

WISCONSIN TOWING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING
CHULA VISTA RESORT, WISCONSIN DELLS
June 19, 2022

The following are the minutes of the Wisconsin Towing Association annual meeting held June 19, 2022 at the Chula Vista Resort and Hotel in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin. Chair Jean Wedel called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. In Attendance: see attached sheet.

Secretary's Report

Chair Wedel 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 Kyle Gessler. Motion carried.

Membership Report

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

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

A motion to approve the report was made by Aaron Richard and seconded by Betty Parnham. Motion carried.

Financial Report

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

Legislative Report

Dan Johnson provided an update on the following legislative items:

- Very High Turnover Coming to Legislature
- AB 941 – CDL Student Tuition Reimbursement
- Wisconsin GOP Passes ‘Stronger Workforce Initiative’
- Governor Sets Record for Vetoing Bills
- No motion necessary to accept this report.

Election – Board of Directors

THERE ARE FIVE OPEN SEATS FOR TERMS SERVING TO 2025 AND THE OPEN SEAT FOR AN ALLIED MEMBER TO SERVE A ONE YEAR TERM AS AN ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR.

THE DIRECTORS WITH TERMS EXPIRING ARE:

- Glenn Meyer, Day and Nite Towing, Baldwin
- Mark Salentine, Ray’s Towing
- Wayne Lammert, Rod’s Towing
- Betty Parnham, Johnson’s Towing of Stevens Point
- Mark Platt, Platt’s Garage
- Danny Matthews, Zip’s Truck Equipment, New Hampton, IA

In addition, the TRAA State Director position is open for nominations. A one year term expiring in June of 2024.

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.

- Glenn Meyer, Day and Nite Towing, Baldwin
- Mark Salentine, Ray’s Towing
- Wayne Lammert, Rod’s Towing
- Betty Parnham, Johnson’s Towing of Stevens Point
- Mark Platt, Platt’s Garage
- 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.

- Jeff Roskopf, Roskopf’s Towing
- Michelle Sukow, HDM Towing and Truck Center

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

Chair Wedel asked three times if there were any additional nominations. Motions for nominations were made for the following individuals: Cody Sellner (board director), nominated by Jai Gruenwald; Bill Sellner (TRAA Director), nominated by Cody Sellner. Hearing no additional nominations, a motion was made by Betty Parnham and seconded by Mark Salentine to accept and close all nominations. Motion carried.

Chair Wedel 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 Chair Wedel. The results of the election place the following individuals into board director seats to 2025:

- Glenn Meyer, Day and Nite Towing, Baldwin
- Mark Salentine, Ray's Towing
- Wayne Lammert, Rod's Towing
- Betty Parnham, Johnson's Towing of Stevens Point
- Mark Platt, Platt's Garage

Jeff Roskopf was elected as the state TRAA Director for a term of one year.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mark Platt suggested moving two of the portable restrooms from the tent area to the front entrance area, and leave two units at the tent area. Geri Roskopf encouraged members to get involved in the annual Truck Convoy for Special Olympics. Mark Salentine passed along a message from Chippewa Towing that they felt it was a great tow show. Jamon Ingelse spoke about the composition of the George Lanser Award committee and how that may change in the coming years. Guy Richard thanked Mark Salentine for putting on a great program during the banquet. Jeff Roskopf provided an update on TRAA activity, including the ATA Towing Task Force; joining with OOIDA on various issues; federal highway TIM training; the TTIRS program (notify about close calls and near misses on the highways); importance of local legislation for safety.

