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STAM

3RD QUARTER STAM NEWSLETTER

THE SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS

Hard to believe but we are three quarters through the year. Schools have started and with that a new problem is showing up. I think everyone knew the shortage of bus drivers was going to be an issue and began to address the issue during the summer.

STAM continued the aggressive advertising on social media and hopefully this helped. DESE, RMV, DOT and the MSP all stepped up to work with us to recruit, train and license drivers as quickly as possible. The efforts are on-going and the team approach between the state agencies and STAM will help keep

everyone attention focused and motivated.



47TH ANNUAL CONVENTION AND TRADE SHOW

The Annual Convention and Trade Show made a strong comeback after a year off. The Convention was well attended on both Monday and Tuesday and the speakers selected presented information which was current and needed. The goal was for everyone to walk away with a clear picture of any questions they may have had. This was met. We also sent copies of the presentation out to all who requested them, with a copy

of all the questions asked during the presentation. This appeared to be a hit. We are looking forward to making next year's convention even better than this year.

The Convention also gave us the opportunity to finally get together and wish Lyn and Frank a proper thank you for their years of commitment and service to STAM. The reception also

gave many an opportunity to reminisce with many of the past presidents who attended. It was also great for the STAM office to listen to the stories from the past.



29TH ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE

We are now into planning the return of our Annual Winter Conference. There were a few hurdles we needed to overcome, but everything is ironed out and the plans are well under way. The venue needed to be switched but we feel confident everyone will have just as good of a time as they had at Bakers Cay. We have already secured Rich and Grace Kelly to be guest speakers and this year Curt Macysyn, Executive Director of NSTA who will share what is happening from the national perspective for the school bus industry.



RETIREMENTS IN WORKERS COMP

We also learned of Joe Blanche and Pat Gipps retirement from Future Comp. We want to thank them for their years of dedication to the members of SIG group and also wish them a healthy and long retirement



BYLAWS



During our meeting in September we voted on our updated by-laws. The by-laws had not been changed since 1991 and were way over due for revision. They were reviewed by our legal counsel. Copies will be sent to all members shortly.

SBDI AND UPDATED TRAINING CLASSES

During the last quarter we coordinated another SBDI course along with 2 update training. We had 26 attendees for the Basic training while 13 current SBDI's attended the update session held on Saturday. We once again want to thank AA transportation and his staff for providing the location for the update training portion of the weekend.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome Michael J Connolly Bus and DATCO to our membership family.

