

Minutes of Museum of Bus Transportation Board of Directors Special Meeting

5 PM November 3 2018

Board Members In attendance either in person or on conference call:

John Dockendorf
Dino Mandros
Dave Millhouser
Howard Nice
John Oakman
David Schmidt
Mark Szyperski
Angel Tollens
Mike Laffan

Advisers In attendance either in person or on conference call:

Walter Earl
Ralph Fetrow
Becky Tollens
Mark Watson
Bob Smith
Ken McNelis

Secretary Dave Millhouser declared that we had a quorum

Chairman Dave Schmidt opened the meeting and indicated that Jeff Goldwasser had resigned effective immediately. Since our current election, to be decided tomorrow at the Annual Meeting, had 8 candidates running for 6 positions, that we have the person finishing in 7th place serve the remaining portion of Goldwassers term. Mark Szyperski moved that we handle it that way, Dino Mandros seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Dave Millhouser made a motion (Angel Tollens seconded) that we give Larry Plachno of National Bus Trader a Life Membership. There was some confusion as to whether previous leadership had promised one, but after a short discussion the Board voted unanimously to pass the motion and give Larry a Life Membership in recognition of all the support he has given the Museum over the years.

Dave Millhouser made the follow motion, and John Oakman seconded:

“Move that the Museum of Bus Transportation’s (MBT) Board of Directors authorize the Chair to appoint a committee to explore the possibility of a joint venture with the AACAM (AACA Car Museum).

If successfully negotiated, and approved by the Boards of Directors of both organizations, a joint venture would involve the merging of all of MBT’s physical and financial assets with those of the AACAM.

Any joint venture negotiated would include assurances that the new organization would commit a clearly defined amount of space to buses and the bus industry, would establish a bus industry committee that would hold a number of Board of Directors seats (number to be determined) and have influence on how bus industry history is preserved and displayed.

This motion is to formally authorize the Executive Committee Chair to appoint representative(s) to enter into dialog with the AACAM Executive Committee exploring their interest in a joint venture, as well as its pitfalls.

Advantages to MBT of successfully entering a joint venture would include improved financial stability, assurance that our mission of preserving the history of the bus industry for future generations continues in perpetuity, and access to AACAM’s excellent staff and volunteers.

One of our chief assets has been our connection with AACAM’s nationally recognized facility, which attracts visitors that we might otherwise miss. A joint venture would make that a permanent state of affairs, and would greatly enhance our efforts to be recognized as the de-facto national representative of the bus industries history.

This motion is for the Chair to appoint a committee to inquire of the AACAM Executive Committee or Board of Directors to see if they consider Joint Venture a possibility, and if so, in what form. Any final decision would require approval of both AACAM’s and MBT’s full Board of Directors.”

After discussion, the motion passed 8 to 1.

Mark Szyperski made the point that our responsibility as a Board was to do what was in the best interest of the Museum of Bus Transportation. He felt we should explore other options as well as joining with the AACAM. He moved (and Angel Tollens seconded) that we form a separate committee to explore additional possibilities. After discussion the Board voted to table this motion until our January Meeting, not because it was a bad idea, but that forming such a committee right now might be misunderstood by the AACAM Board.

Chairman Schmidt pointed out that confidentiality was crucial. It would be improper to allow word to leak out before the AACAM Board has had the idea properly introduced to them for consideration.

Dino Mandros moved for adjournment, Angel Tollens seconded and the meeting ended at 6:00 PM