committee
- Debra – not on the checking account; will be able to serve fully once on account
  - Jonathan recommend limiting people on the account to current and past treasurer – not needed to be adopted into bylaws - can add to the handbook
  - Diane went over the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter budget info.
- Chris – annual meeting –
  - Got 75% of speakers secured
  - Over half of sponsors secured
  - 50% of exhibit hall secured – Bonnie Bird will be able to give future updates
  - Tracking 6 months out doing well
  - In the next month will start pulling in social aristocrats to plan the parties
  - Meeting page website needs some updates all general sessions again this year
  - Doing a vendor parade 30 – 45 minutes at the welcome session
  - He called out many letters – see agenda
  - Board Meeting on Sunday Morning prior to the golf tournament
- Laura – see report under Past President Council

### **Committee Reports**

- Jonathan had a goal to get committees more active and involved – he hasn't seen any calendar invites – Need update of committee members from each chair.
- Communications Committee
  - Website update from Kim.

- **\*\*\*\* Sponsors/Exhibitors need to send high res logo to Diane\*\*\*\***
- Bubba cup give-away.
- Have monthly meetings to discuss updates needed by the committee chair.
  
- Membership Committee – no report; pending website completion
  
- Training Committee – working to advance training videos (live/on-demand) on the GRITS website
  
- Academic Committee – sent out scholarship application earlier this year.
  
- TIM Committee – looking to get committee members; Jonathan to provide board member email addresses
  
- Past Presidents Council -
  - TrueGRIT aware – push after website completed
  - I-10 Corridor Coalition – brochure to be created
  - Legislative Outreach – GRITS/ITS brochure to be passed out next session
  - Laura motion to pay for GRITS I-10 webpage – Jeff Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> - none opposed
  - Smart Cities Symposium – Kansas City in Oct, GRITS attendance desired

### Old Business/New Business

- Fall Workshop date Nov 2 – 3 – Smith is the chair – Hattiesburg, MDOT District 6 auditorium – GRITS Board meeting on Wednesday, joint meeting on Thursday and ITE Board meeting on Friday AM.
  
- XC summit – MOU is signed hotel is booked committee structure is underway – Chris is the executive member from grits. Tennessee is in as the 4<sup>th</sup>. The potential 5<sup>th</sup> would be Carolinas they will meet next week Hyatt in Jacksonville Oct 7-10 2018. New MOU will be needed if Carolinas joins [*Update after meeting, Carolina has joined. It will be the 5C Summit*]
  
- 2018 winter board meeting – cruise? – Likely to have meeting in Hattiesburg
  
- 2019 AM – Laura will provide better update at next board meeting.
  
- 2020 ITSA – Lake Charles – Golden Nugget? ITS World Congress.