

WISCONSIN TOWING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING
CHULA VISTA RESORT, WISCONSIN DELLS
June 20, 2021

The following are the minutes of the Wisconsin Towing Association annual meeting held June 20, 2021 at the Chula Vista Resort and Hotel in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin. Chairman John Schmidt called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. In Attendance: see attached sheet.

Secretary's Report

Chairman Schmidt called on Dan Johnson to read the minutes of the previous annual meeting. A motion to dispense with the reading and accept as submitted was made by Junior Merten. The motion was seconded by Betty Parnham. Motion carried.

Membership Report

Chairman Schmidt called on Dan Johnson give the membership report, as follows:

New Members

1. Cars Towing	Out of State	Joined: 4/22/21
2. DN N DRTY, LLC	Towing	Joined: 4/27/21
3. Brauner's Garage	Towing	Joined: 5/12/21
4. Graveyard Auto	Towing	Joined: 5/25/21
5. J&J Towing	Towing	Joined: 6/01/21
6. WI Repossession Agents	Allied	Joined: 6/01/21
7. Shawn Hughes	Friend	Joined: 6/03/21
8. CES Towing	Towing	Joined: 6/03/21
9. Elite Towing	Towing	Joined: 6/09/21

Total: 9

Cancelled Members

1. US Bank	Allied	Non-payment of dues
2. Camel Towing, LLC	Towing	Non-payment of dues

Total: 2

Towing Companies	128
Allied	18
Out of State	13
Friends	7
Total members	166

A motion to approve the report was made by Wayne Lammert and seconded by Junior Merten. Motion carried.

Financial Report

Chairman Schmidt called on Dan Johnson give the financial report. Between October 1, 2020 and May 31, 2021, Wisconsin Towing Association revenue was \$59,004 and expenses were \$39,552 with a Fund Balance as of June 1, 2021 of \$65,822. In April of this year, a \$1,000 deposit was sent to the Chula Vista for the 2022 Tow Show.

As of June 11, Tow Show revenue was \$42,290 and expenses are \$2,387 but there obviously will be additional expenses when we receive the final invoice from Chula Vista and any other vendors later this month. That information will be available at the October board of directors meeting. A motion to approve the report was made by Junior Merten and seconded by Betty Parnham. Motion carried.

Legislative Report

Dan Johnson provided an update on the following legislative items:

- **Highway 'Emergency Zone' Legislation Re-Introduced**
- **Governor, Legislature at Odds Over Federal Funding**
- **GOP Dismantles Evers' Proposed Budget**
- **Wisconsin Unemployment Compensation Measures**
- **Biden Infrastructure Plan, Senate GOP Counteroffers**
- **Biden Proposes American Families Plan**

No motion necessary to accept this report.

Election – Board of Directors

THERE ARE SIX OPEN SEATS FOR TERMS SERVING TO 2023 AND THE OPEN SEAT FOR AN ALLIED MEMBER TO SERVE A ONE YEAR TERM AS AN ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR.

THE DIRECTORS WITH TERMS EXPIRING ARE:

- Jean Rogers Wedel, Dewey's Service
- Craig Goldbeck, Goldbeck Towing Service
- John Merten Jr, Merten's Service
- Kyle Gessler, Gessler's Towing
- Chase Leonard, Floyd and Sons
- Sean Zacher, Zacher Truck Service
- Danny Matthews, Zip's Truck Equipment (Allied Seat - one year term)

The following individuals are recommended to be placed in nomination for election to the open seats on the WTA Board for a three year term expiring in 2024.

1. Jean Rogers Wedel, Dewey's Service
2. Craig Goldbeck, Goldbeck Towing Service
3. John Merten Jr, Merten's Service
4. Kyle Gessler, Gessler's Towing
5. Chase Leonard, Floyd and Sons
6. **OPEN**

Junior Merten made a motion to accept the committee report as read. Wayne Lammert seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chairman Schmidt asked three times if there were any additional nominations. Motions for nominations were made for the following individuals: Chase Leonard nominated Mark Bradfish of Jerry's Towing, seconded by Mark Salentine. Jeff Roskopf nominated Sever Rundhaug of S&R Towing, seconded by Pat Kumbier. Hearing no additional nominations, a motion was made by Mark Salentine and seconded by Wayne Lammert to accept and close all nominations. Motion carried.

