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Board of Directors meeting February 16, 2013
Meeting Location- Brookens Auditorium
University of Illinois at Springfield, One Plaza
Springfield, IL 62703

EXECUTIVE BOARD PRESENT

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| 1. State Coordinator- Mike Myers | 10. Office Manager-Pauli Ward |
| 2. Asst. State Coord.-Scott Gerke | 11. Activities-Barb Fitzpatrick |
| 3. Secretary- Laural Stegall | 12. NE Region-John Bloch |
| 4. Treasurer-Julie Bacon | 13. EC Region-Larry Ackerman |
| 5. Legislative- Bob Myers | 14. WC Region- Don Boland |
| 6. Safety & Ed-Violet Lekic-Roberts | 15. WC Region- Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal |
| 7. Products-Terrie VanHuss | 16. SE Region- Mick Eddington |
| 8. Public Relations-Mary Jo Havens | 17. SW Region-Mike Fisher |
| 9. Bike Raffle-Bob Dodson | |

EXECUTIVE BOARD ABSENT

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| 1. SW Region-Rich Kinkade | 2. Newsletter-Carla Enburg |
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CHAPTERS PRESENT

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| 1. Apple Creek | 27. Lamoine Valley (left 3 ³⁵ pm) |
| 2. Backroads (left 3 ³⁵ pm) | 28. Lincolnland |
| 3. Big River | 29. Midstate |
| 4. Black Diamond | 30. Northern Illinois |
| 5. Blackhawk | 31. Northwest Suburban |
| 6. Central Illinois | 32. Open Roads (left 3 ³⁵ pm) |
| 7. Chicago | 33. Pathfinders |
| 8. Children of the Corn | 34. Peo-Taz |
| 9. Crooked Creek | 35. Piasa-Gateway (left 4 ¹⁵ pm) |
| 10. Crossroads | 36. Prairieland |
| 11. Dukane | 37. Richland County (left 5 ⁰⁵ pm) |
| 12. Eastern Illinois | 38. River Valley |
| 13. Embarras Valley (left 3 ³⁵ pm) | 39. Salt Creek |
| 14. Ford County | 40. Shawnee Hills |
| 15. Franklin County | 41. Shoal Creek |
| 16. Freebird | 42. South Suburban (left 4 ⁵⁵ pm) |
| 17. Freedom by Choice | 43. Southern Dupage |
| 18. Freedom Riders | 44. Southern Freedom (left 5 ³⁰ pm) |
| 19. Freedom Valley | 45. Southern Illinois (left 3 ³⁵ pm) |
| 20. Freeport | 46. Spoon River Riders |
| 21. Fulton County | 47. St. Clair |
| 22. Heart of Illinois | 48. Starved Rock |
| 23. Heartland | 49. Thunder Rock |
| 24. Heritage Trail | 50. Twin Rivers |
| 25. Kaskaskia Valley | 51. Wabash Valley |
| 26. Kishwaukee Valley | 52. Will County |

CHAPTERS ABSENT

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| 1. Beaucoup Bottoms | 8. Liberty |
| 2. Crawford County | 9. Lost Creek |
| 3. Flatlanders | 10. Old River |
| 4. Great River | 11. Tri County |
| 5. Hubbard Trail | 12. Union Jack |
| 6. Iron Riders | 13. Windy City |
| 7. Jasper County | |

GUESTS PRESENT

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| 1. Lori Schaich-Richland County | 10. Pam Boland-Central IL |
| 2. Ray McGrew-Richland County | 11. Judy Kaenel-Dukane |
| 3. Kevin Baumgartner-Twin Rivers | 12. Mike Hough-Southern Dupage |
| 4. Nora Phelan-Starved Rock | 13. Laura Zackro-Crossroads |
| 5. Kevin Smith-Open Roads | 14. Linda Rosenberg-River Valley |
| 6. Julie Pratt-Heartland | 15. Emily Gomez-Chicago |
| 7. Brian Sherrer-Freeport | 16. Scott Luczynski-Dukane |
| 8. Dennis Yeager-Freeport | 17. Wally Elliott-Dukane |
| 9. Tim Perry-Pathfinders | 18. Ray Heck-Dukane |

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order on February 16, 2013 at 1:00 pm. Mike Myers, State Coordinator, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the December 15, 2012 minutes:

Freeport moved to accept minutes as amended, seconded by Thunder Rock. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