Seeing no further business, Aaron Richards made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Betty Parnham seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Johnson
Secretary
Wisconsin Towing Association

**WI Towing Association Board Meeting
General Attendance**

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COMPANY

DAN JOHNSON	WTA
Jean Rogers - Wedel	Dewey's
Jamon R Ingels	Lansar
Wayne Lammert	Rods Towing
Jim Weyandt	Express Towing.
Jeff Roskopf	Roskopf's
Marin Lammert	Rods Towing
Geri Roskopf	Roskopf's Towing
Bill SEIHER	Bill's
Kody Seiner	Bill's
MARK PIATT	PIATT'S
Mary Platt	Platt's
Ryan Richard	Guy's - Krieger
Aaron Richard	Guy's Truck-Krieger

**WI Towing Association Board Meeting
General Attendance**

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NAME

COMPANY

Craig GOLDBECK	GOLDBECK TOWING SERVICE LLC
Alex Schmidt	Schmidt's Auto
John Schmidt	Schmidt's Auto.
Joan Schmitt	Schmidt's Auto
Cathy Davis	Davis Auto Service Inc
Glenn D. Meyer	Glenn Meyer
Ted Kabus	Kabus Auto Body & Collision
JOHN MERTEN JR	MERTEN'S Service
Josh Wedel	Dewey's Towing
GARY WEDEL	Dewey's
Kyle Gessler	Gessler AUTO
Ryan Tessmer	Emergency Starting & Towing LLC
Clayton Matthews	Zips/AM Direct
Alex Douglas	AT's Towing

WI Towing Association Board Meeting
General Attendance

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NAME

COMPANY

Michelle Sukow

HDM Towing

Betty Panham

Johnson Towing

Danell Panham

Johnson Towing

Sean Zacher

Zacher Truck

John Zacher

Zacher Truck

Dave Whealon

Whealon Towing

Kim Kumbier

Kumbier Towing

Pat Kunkle

Kumbier Towing

Craig & Lea Ann Laabs

HEAVY Duty

Nancy Brust

Margaret Rogers

Dewey's

Ray W. El

1/4 TS

Joe El

KWTS

Mark Salentine

Ray's

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COMPANY

Nieman's service Inc.

Jerrys Towing

NOS Towing

Guy's

Guys Truck Service

AREA WIDE TOWING

Tomlinson's Tower

HOMERS TOWING

**WISCONSIN TOWING ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP REPORT
June 18, 2023**

Last report issued March 4, 2023

New Members

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|--------------------------|---|
| 1. Brauner's Garage | Towing Company <i>(Re-activated membership)</i> |
| 2. On Time Towing | Towing Company <i>(Re-activated membership)</i> |
| 3. Jak'd Roadside Rescue | Towing Company |
| 4. Brown's TPL | Towing Company <i>(Re-activated membership)</i> |
| 5. Towbook Software | Allied Member |
| 6. Fred's Towing | Towing Company <i>(Re-activated membership)</i> |

Cancelled Members

1. Anderson Collision – Non payment of dues
2. Knight Towing – Non payment of dues
3. Mark's Towing – Non payment of dues

Towing Companies	116
Allied	18
Out of State	12
Friends	6
Total members	152

**WI Towing Association
Treasurer's Report
June 18, 2023**

Between October 1, 2022 and May 31, 2023, Wisconsin Towing Association revenue was \$58,921 and expenses were \$43,724 with a Fund Balance as of June 1, 2023 of \$67,894.

As of June 10th, Tow Show revenue was \$53,085. 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, 2023</u>	<u>Sep 30, 2022</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Total Checking	\$ 67,894	\$ 52,696
Total Checking/Savings	\$ 67,894	\$ 52,696
Total Current Assets	\$ 67,894	\$ 52,696
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 67,894</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 52,696</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Equity		
Fund Balance	\$ 67,894	\$ 52,696
Total Equity	\$ 67,894	\$ 52,696
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>\$ 67,894</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 52,696</u></u>

**Wisconsin Towing Association
Profit Loss Comparison**

	<u>Oct 22 - May 23</u>	<u>Oct 21 - May 22</u>
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Contribution Income	1,722	1,630
Convention Income	29,820	35,328
Dues	27,379	26,230
Total Other Income	<u>58,921</u>	<u>63,188</u>
Other Expense		
Administrative Fees	35,600	35,600
Association Meetings	429	0
Convention Expenses	6,695	3,098
Contributions & Scholarships	0	110
Membership Dues/Subscriptions	1,000	1,000
Office Supplies	0	101
Travel Expenses	0	434
Total Other Expense	<u>43,724</u>	<u>40,343</u>
Net Other Income	<u>15,197</u>	<u>22,845</u>
Net Income	<u><u>15,197</u></u>	<u><u>22,845</u></u>