Chairman Schmidt then requested nominations for the one-year director term to be held by an associate member. Danny Matthews with Zip's Truck Equipment was nominated by Betty Parnham and seconded by Mark Salentine. Hearing no additional nominations, a motion was made by Mark Salentine and seconded by Junior Merten to close nominations for the Allied seat and elect motion Danny Matthews to the Allied Director seat. Motion carried.

Votes were tallied by staff and announced by Chairman Schmidt. The results of the election place the following individuals into board director seats:

1. Jean Rogers Wedel, Dewey's Service
2. Craig Goldbeck, Goldbeck Towing Service
3. John Merten Jr, Merten's Service
4. Kyle Gessler, Gessler's Towing
5. Chase Leonard, Floyd and Sons
6. Mark Bradfish, Jerry's Towing

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mark Salentine said a big issue for Ray's Towing is having the ability to place liens on vehicles for non-payment of tow and storage fees. This piggybacks on Jamon Ingelse proposal to copy Florida law in regards to prevent vehicle registrations for unpaid towing fees. Dave Whealon supports the concept and Craig Goldbeck said North Dakota is working with its state Health Department to track individuals. George Kuntz may be able to provide more details about that. John Schmidt also said liability insurance was a huge issue and perhaps a special committee needs to be created to examine both issues.

Several members volunteered for this committee, including Jeff Roskopf, Chase Leonard, Pat Kumbier, Wayne Lammert, Jean Wedel, Mark Salentine, Michelle Sukow, Dave Whealon, John Schmidt, Josh Wedel, Alex Schmidt, Rob Stigler, Ken Weber and Jamon Ingelse.

Chuck Anderon of Nolte's Towing raised an issue with membership dues and what members get for their dues. John Schmidt reminded him of a number of issues the WTA was able to address, such as the PPI law and the third party dispatch proposal (AutoReturn) which the WTA was able to block. If AutoReturn had been established in Wisconsin, it would have been very detrimental to the industry, not just the WTA. But the WTA was at the forefront of this issue and successfully killed it in this state. Wayne Lammert agreed and said the special committee did a lot of work behind the scenes and that was a huge benefit for WTA members. Aaron Richards said that being a part of an active group like the WTA is its own benefit. You can't put a price on that.

Geri Roskopf said many of the founding members had the same issues in 1967 but the group is strong and we're colleagues, not just competitors. Michelle Sukow said that perception is reality, and we need to do more to bring in new, younger members and not backdoor other members when it comes to board director seats. We need to welcome in new members and make them feel a part of it all.

Jeff Roskopf brought up the issue of national insurance legislation, raising the mandatory minimum from \$750,000 to \$3 million. He also mentioned the ATA Towing Fraud Committee that had recently been introduced. Michelle Sukow said the Association needs to focus more on legislative issues and more work needs to be done with the National Association, as well as the state WAVE committee.

Seeing no further business, Aaron Richards made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Junior Merten seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Johnson
Secretary
Wisconsin Towing Association

**WI Towing Association Board Meeting
General Attendance**

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NAME	COMPANY
Jean Wedel	Dewey's
DAN JOHNSON	WTA
Mark Salentine	Ray's
Dave Whealan	Whealan Towing
Tom Hedlgh	AREA WIDE TOWING
GARY Wedel	Dewey's
Josh Wedel	"
Manly Rogers	"
Geri Roskopf	Roskopf's Towing
Michelle Sukow	HDM Towing-Truck Center
Mary Weber	Weber Towing
Glenn D Mayer	Day and Nite towing
Kathy + Gr Merten	Merten Service
Jeff Roskopf	Roskopf's Towing
CRAIG GOLDBECK	GOLDBECK TOWING SERVICE
Kody Sullivan	Bill's Towing
Bill SELLNER	Bill's
Danny Mathews/Zips Truck Equip	
Jamon Ingelse	Lanser Towing

