

NEPTA Annual Holiday Dinner Meeting '12

Thursday, December 6, 2012

Union Station, 2 Washington Square, Worcester, MA

It is with great pleasure to recap the NEPTA Annual Meeting, The event was held on Thursday, December 6 at Union Station in Worcester, Massachusetts. Thank you to Stephen O'Neil, Administrator Worcester Regional Transit Authority for welcoming the group and providing a very information history of the newly renovated train station. NEPTA would also like to thank Mary Ellen Blunt and Judy Pearson at Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission for inviting NEPTA to use their training room for the FTA Update Panel. Thank you to Mary Beth Mello, Noah Berger and Matthew Keamy for providing the attendees with information on MAP-21.

Special thanks to Anna Barry, Deputy DOT Commissioner Connecticut for her keynote speech.

Vicki Shotland gave special recognition to Doc Daley, Paul Revere; Kurt Dossin, Mobile Knowledge Corp; James Gallagher, Bus Stuf, Inc; Roger Mencarini, RIPTA; Chris Anzuoni, Plymouth & Brockton Street Railway and William Pellegrine, MBTA for all of their dedication to the NEPTA Board of Directors and presented each with a recognition award. Bill Pellegrine, Supervisor MBTA and NEPTA Vice President gave special thanks to Vicki Shotland for her years of service as NEPTA President. Bill presented Vicki with a special President's plaque on behalf of the NEPTA Board of Directors.

Carol Tally read the proposed NEPTA Bylaw changes as emailed to the NEPTA members on October 31, 2012. Vicki Shotland asked the members for a vote, all in favor. Motion passed. NEPTA Bylaws will update as of January 1, 2013.

The next order of business was the NEPTA Scholarship Award Program. This program originated in 1999 with the help of Michael Blondin, General Manager at Brockton Area Transit and John Andrews, currently with New Flyer. Each year, with the financial support of members through the golf tournament NEPTA is able to provide financial assistance to students in the transit industry. Although NEPTA did not host a golf tournament this year due to conflicts within the transit industry, we have our sights to return to Blackstone National Golf Course in Sutton, Massachusetts on June 18, 2013. Despite not holding the tournament NEPTA is proud to still offer the scholarship program.

Al Byam,UMass Transit introduced Krystal Oldread and Luka Prodanovic with their certificates. Bob Ryan, Cape Ann Transportation Operating Company and past recipient of the NEPTA scholarship program presented John Kadim with his scholarship. Patrick Cooney could not attend the meeting because of his class schedule but Louis Schulman, Norwalk Transit District proudly accepted Mr. Cooney's award and also read a thank you on Mr. Cooney's behalf.

This year's Hall of Fame award was presented to Joseph Costanzo, Administration Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority presented by Stephen O'Neil. Congratulations to Joe.

Anna Barry proudly honored Jonathan Davis, Acting General Manager MBTA with the Richard H. Doyle award on behalf of NEPTA. Congratulations to Jonathan.

Carol Tally presented the 2013 slate of NEPTA Executive Officers and Board of Directors. Vicki Shotland asked for a motion to accept, all in favor. New slate approved and will be in effect January 1, 2013.

NEPTA wishes to thank all of our guests and our event sponsors.

Happy Holidays from all of us at NEPTA.

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