

THE REPORT



Vincit Omnia Veritas

Maryland Troopers Association, Inc.

January 2012



President's Message

Greetings:

First and foremost, I would like to thank everyone for your calls and visits following the death of my father. Your kind words, thoughts and prayers were very much appreciated by the entire family.

We are now two weeks into this year's legislative session. We remain cautiously optimistic that employee and retiree benefit changes instituted last year will continue to meet projected savings needs and that additional changes will not be considered. As you know, Bernie Shaw and his legislative committee review all bills that are submitted to determine their potential impact on active and retired members. Those which are determined to have a potentially negative impact will be reported to the Board of Directors so that a plan of action can be developed. In some cases, the plan of action may require the support of our membership through contact with their respective representatives. Bernie will provide a complete list of pending legislation related to the MSP which will be published in the newsletter and on our website. Please remain current on what is pending and become involved when necessary.

The Maryland Troopers Association will be hosting another Legislative Reception in Annapolis on February 21, 2012. I would like to thank the Maryland State Police Alumni Association Board of Directors for their generous financial support of this very important event. This reception gives us the opportunity to meet with our legislators in a social, non-formal setting to discuss issues that are important to our members. It is always well attended and the feedback is always positive. This year promises to be the same. Until next time, I remain...

Fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Kirk Daugherty". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

M. Kirk Daugherty
President

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The Maryland Troopers Association's January 2012 Executive Board Meeting was called to order on January 17, 2012 at 1700 hours by President Kirk Daugherty. Vice-President Chris Sasse, and Executive Director Bob Devers were present. Secretary Treasurer Vicki Patterson was absent. Roll call was taken by Executive Director Bob Devers and the following Lodge Presidents were present:

Tri-County - C. Horner; Lodge 1 - D. Cameron; Lodge 13 - D. Morris; Lodge 14 - R. Ruff; Lodge 15 - J. Vogt, Lodge 17 - A. Michael; Lodge 19 - S. Murphy; Lodge 20 - E. Bredenburg; Lodge 40 - Excused - O. Artfitch; Lodge 51 - P. Grotte; Lodge 76 - J. McLeary; Lodge 88 - B. Blubaugh; Lodge 96 - C. Creswell. With a quorum present, the President declared the meeting in order.

The President of the MTA lead the Board of Directors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The President called for a review of the minutes from the December 2011 Executive Board meeting. A motion was made by Lodge 1 to adopt the minutes as recorded. The motion was seconded by Tri-County Lodge and the motion passed.

President

M. Kirk Daugherty

I would like to thank everyone for your kind expressions of sympathy regarding the death of my father. Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated by my entire family.

Vice-President

Christopher Sasse

I sent a number of agency related materials to the Executive Director for publication on the listserv.

I attended the January 2012 Finance Committee meeting in Pikesville and the Lodge 51 monthly meeting in Frederick.

The 138th Trooper Candidate Class started this week with 96 candidates and I understand that they have lost 1 so far.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Vicki Patterson

Nothing to Report

Executive Director's Report

Robert Devers

Nothing to Report

National Troopers Coalition Liaison

Charles Horner

I will be attending the NTC Winter Conference in Las Vegas on February 9th and 10th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

By-Laws: S. Murphy - Nothing to Report

Finance: J. Diggs - On January 4, 2012 the Finance Committee held its monthly meeting at the MTA office in Pikesville, Maryland. In attendance were Finance Chairperson Jay Diggs, Bill Bernard, Earl Bredenburg, Pete Edge, Bob Kirk, Walt Mills, Mike Smith and Executive Director Bob Devers.

MEETING DATES: February 8, 2012 at 10am @ the MTA Office; March 7, 2012 at 10am at the MTA Office

STATE OF THE MTA:

1. UBS Account - \$504,854

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Finance Committee presented the December Finance Report to the Board at the December Board meeting.
2. Affinity Program – Just a small reminder to join the Program by visiting the MTA web site at www.mdtroopers.org and signing up on line.
3. The 2012 Budget was presented to the Board after being administratively tabled from the November Board Meeting. The Board voted to accept the 2012 budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Requests for Donations:

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2. FORM 106 REVIEWS:

- A. Lobbyist Bernard Shaw's Form 106 for December 2011 in the amount of \$154.75 was reviewed. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept this report.
- B. Executive Director Bob Devers' Form 106 for December 2011 in the amount of \$488.36 was reviewed. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept this report.
3. The Treasurer's Report for December 2011 – A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept this report.
4. This year marks the end of the Byron Warnken and Wilner and Scherr contracts. The Finance Committee will be reviewing these contracts and meeting with the Legal Advisory Committee to finalize contract parameters.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Time Start: 10:00 hours
Time Ended: 12:30 hours

1. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Retired Sergeant John Shelley.