**WI Towing Association Board Meeting
General Attendance**

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NAME

COMPANY

Harold Scholt	Harold's Towing
Wayne Hammer	Rods Towing
Marion Lammert	Rods Towing
Ryan Tessman	Emergency Sparky Towing
Ken Weh	IRUTS
Alex Schmidt	Schmidt's Auto
Kyle Gessler	Gessler Auto
TEDD MENZER	PRARE LAND
CHASE 'The Min' Land (SUCKS)	Chase Flyds
Dion MAUSS	Ken's Service Center LLC
Mark Bradfish	Jennys Towing
MARK PLATT	PLATT'S
Ted Kabow	Kabow Auto Body
Pat Kumbier	Kumbier Towing & Repair
Kim Kumbier	Kumbier Towing

WISCONSIN TOWING ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Last report issued March 22, 2022

New Members

Westow Tow Insurance	Friend of Towing
MKE Towing and Recovery	Towing
Hornik Towing	Towing
B&R Towing	Towing
Chippewa Towing	Towing
Stockton Towing	Towing - Out of State
Stockton Towing	Friend of Towing (individual)
Express Towing and Recovery	Towing

Total: 8

Cancelled Members

Boost Towing	Towing	Non-payment of dues
Copart	Towing	Non-payment of dues
Bill's Highway 67 Service	Towing	Non-payment of dues
HAAS Alert	Allied	Non-payment of dues
Jim's Professional Services	Towing	Non-payment of dues
Reliable Truck & Auto LLC	Towing	Non-payment of dues
Badger State Towing & Service	Towing	Non-payment of dues
Zentner's Auto Service	Towing	Non-payment of dues

Total: 8

Towing Companies	122
Allied	17
Out of State	13
Friends	7
 Total members	 159

**WI Towing Association
Treasurer's Report
June 19, 2022**

Between October 1, 2021 and May 31, 2022, Wisconsin Towing Association revenue was \$63,188 and expenses were \$40,343 with a Fund Balance as of June 1, 2022 of \$77,404.

As of June 10th, Tow Show revenue was \$50,752. Expenses are yet to be determined but that information will be available at the October board of directors meeting.

Financial statements are in the packet, and this concludes the financial report.

**Wisconsin Towing Association
Balance Sheet Comparison**

	<u>May 31, 2022</u>	<u>Sep 30, 2021</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Total Checking	\$ 77,404	\$ 54,560
Total Checking/Savings	\$ 77,404	\$ 54,560
Total Current Assets	\$ 77,404	\$ 54,560
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 77,404</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 54,560</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Equity		
Fund Balance	\$ 77,404	\$ 54,560
Total Equity	\$ 77,404	\$ 54,560
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>\$ 77,404</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 54,560</u></u>

**Wisconsin Towing Association
Profit Loss Comparison**

	<u>Oct 21 - May 22</u>	<u>Oct 20 - May 21</u>
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Contribution Income	1,630	2,126
Convention Income	35,328	27,474
Dues	26,230	29,405
Total Other Income	<u>63,188</u>	<u>59,005</u>
Other Expense		
Administrative Fees	35,600	35,600
Association Meetings	0	172
Convention Expenses	3,098	2,387
Contributions & Scholarships	110	0
Membership Dues/Subscriptions	1,000	1,000
Office Supplies	101	151
Travel Expenses	434	243
Total Other Expense	<u>40,343</u>	<u>39,553</u>
Net Other Income	<u>22,845</u>	<u>19,452</u>
Net Income	<u><u>22,845</u></u>	<u><u>19,452</u></u>

**WI Towing Association
Legislative Report
June 19, 2022**

Very High Turnover Coming to Legislature

Over the last couple of months, a significant number of legislators, both Republican and Democrat, have announced their plans to retire, return to the private sector, or run for higher office. The number of lawmakers not running in 2022 has not been this high since the mid-1990s.