**WI Towing Association
Legislative Report
June 18, 2023**

Wisconsin Act 1 - Impoundment of Vehicles Driven Recklessly

The new state law allows a municipality to pass an ordinance that allows a law enforcement officer to seize and impound a motor vehicle if all the following are true:

- The law enforcement officer cites the operator of the vehicle for a reckless driving offense.
- The operator of the vehicle is the owner of the vehicle.
- The operator of the vehicle has been found to have committed a previous reckless driving offense.
- The operator of the vehicle has not fully paid a forfeiture assessed for a previous reckless driving offense.

Under the law, the ordinance may provide the vehicle remain impounded until the owner of the vehicle pays the amount due on the forfeiture for a previous reckless driving offense.

The law requires the return of the vehicle to an owner when the previous forfeiture is paid in full and a deposit is paid for the immediate citation, except that if a vehicle remains unclaimed for 90 days after the disposition of the citation for which the vehicle was impounded, the municipality may initiate proceedings to treat the vehicle as an abandoned vehicle.

The law allows the municipality to require the owner pay the reasonable costs of impounding the vehicle, including towing or other transportation costs and storage costs. West Allis is the first municipality to adopt an ordinance under the new law and several others are looking to do likewise.

CDL Tuition Grant Program

Legislation to create a tuition grant program for CDL students has recently been reintroduced in the Legislature. Last year, a somewhat similar bill was passed by both the Assembly and Senate but ultimately vetoed by Governor Evers. The Governor said in his veto message that he did not believe the Department of Transportation should be administering such a grant program.

This new proposal directs the Department of Workforce Development to administer the program, which would provide a 50% tuition reimbursement to any person who completes a CDL program, up to \$3,000 in grant money. The total cost for the program over the biennium would be \$3 million and would sunset in June of 2025.

Assembly Bill 142/Senate Bill 212

In April, I testified before the Assembly Committee on State Affairs and the Senate Transportation Committee in support of legislation to prevent state and local governments from prohibiting the sale of vehicles based on the power source of the engine.

Some states, most notably California, plan to eliminate the sale of gasoline powered engines entirely by 2035 and allow only electric powered vehicles and equipment.

The bills (AB 142 and SB 212) would not prohibit electric vehicles, but rather, allow businesses and consumers to choose what type of vehicle they wish to operate without being restricted by a government mandate.

The full Assembly passed the bill on Tuesday, April 18th.

Joint Finance Committee Dismantles Evers' Budget

The Joint Finance Committee recently issued a memo detailing how they will essentially dismantle Governor Evers' entire executive state budget and start the process with one of their own. The memo outlines more than 500 budget provisions which will be removed.

Items of note to be removed are paid family leave, automatic voter registration at the DMV, legalizing marijuana, drivers licenses for all individuals regardless of their citizenship status, minimum wage increase, and \$290 million for the Milwaukee Brewers.

The Republican-controlled JFC will begin its work on their version of the budget with the hope of having it on Governor Evers' desk by July 1st.

Electric Vehicle Sticker Approved in State Budget

Last week, the Joint Finance Committee did approve one item in the Governor's budget – the Electric Vehicle Decal requirement for all EVs. There is also separate legislation being offered on this topic, but if it is approved in the final budget, that legislation will not advance.

This concludes the Legislative Report.

WISCONSIN TOWING ASSOCIATION
REPORT OF THE NOMINATIONS
June 18, 2023

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 of 2026.

1. Aaron Richard, Guy's Truck and Tractor
2. Ryan Tessman, Emergency Starting and Towing
3. Pat Kumbier, Kumbier Towing
4. Homer Schultz, Homer's Towing
5. Alex Schmidt, Schmidt's Auto
6. Bill Sellner, Bill's Towing
7. Todd Menzel, Prairieland Towing
8. Jason Pehowski, Always Towing
9. Jai Grunewald, Ken Weber Truck Service

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 of 2024.

