

**MAPT Regional Representative Council Meeting**  
**March 16, 2010 @ 6:00 p.m.**  
**MAPT Office, Lansing**

I. Regional Rep. Chair, Steve Lynch at 6:04 p.m, called the meeting to order  
Duane Kooyers made the motion to accept the January 15, 2010, meeting minutes,  
Butch Hart, support, passed.

II. Introductions included those in attendance and district from.

Steve Lynch, Dearborn Public Schools	Butch Hart, West Branch-Rose City
Linda Dixon, Tri County Area Schools	Robin Seymour, Bedford Public Schools
Kim Fowler, Lake Shore Public Schools	Jane Bykerk, Hudsonville Public
Kevin Doty, Mason Public Schools	Duane Kooyers, Dean Transportation, Inc
Dave Meeuwsen, Zeeland Schools	Phil Haldaman, Traverse City Area Public

Thank you to those in attendance.

III. Executive Director Report – Karen Losch

Reminder that classes are available for Regions through MAPT Professional Development. See form presented.

Members only section on website is up and running, letters mailed out with user names and passwords.

A. Coming soon to the Members only section:

1. Special Needs committee, survey
2. Members able to post bus parts, not using, on website.
3. Please advise on any other areas that you want added to that section.

School Bus Safety posters, now available.

Currently, there are three regions interested in hosting a Driving Championship. A question was raised, "If there are only 3 to 4 regions interested, do we have a state championship? Discussion ensued.

IV. Membership Committee Report – Jane Bykerk

The committee has reviewed the previous years listing of all Michigan State Police DOT state inspections and cross referenced it with the MAPT membership directory to determine the districts not currently members. There are over 850 districts in the state of Michigan and approximately 350 districts are not members of MAPT. Vendors are being invited, as well. The membership committee came up with some ideas to attract those new members. Brochures have been created to include information on the benefits received by being a member of MAPT and how to join. A GPS unit will be given away at or after the fall conference to the individual that has recommended a non-member. For every recommendation, a card with your name will be placed in the drawing. The kickoff for the GPS unit will be at tomorrow's Spring Conference.

Regional Reps are being encouraged to reach out to non-members.

Membership will compile a list of individuals in regions for reps to reach out and invite to regional meetings and encourage them to become a member.

Discussion on how to get contractor's to join. There are about 9 contractors in the state of Michigan, and how to get them involved.

Much appreciation to Kellie Dean, Dean Transportation, Inc., for his dedication to MAPT.

V. Board Report Items – Steve Lynch

Looking at ways to get business partners involved throughout the year, rather than once a year.

Looking at professional development for bus attendants

VI. General Discussion/Region Info – All

Any regions charging membership dues? Research being done by Karen with accountants to determine if anyone needs to obtain tax ID's, etc. Discussion.

VII. Next Meeting – Will be determined. Target date is June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

VIII. Move to adjourn, Butch support, at 7:07 p.m.

Submitted by,

Linda Dixon