As of May 1st, here is the list of legislators moving on from their seats:

Senate:

District 5 – Dale Kooyenga – Not Seeking Reelection
District 15 – Janis Ringhand – Not Seeking Reelection
District 25 – Janet Bewley - Not Seeking Reelection
District 27 – Jon Erpenbach - Not Seeking Reelection
District 23 – Kathy Bernier - Not Seeking Reelection
District 19 – Roger Roth - Running for Lt. Governor
District 29 – Jerry Petrowski - Not Seeking Reelection

Assembly:

District 5 – Jim Steineke - Not Seeking Reelection
District 6 – Gary Tauchen - Not Seeking Re-election
District 10 – David Bowen – Running for Lt. Governor
District 13 – Sara Rodriguez – Running for Lt. Governor
District 15 – Joe Sanfelippo - Not Seeking Reelection
District 27 – Tyler Vorpagel - Not Seeking Reelection
District 31 – Amy Loudenberg - Running for Sec. of State
District 33 – Cody Horlacher - Not Seeking Reelection
District 45 – Mark Spreitzer – Running for Senate
District 46 – Gary Hebl – Not Seeking Reelection
District 52 – Jeremy Thiesfeldt - Not Seeking Reelection
District 54 – Gordon Hintz - Not Seeking Reelection
District 55 – Rachel Cabral-Guevara – Running for Senate
District 59 – Tim Ramthun - Running for Governor
District 61 – Samantha Kerkman – Won Kenosha County Executive Race

District 68 – Jesse James – Running for Senate
District 73 – Nick Milroy – Not Seeking Reelection
District 74 – Beth Meyers - Not Seeking Reelection
District 79 – Dianne Hesselbein - Running for Senate
District 80 – Sondy Pope – Not Seeking Reelection
District 82 – Ken Skowronski - Not Seeking Reelection
District 84 – Mike Kuglitsch - Not Seeking Reelection

This high turnover can have both positive and negative ramifications. A new slate of legislators can bring fresh ideas and perspectives into the body. But it also creates a lot of new faces unfamiliar to the policies and procedures of the Legislature, so there will be a high learning curve for many of them.

It also will create new Committee Chairman who may or may not be agreeable to policy positions our Association may have. A lot of new relationship building will have to be done over the course of the 2023-24 legislative session.

AB 941

This bill requires the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to establish three programs to provide tuition reimbursement to CDL students, as well as grants to individuals who obtain a Commercial Driver's License and the companies that train and retain those individuals.

Governor Evers vetoed the bill.

Wisconsin GOP Passes 'Stronger Workforce Initiative'

To address the employment crisis facing Wisconsin businesses, legislative Republicans passed the Stronger Workforce Initiative, which includes several proposals to reform the Department of Workforce Development and make significant changes to Wisconsin's Unemployment Insurance program, which they feel has been abused by some over the last couple of years, leading to less people working and more people living off of government assistance.

Governor Evers vetoed this entire legislative package.

During the 2021-22 session, the Governor Evers vetoed 126 bills in full and vetoed one bill in part. Thus, the Governor vetoed more bills than any other Wisconsin governor in a single legislative session. The title was previously held by Governor Zimmerman, who vetoed 90 bills in the 1927 legislative session.

This concludes the Legislative Report.

WISCONSIN TOWING ASSOCIATION
REPORT OF THE NOMINATIONS
June 19, 2022

The following individuals are recommended to be placed in nomination for election to the open seats on the WTA Board for a three-year term expiring in June, 2025.