1. Bill Sellner, Bill's Towing
2. Joe Meyer, Day and Nite Towing
3. Jeff Roskopf, Roskopf's Towing
4. Michelle Sukow, HDM Towing

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 18, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

-  **Call to Order**
-  **Secretary's Report**
-  **Election of Chair and Vice Chair**
-  **Election to fill Board Vacancy**
-  **New Business**
-  **Next Meeting**
-  **Adjourn**

**WISCONSIN TOWING ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
March 4, 2023
Wilderness Resort and Hotel, Wisconsin Dells**

Chairman Jean Wedel called meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

In Attendance – see attached sheet

Ryan Tessman attended the meeting virtually via Zoom video-conferencing.

Meeting Minutes

Chair Wedel called on Dan Johnson to read the minutes of the October 2022 board meeting. A motion by Jeff Roskopf and seconded by Craig Goldbeck was made to accept the meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

Financial Report

Between October 1, 2022 and March 1, 2023, Wisconsin Towing Association revenue was \$17,077 and expenses were \$20,607 with a Fund Balance on March 1, 2022 of \$47,420. The 2023 budget for the Wisconsin Towing Association was set at the WMCA December board meeting and is included in this packet. A motion by Junior Merten and seconded by Betty Parnham was made to accept the report. Motion carried.

Membership Report

New Members

Speedy Peedy Towing (re-joined)
Kapnick Insurance Group

Total: 2

Cancelled Members

On Time Towing	Non-payment of dues
Brickner's of Wausau	Declined to renew

Total: 2

Towing Companies	113
Allied	17
Out of State	13
Friends	6
Total members	149

A motion by Kyle Gessler and seconded by Betty Parnham was made to accept the report. Motion carried.

Legislative Report

2023-24 Legislative Session Begins

A new legislative session is underway with a very large freshman class in the Legislature and Governor Evers starting his second term in office. The state Assembly remains solidly in control by the Republicans; however they came up two seats short of securing a veto-proof majority.

The State Senate has also had an increase in Republican Senators who were able to secure a veto-proof majority of 22-11. They can now override any veto by the Governor, but it's somewhat of a moot point since the State Assembly is unable to do so. Still, very strong numbers in both Houses for the GOP.

The Governor has recently introduced his Executive state budget for 2023-25 and probably the biggest item on the table is how the Governor and Legislature plan to utilize the projected \$7 billion budget surplus.

The Governor would like to see more money go to public education, medical assistance and some tax cuts, but the Republicans have plans for sweeping changes to the tax code to significantly reduce taxes, but also have a tacit agreement with the Governor regarding more for K-12 education. However, the Legislature would like to see an expansion of school choice and charter programs, which the Governor generally opposes.

The Governor is also planning on pushing a number of controversial policy items as he's done before, such as legalizing recreational marijuana, ending the state ban on abortion, and providing driver's licenses to undocumented individuals. More than likely, the Legislature will reject all those initiatives when they get their chance to rework the state budget.

In his state budget address, the Governor is hoping to:

- Create a tax credit for families and individuals totaling \$840 million over the next two years, with an average tax cut of about \$200 a year per family.
- Expand the Child and Dependent Care tax credit from 50% to 100% to provide an average of \$260 a year for about 100,000 taxpayers.
- Expand social welfare programs targeted at childcare, mental health care and public education - all with a price tag that will easily exceed \$1 billion dollars
- Enact measures to increase spending on classrooms and programs to address mental health, proposing to spend \$500 million more overall for mental health and behavioral services, including \$270 million dedicated to expanding services in schools.
- Allow for 12 weeks of **paid** Family Medical leave.
- Increase the state minimum wage.
- Eliminate the 'Right to Work' law.
- Legalize recreational marijuana.
- Repeal Wisconsin Act 10 and restore collective bargaining for state and local employees,
- Increase funding for public schools by \$2.6 billion
- Fully repealing the Personal Property Tax, which may have support in the GOP Legislature.