The President called for a motion to accept the Finance Committee reports as presented. The motion was made Lodge 76, seconded by Lodge 88 and passed.

Legislative/Political Action Bernie Shaw - I attended a reception for Delegate Adrienne Jones and Speaker Busch on January 5, 2012 .

The General Assembly convened on January 11, 2012.

The Legislative reception has been confirmed for February 21, 2012 from 5:00 - 8:00 PM at the Miller Senate Office Building in Annapolis. Discussion was held concerning the Executive Board meeting for February. The Board agreed that they would meet an hour before the reception in the reception room.

Legal Advisory - G. Tracey - Nothing to report.

Minority Affairs - Ron Ruff - Nothing to Report

Scholarship: Brian Blubaugh - Brian noted that we have received 3 member and 20 dependant scholarship application requests thus far.

Brian canvassed the lodge presidents to finalize the scholarship award amounts from each lodge and reminded all members that applications must be submitted by certified mail to the MTA office no later than March 31, 2011.

Retirees: Dave Cameron - The MSPAA will be holding their January luncheon meeting at the Bayou Restaurant in Havre de Grace on January 28, 2012.

SLEOLA - B. Gill - Absent - A. Michael who also serves as the Vice-President of SLEOLA reported that negotiations are wrapping up and that they are waiting for a response from the Governor's Office on a few issues.

We understand that funding is being proposed for two classes in fiscal year 2013.

SLEOLA is in process of moving. The lease on our previous space expired and we were able to secure a better location at essentially the same rate.

LODGE REPORTS

Lodge 20: E. Bredenburg - Earl indicated that he had a member address the local lodge meeting requesting \$13,000.00 in funding to purchase a K-9 dog. While we would be willing to help where we can, we don't think that it would look very good for the Department or the State of Maryland should we initiate a public appeal for funding of a K-9 dog for Carroll County. I would make a motion that we ask the Superintendent why K-9 personnel are being asked to seek funding to purchase departmental resources.

Considerable discussion was held concerning the cost involved and past practices of K-9. The high cost involved results from the requirement that K-9 dogs be certified and that breeders of the certified dogs (mostly European) are demanding those prices due to the limited supply. The benefit to using certified dogs is that they are guaranteed.

A suggestion was made to consider seeking asset seizure funding from the drug task forces. Kirk indicated that he

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would make the appropriate inquiry regarding funding for the dogs.

Lodge 76: J. McLeary - FOP Lodge 76 will be co-hosting a Golf Tournament in April of this year with the Emerald Society. The cost will be \$500 per team and will include Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

OLD BUSINESS

Lodge 76 asked to revisit the request to assist TFC Kris Phillips with the purchase of a tombstone for his daughter and made a motion that the MTA donate \$500.00 to assist with this purchase from the monument company. The motion was seconded by lodge 19 and passed.

Charlie Horner also acknowledged Lodge 96 for their recent \$100.00 donation to this cause.

NEW BUSINESS

The President appointed Jeremy Vogt to serve on the Legislative Committee.

The President also announced that Secretary/Treasurer Vicki Patterson has relocated to Key West, Florida. She has a one year lease and will not be returning for meetings during this time. The bi-laws remain silent on how many meetings must be attended by a member of the Executive Committee. As such, the Executive Director has indicated that the office staff will assume her responsibilities in the interim without remuneration. We will proceed in this fashion unless the Board objects. There were no objections.

The President also noted that he received a message from SLEOLA representative, Brian Gill, who indicated that he would not be able to make it to MTA meetings in the foreseeable future and that the MTA may want to consider a replacement for him. While this was not a resignation, as such, he was clearly open to being replaced in this position. If there is any active MTA/SLEOLA member who may be interested in fulfilling the duties of MTA representative on the SLEOLA Board of Directors, please let me or the office know.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

At 5:36 P.M. a motion to adjourn was made by Lodge 96, seconded by Lodge 1 and passed. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 1600 hours at the Miller Senate Office Building in Annapolis, Maryland..

Chesapeake Investment Advisors Martin Knight

If you have questions concerning the DROP (or any other investment issues), give Marty a call (410-810-0735). The best time to do the research is before your exit-date so very little time is lost reinvesting your assets. Marty can help your transition from active State Trooper to retired investor. And rest assured, he will always put your financial interests first.

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