1. Glenn Meyer, Day and Nite Towing, Baldwin
2. Mark Salentine, Ray's Towing
3. Wayne Lammert, Rod's Towing
4. Betty Parnham, Johnson's Towing of Stevens Point
5. Mark Platt, Platt's Garage
6. Todd Menzel, Prairie Land Towing

The following individuals are recommended to be placed in nomination for election to the WTA State Director position on the Towing and Recovery Association of America Board for a one-year term expiring in June 2024.

1. Jeff Roskopf, Roskopf's Towing
2. Michelle Sukow, HDM Towing and Truck Center

This concludes the report.

A **MOTION** and a **SECOND** is required to accept this report.

Wisconsin Towing Association
Board Meeting Agenda
Chula Vista Hotel, Wisconsin Dells, WI
June 19, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.



Call to Order



Secretary's Report



New Business



Next Meeting



Adjourn

**WISCONSIN TOWING ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
March 26, 2022
Home of Mark Platt, Wisconsin Dells**

Chairman Jean Wedel called meeting to order at 1:23 p.m.

In Attendance – see attached sheet

Betty Parnham attended the meeting virtually via Zoom video-conferencing.

Meeting Minutes

Chair Wedel called on Dan Johnson to read the minutes of the October 9, 2021 board meeting. A motion by Mark Salentine and seconded by Junior Merten was made to accept the meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

Financial Report

Between October 1, 2020 and October 1, 2021 Wisconsin Towing Association revenue was \$104,254 and expenses were \$96,310 with a Fund Balance as of October 1, 2021 of \$54,559. Final Tow Show revenue was \$61,305 and expenses were \$32,820. A motion by Kyle Gessler and seconded by Mark Salentine was made to accept the report. Motion carried.

Membership Report

New Members

- | | |
|-------------------------|--------|
| 1. US Bank | Allied |
| 2. On Time Towing | Towing |
| 3. Bill's Towing | Towing |
| 4. Brown's Services TPL | Towing |
| 5. Jiggers Auto Repair | Towing |
| 6. Speedy Peedy Towing | Towing |
| 7. Miller Auto Towing | Towing |

Total: 7

Cancelled Members

- | | | |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1. Sorensen Towing | Friend of Towing | Closed |
| 2. Holiday Wrecker Service | Out of State | Sold business |
| 3. Andy's Towing | Towing | Non-payment |
| 4. Abyss Towing | Towing | Non-payment |
| 5. Mike Boelter | Friend of Towing | Declined renewal |
| 6. Pass Payments | Allied | Declined renewal |
| 7. Fabel Auto | Towing | Declined renewal |

Total: 7

Towing Companies	131
Allied	18
Out of State	12
Friends	5
 Total members	 166

A motion by Junior Merten and seconded by Tom Hedglin was made to accept the report. Motion carried.

Legislative Report

2021-23 State Budget Enacted

Governor Evers signed the 2021-23 biennial budget into law on July 8, 2021 even though weeks earlier he threatened to veto the entire bill and restart the budget process because it did not spend as much as he preferred for education. The governor also exercised 50 partial vetoes, most of which were minor, in the \$87 billion spending package. The marquee item in the budget bill is a \$2 billion GOP income tax cut which would save an individual or family that earns between \$50,000 and \$60,000 per year \$172 on income taxes annually. With the budget signed into law, the legislature adjourned for the summer with little to no activity occurring either in committee or with legislation being drafted during the summer. Activity this fall session is expected to be light with only a couple of session days scheduled.

Highway 'Emergency Zone' Legislation

Senate Bill 311 and Assembly Bill 297 the "Emergency Safety Zones" have been passed the State Assembly but awaits action by the State Senate. Under the bill, Emergency Safety zones would be initiated when roadside responders, including fire, police, highway departments, EMS or towing - are present and assisting at traffic incidents. Similar to current law construction zones, fines and penalties would be increased for any distracted driving infractions while passing through such zones. We initially believed the Senate would act much quicker on the bill, however several Senators were absent during the last floor session thus they delayed to the fall session. At this time, it has not been scheduled for Senate action but we're hoping it will be later this month.