- Allocate 20% of sales tax revenue to local governments, however Republicans are at a much lower level - around 1%. But this may be an item they can find some compromise.
- Create a \$100 million workforce innovation grant program to respond to state's workforce challenges, and \$50 million to address staffing shortages in healthcare fields.
- Provide \$60 million over the biennium for traffic calming grants to construct traffic circles, pedestrian islands, bump-outs at crosswalks, and other treatments that slow vehicle traffic.
- Implement "Driver's Licenses for All", regardless of documented status.
- Allow for automatic voter registration at the DMV, commonly referred to as 'Motor Voter'.
- Provide 35 full-time positions for additional state troopers and 10 positions for motor carrier inspectors.
- Increase the seatbelt violation penalty from \$10 to \$25.
- Create a license plate decal for EVs (front and back) which identifies them as electric vehicles

We've had a chance to review the newly released Executive state budget, specifically as it relates to transportation and do not see anything of great controversy or concern in the transportation budget. Of course, we will continue to monitor the budget in its entirety throughout the process and provide any new details to members. At some point later this summer, the Legislature will adopt and send their version of the budget back to the Governor for his review. The Governor could sign it, veto some of it...or even veto all of it.

Unlikely he'd veto all of it but certainly there will be several vetoes coming. The Legislature and Governor will have to find some kind of common ground on the big issues in the budget and hopefully get it done before the fall.

The budget will begin the process of legislative review, hearings, mark-up sessions, amendments and voting by the Legislature. It will then be returned to the Governor later this summer for his review and potential vetoes and signature into law.

No motion report required to accept the legislative report.

Other Business

The three legislative priorities for the Association were discussed and it was decided that a template letter would be crafted by Dan Johnson to share with members which they could send to their legislators asking for support. Jeff Roskopf mentioned that a case in Florida might create a problem for doing something in Wisconsin. He also mentioned that municipal governments can currently do this type of registration suspension. But it was pointed out that the municipal issue is a public unit of government communicating with another public unit of government, whereas the Florida law is a private entity communicating with a public unit of government. That would be a unique situation.

Todd Menzel asked if this would apply only to "abandoned" vehicles or all vehicles. The proposal would apply to all vehicles with unpaid tow and storage fees, and not just abandoned vehicles. The proposal would empower the tow operator to stop a person from registering their vehicles unless the payment is made. Wayne Lammert asked if it applies to the person who purchased the vehicle or the current registered owner; it would apply to registered owner on record with the DMV. Todd Menzel asked if it would be tied to a local municipal ordinance for the definition of abandonment.

Jamon Ingelse asked about the chances of any of these proposals moving forward. Letter to legislators need to be sent and we need to talk to these new legislators and Chairmen. Mark Bradfish mentioned that Sen. Cory Tomczyk might be a good legislator to talk to and he's known him for many years. Bill Sellner asked if there was a way to tie this to the insurance laws; he said insurance companies can stop registration and drivers license renewal. It wasn't clear if that was codified in state law.

Jean Wedel asked if the personal property tax will be eliminated and it was thought that it would be repealed. She said she liked the EV sticker and hopes that it gets done. First responders are supporting this as well. Junior Merten suggested working with local fire departments on the EV identification issue and building rapport with their departments.

Dave Whealon wanted to clarify if we're discussing abandoned vehicles or all vehicles that owe tow and storage fees. Mark Salentine said if the vehicle has been with the tower for a long period of time, it should apply under this proposal. The word "abandoned" is being used as a marketing tool to sell it to legislators. It was clarified that the proposal would apply to all tows, consensual and non-consensual. Todd Menzel suggested keeping it very general than focusing on the specifics if it should come up. He also asked if the PPI rates can be expanded to deal with heavy duty vehicles. There needs to be something to deal with CMVs with much higher gross vehicle weights.

Betty Parnham asked about towers being recognized as "first responders". Dan Johnson explained that this is defined by federal law and that first responders are those who can provide medical treatment on site. This had to do with cell phone service deals and it was unclear whether towers were considered first responders or not.

Jeff Roskopf asked if information regarding tows under emergency situations can be sent out to members explaining the law and who gets to decide where the vehicle should be taken for repairs.

Jamon Ingelse made a statement regarding board meetings and how the meetings are run. There is a proper way to go about things and we just want to make sure that the officers have control of the meeting, but the meetings are not meant to shut people out. New topics should be shared with board members ahead of time so everyone can be prepared to talk about those issues. The board is trying to do the best for the Association and we don't want non-members to feel like their being shut out of the meetings. That is not the case. We want to be respectful to non-board members and ask the same of non-board members. We want board meetings to be more welcoming to everyone while maintaining a level of decorum and order within the meeting.

Mark Salentine talked about some changes for the Tow Show and Kyle Gessler talked about how training and educational opportunities should be added to the Show. EV training was a main focus and that the Wrecker Contest should be condensed into fewer categories. Jamon Ingelse said there should be EV training (live or classroom) at the Tow Show. Todd Menzel felt we should try to actively invite non-members or members who haven't been at the Show for a while and get them back at the Show and rebuild those relationships. Consider surveying the membership again to see what they want in terms of scheduling the Show. Todd suggested that board members should reach out to members who may not attend meetings, but might want to attend.

Homer Schultz suggested that Board members should be reaching out to non-members and encouraging them to join the WTA.

Craig Goldbeck commented that non-board members feel like it's an exclusive club and nothing gets done, even though we know that's not the case, but the perception is there. Some have had ideas on membership. Craig Goldbeck suggested creating a "driver only" membership for individuals.

Todd Menzel suggested that Tow Show vendors should be more involved with demonstrations to get kids interested and involved. Mentioned a "bucket challenge" by Lynch. Get names of attendees and invite them to the vendor booth, give them incentives to come to their booth.

Junior Merten said that local fire departments were having EV training and inviting local tow operators to join, but he was the only tow operator that showed up.

Danny Mathews asked a question about sending out a mass e-mail to people to attend the Show and offer incentives to attend.

Jeff Roskopf asked if comments made by both board directors and non-directors be included in the meeting minutes. Jeff made a motion and Craig Goldbeck seconded the motion. Approved.

Chase Leonard suggesting adding a form on the WTA Web site for non-board members to submit their suggestions for topics to be discussed at the board meeting.

Todd Menzel suggested that members should stay on top of their local law enforcement and their tow rotation lists.

Craig Goldbeck said there should be a minimum requirement for towing both Light and Heavy Duty, with a national unified goal of quick clearance.

Glenn Meyer mentioned that St. Croix County is setting minimum requirements for its tow list. A general discussion on Wisconsin State Patrol followed, specifically as it related to the Beloit pile up which Dewey's was involved with the clean up.

The next board meeting will be June 18, 2023 at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Seeing no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mark Salentine and seconded by Jeff Roskopf. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Johnson, Secretary
Wisconsin Towing Association

WI Towing Association Board Meeting
General Attendance

3/4/23

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NAME	COMPANY
DAN JOHNSON	WTA
Betty Parnham	Johnson Towing
Darrell Parnham	Johnson Towing
Kyle Gessler	Gessler Auto Towing
Jeff Roskopf	Roskopf's
Wayne Lammert	Rod's
Mark Bradfix	Jennys Towing
Dave Whealon	Whealon Towing
Alex Schmidt	Schmidt's Auto
Mary Weber	Weber Towing
Ken Weber	KWTS
Gen Roskopf	Roskopf's Towing
Marion Lammert	Rod's Towing
MART PLATT	PLATT'S
Homer Schatz	Homer
Pat Schatz	Homer

WI Towing Association Board Meeting
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NAME

COMPANY

Danny Mathews	Zipps/AN Direct
Craig Goldbeck	GOLDBECK TOWING SER LLC
Jamon Ingelst	Lanser Towing
Mark Salentine	Ray's Towing, Inc.
JR + Kody Merte	MERTEN'S tow + auto
Glenn D Meyer	Ray and Nite Towing
Chase Leach	Floyd's
Garry Wedel	Dewey's
Marilyn Rogers	Dewey's
Jean Ryeen-Wall	Dewey's
Bill SELLNER	Bill's
Will SELLNER	Bill
Tom Hedgk	AREA WIDE TOWING
Lisa Wedel	Dewey's

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.