Federal Infrastructure Plan Approved by US Senate

A \$1.2 trillion infrastructure investment bill advanced in the U.S. Senate. The bipartisan agreement gained the support of all 48 Democrats, two independents and 17 Republicans. The agreement includes \$110 billion for roads, \$73 billion for power grid spending, \$66 billion for railways, \$65 billion to expand broadband access, \$55 billion for clean drinking water, \$50 billion for environmental resiliency, \$39 billion for public transit and \$25 billion for airports.

The package would be financed through by redirecting \$205 billion in COVID-19 relief funds, recouping \$50 billion in fraudulently paid unemployment benefits during the pandemic and getting states to return unused federal unemployment funds, raising another \$50 billion. But the Congressional Budget Office found that the deal would still add \$256 billion over 10 years to the deficit.

The bill establishes a three-year, national pilot program based on the DRIVE-Safe Act, authorizing up to 3,000 18-20-year-old drivers at any one time to undergo advanced safety training in order to participate in interstate commerce. It also funds a DOT advertisement campaign to promote workforce needs in trucking and other transportation sectors.

The Senate version does not include a provision to increase mandatory insurance minimums for \$750,000 to \$2 million for commercial motor vehicles. The House has it in their version of the infrastructure bill but now with competing bills in play, it remains to be seen if this will occur or not. Obviously, we hope it does not. Passage in the Senate is no guarantee it gets passed in the House, as liberal Democrats are holding out for the President's massive social welfare bill, which Senate Republicans do not support. That bill would focus on expanding the child tax credits; establishing paid family and medical leave; funding universal preschool and free community college; and further action on climate change. Liberal Democrats have signaled that they won't back the infrastructure bill until the Senate passes the massive social welfare bill.

FET Legislation

Introduction in the House of the Modern, Clean and Safe Trucks Act would repeal the 12% federal excise tax (FET) on heavy-duty trucks, which currently adds approximately \$22,000 to the cost of a new tractor. The FET was enacted by Congress in 1917 at 3% to raise revenue for World War I. Today it is the highest excise tax the federal government levies on any good across the entire economy.

No motion report required to accept the legislative report.

Association Business

2022 Convention Planning Report:

A number of the logistics for the 2022 Tow Show were discussed, including:

Theme and Logo – Minor revisions were suggested and will be made.

Pricing – Overall pricing was discussed and Directors felt prices need to be increased to \$100 for full registration in order to deal with rising costs of food, etc. Also increase the Saturday cookout price to \$20 per person. Motion made (Junior Merten/Chase Leonard) and approved to raise those prices. Ladies lunch sponsorship will have to increase to \$750 in order to cover increased prices.

Root beer Floats – Chula could do it, but at \$5.50 per person. Ideas were suggested to do it on our own and bring in our own root beer and ice cream.

Educational Seminars – Instead of doing specific presentations during the Saturday lunch hour, it was decided to allow vendors to introduce themselves and the services they provide.

Friday night pig roast will remain as is. WTRAA forum may not happen. There was an idea to have fireworks, but it may be too costly and we can't find a company to do it. DJ is good to go. We will also have our own PA System.

Kwik Trip will provide pastries at the Saturday morning continental breakfast. Wrecker contest will begin at 9:30 a.m. There will be a Family Fun Zone and Kids Pizza party on Saturday. People would bring backyard games.

Saturday banquet and program. There was a discussion about how many extra banquet tickets we should have available for sale. It was agreed that we would have 20 additional tickets for the banquet. George Lanser Memorial Award will be done again. Nominations will be submitted to Jamon Ingelse for his family to review.

Sunday Business meeting. More will be done to get info out to all members to attend the meeting and discuss topics and issues. Any extra activities after the Show are still to be decided but may not happen.

There was a discussion regarding the TRAA State Director position. Ken Weber is the current Director but it wasn't clear when election for the new position should take place. Ken explained that election of the State Director should happen at the Annual meeting rather than during the quarterly board meeting.

Jamon Ingelse spoke about the Florida lien law that the special committee has been working on. We wanted to get more information from the Florida Towing Association and sent a few questions to their general membership. They received two responses but are generally supportive of the law.

Mark Bradfish brought up the issue of getting vehicle owner information and how difficult it can be.

Todd Menzel suggested that if there are going to be changes to the lien law, we need to take a look at the fees charged and how they should be increased on a more frequent basis. It was explained that an effort was made to increase the fees but legislators have been resistant to such increases, including CPI adjustments. But the request was made by the Association but ultimately rejected by the joint legislative committee in 2016.

Jeff Roskopf mentioned that TRAA is issuing a letter regarding fuel surcharges to deal with rising fuel prices.

Jean Wedel discussed the Registration Title tear-off idea like what Illinois does, but Wisconsin DMV has said it would be too costly for them to implement.

Todd Menzel suggested the Association look into creating an app for towing in Wisconsin that would provide shop locations, pricing and recommendations for local towers.

Mark Salentine suggested that the Association engage in more image and awareness campaign.

Jamon Ingelse brought up the issue of towers and PTSD. He said he had reached out to local hospitals that may provide services to anyone who may be suffering from incident stress. He will follow up with Aurora. He also mentioned the Succession Planning Webinar which is still a possibility but just need more time to pull it together.

Dave Whealon mentioned an overweight citation his company received for driving on a 6-ton road during the spring thaw. Just cautioned others to be mindful of these roads during the season.

The next board meeting will be June 19, 2022 at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Seeing no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Dave Whealon and seconded by Glenn Meyer. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Johnson, Secretary
Wisconsin Towing Association

WISCONSIN TOWING ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

(Adopted April 13, 1989)

(Amended June 7, 1992)

(Amended June 18, 1995)

(Amended October 17, 1998)

(Amended June 21, 2015)

ARTICLE I - OFFICES

The office of the Association shall be located in the city of Madison, Wisconsin or in such other city as may be selected by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Qualifications. Membership shall be open to any individuals, partnerships or corporations who are directly or indirectly engaged in the business of towing and/or recovery of motor vehicles in this State, whether wrecked, disabled, or in good operating condition over the highways, streets and ways of this State.

SECTION 2. Classes of Membership. The Association shall have regular and associate classes of membership.

(a). Regular membership shall be open to any person, partnership or corporation domiciled in the state of Wisconsin directly engaged in the business of towing and/or recovery of motor vehicles privately or for hire.

(b). Associate membership shall be open to any company or individual wishing to lend their support to the Association and shall be called associate membership.

SECTION 3. Application for Membership. Application for membership shall be made upon an application form as required by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4. Membership Fees and Dues. The Board of Directors may determine from time to time the amount and terms of payment of any membership fees and/or annual dues payable to the Association by applicants for membership.

SECTION 5. Termination; Reinstatement. Membership in the Association may be terminated as follows:

(a). Membership may be terminated for nonpayment of the membership fees and/or annual dues established by the Board of Directors and assessed by the Association.

(b). Membership in the corporation may be terminated by a member at any meeting or by submission to the Association at its registered office of a written notice of their desire to withdraw from membership, specifying the date on which such termination shall become effective.

(c). A former member shall be reinstated to membership upon payment of all dues and fees established by the Board of Directors for membership of good standing in the Association.

ARTICLE III - MEETINGS

SECTION 1. Annual & Special Meetings. The annual meeting of this Association shall be held at a place to be selected by the Board of Directors. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. Notice of Meetings. A written or printed notice stating the time, location and agenda for the annual and any special meetings shall be mailed to each member at his or her last known address, or electronically mailed to his or her last known e-mail address, by or at the direction of the Secretary, not less than ten (10) days before the holding thereof.

SECTION 3. Quorum. A quorum of any annual or special meeting of the members of the Association shall

consist of 15 percent or more of the members of this Association in good standing present at such meeting.

SECTION 4. Voting. All members in good standing except individual members referred to in Article II, Section 2(b) shall be entitled to cast one vote, in person, upon each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of members.

ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. General Powers. The business and affairs of the Association shall be managed by its Board of Directors.

(a). The Board of Directors is authorized to also name Honorary Directors. To be eligible for designation as an Honorary Director, an individual must have been a past director and must have made significant contributions to the Association and the industry over an extended period of time. If a person is approved by at least a two-thirds vote of the Board for designation as an Honorary Director, he or she is specifically invited to every Board function, but would not have voting rights.

SECTION 2. Number, Tenure and Qualifications. The number of directors of this Association shall be seventeen (17) and all active past chairmen representing the person, partnership or corporation who is a member of the Association. No company may have more than one voting member on the Board of Directors. No director may be an Honorary Director and an active past chairman at the same time. Sixteen (16) directors of this Association shall be nominated from the membership at large and shall serve for terms of three (3) years each. Five (5) directors will be elected each year for two years and six (6) directors will be elected once every three years. One (1) director shall be nominated from the Associate membership to serve a term of one (1) year. Such directors shall be elected at the annual meeting to serve their term of office, or until their respective successors shall be duly elected and qualified. Each director and active past chairman shall be a voting member or a designated representative of a voting member of the Association.

SECTION 3. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the Chairman or any two (2) directors. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Board of Directors may fix the time and place of such meetings.

(a). Notice. Notice of any special meeting shall be delivered at least five (5) days previously thereto by written notice delivered personally, by U.S. mail, first class postage, or electronically mailed to each director at their business address or e-mail address.

(b). Quorum. A majority of the number of directors fixed pursuant Section 2 hereof shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

(c). Manner of Acting. The act of the majority of directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4. Resignation. Any director may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Chairman or the Secretary/Treasurer of the Association. Any such resignation shall take effect at the specified time therein, and unless specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

SECTION 5. Removal. Any director may be removed, either with or without cause, at any time, by a vote of a majority of the number of members present and voting at a special meeting called for the purpose.

SECTION 6. Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors for whatever reason may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining Board of Directors though less than a quorum of the Board of Directors, and each director so elected shall hold office for the unexpired term, or until a successor shall have been duly elected and qualified.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

SECTION 1. Number. The officers of the Association shall consist of a Chairman of the Board of Directors and Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. Election and Term of Office. The officers of the Association shall be elected by the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the Board of Directors held after each annual meeting of the members. Each officer shall hold office for the period of two (2) years, or until his or her successor shall have been elected and duly qualified.

SECTION 3. Resignation. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice of his or her resignation to the Board of Directors or the Chairman of Board of Directors. Any such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein, and, unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

SECTION 4. Removal. Any officer or agent elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed, either with or without cause, at any time, by a vote of a majority of the total number of directors, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any of the person so removed.

SECTION 5. Vacancies. A vacancy in any office, for whatever reason, may be filled by a vote of the Board of Directors, and each officer so elected shall hold office for the unexpired term, or until a successor shall have been duly elected and qualified.

SECTION 6. Chairman. The Chairman shall preside over all regular and special meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors, and shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Association. He or she shall appoint all standing or special committees deemed necessary to carry on the work of the Association. The Chairman shall be a member ex-officio of all standing and special committees.

SECTION 7. Vice Chairman. The Vice Chairman shall discharge the duties of the Chairman in the event of absence or disability, for any cause whatever of the latter.

ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed and new Bylaws may be adopted as follows:

(a). By the affirmative vote of a majority of the members voting on the proposed amendment or amendments, at a regular or special meeting of members, as provided by law; or,

(b). If the Board of Directors has been duly authorized by the members to exercise from time to time the power of amendment, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the directors who are present and entitled to vote on the proposed amendment or amendments, at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors, as provided by law. Notice of the meeting of members or the Board of Directors and of the proposed amendments or amendments shall be given.