1. 2012 990s-2012-The following chapters did not have their 990s into the State Treasurer on time defined by the bylaws, no voting rights at the BOD meeting: Big River, Black Diamond, Crawford County, Flatlanders, Ford County, Hubbard Trail, Iron Riders, Jasper County, Lost Creek, Shoal Creek, Tri County, Windy City. Regional Coordinators will talk to the chapters and help if needed to get their 990s finished. The following chapters have not turned in their 990s: Big River, Lost Creek, Black Diamond, Jasper County, and Windy City. Scott Gerke read the bylaw pertaining to the 990 filing. Six chapters were repeat offenders. **Midstate moved to revoke charter for repeat offenders for non-filing of 990s, seconded by Heart of Illinois. (BOD2013-1)** Discussion: not a solution; election of new chapter officers in January, they don't know the accounting for chapter yet; outgoing chapter officers need to help or do 990 before leaving office. **Northern Illinois moved to table the previous motion (BOD2013-1) until April Board of Directors Meeting, seconded by Pathfinders. (BOD20013-2) Motion passed. Nays: Will County, Freedom by Choice, Heart of Illinois, Heartland, Starved Rock, Midstate.** Directors were reminded to take this discussion back to their chapters for recommendation at the next BOD meeting.
2. Donations from bars-Midstate chapter representative-Some chapters/individuals are taking money/donations from bars in the name of ABATE chapters. Bar owners thought they were members of ABATE but were not. In one area, it was corrected. Would like a policy to eliminate the problem. Discussion: possibly sponsors; no follow up; member applications; no newspaper; most chapters doing correctly but possibly some are not, need names/proof to have a recourse. **Bring names of people/chapters involved to April EBoard. Board of Directors Representatives talk to your chapter about sponsorship/donations. It is not acceptable to take money without giving a**

return to the bar. Regional Coordinators to present information to Board at April meeting.

3. Information only: Chairperson of Bylaw Review Committee-Rick "Doc" Jones.

Southern Dupage moved to close unfinished business, seconded by Freedom by Choice. Motion passed.

New Business:

1. Annual Review of Non-Preferred Vendor List-**Kaskaskia Valley moved to leave the Non-Preferred Vendor List unchanged for 2013, seconded by Thunder Rock. (BOD2013-3)** Discussion: remove Paragon Promotions, etc. from the list; Paragon Promotions, etc. were listed at 12/12 BOD meeting. **Blackhawk moved to postpone vote on previous motion (BOD2013-3) until after the discussion of Dukane Chapter Seminar handout, seconded by South Suburban. (BOD2013-4)** Discussion: allow time to read handout. **Motion passed.**

Break 1³⁵pm- 1⁴⁵pm

2. Point of Information asked of the State Coordinator-Rules of debate- Following a lengthy search by several people looking for the specific reference and not finding the appropriate quote, Mike Myers (State Coordinator) asked if there were any objection to continuing the meeting using the accepted past practice of stopping debate that we have been using; there was no objection to using our accepted past practice of ending debate.
3. Dukane Chapter Handout from Seminar-Information only-The handout contained statements about the discussion of Paragon Promotions etc. being placed on the Non-Preferred Vendor List from the December 2012 BOD meeting. The handout was unsigned with a Dukane Chapter logo at the top. The handout author made several allegations which were found to be false regarding that discussion not all. The 12/12 BOD recording and a transcription of that recording were used to check the validity of the allegations. The EBoard had no recommendation regarding the handout. Discussion: the state was paid for advertising but the monies promised for travel expenses were not paid; the timing, at Seminar, was inappropriate; handout was supposed to be informational only; the offer of money was not a written contract but promises on several occasions; meet standards of policy for Non-Preferred Vendor List.
4. Chapters and Impact of Non-Preferred Vendor List-Information only-Paragon Promotions etc. were put on Non-Preferred Vendor List on 12/15/12 and two chapters had a booth at an event after that date put on by Paragon Promotions. One of the questions asked during the 12/12 discussion was: does this restrict chapters from participating with a person on the Non-Preferred Vendor List? and the answer was yes, on page 2 of Non-Preferred List, Section 4.0 Restrictions. Discussion: gray area-was not an ABATE of IL event, not promoting a Non-Preferred Vendor event; gray area-slap in the face to organization by participating with them.
5. **Franklin County moved to bring off the table the motion (BOD2013-3) to leave the Non-Preferred Vendor list unchanged for 2013, seconded by Piasa-Gateway. Motion passed unanimously. Amended motion (BOD2013-3) to approve names and organizations (Appendix A) on the Non-Preferred Vendor List for 2013.** Discussion: Remove Paragon Promotions/Ifran Gill/Terry King; hurt ourselves by leaving them on; could hurt membership number; Paragon Promotion event that said ABATE patch as colors. **Motion failed. Ayes: Backroads, Franklin County, Freedom by Choice, Heart of IL, Kaskaskia Valley, Open Roads, Piasa-Gateway, Shawnee Hills, Southern IL, St. Clair, Starved Rock, Thunder Rock Nays: Blackhawk, Central IL, Chicago, Children of the Corn, Crooked Creek, Crossroads, Dukane, Embarras Valley, Freebird, Freedom Riders, Freedom Valley, Freeport, Heartland, Heritage Trail, Kishwaukee Valley, Lamoine Valley,**

Lincolnland, Midstate, Northern IL, Northwest Suburban, Pathfinders, Peo-Taz, Prairieland, River Valley, Salt Creek, South Suburban, Southern Dupage, Southern Freedom, Spoon River Riders, Wabash Valley, Will County.

6. Northwest Region Coordinator Resignation-Bill Cook resigned for personal reasons. Seven chapters were in attendance from Northwest region. Scott Gerke read the resignation letter. The Northwest Region chapters accepted his resignation unanimously. Scott Gerke read the Bylaw procedure for filling a vacancy. **Freeport nominated Dennis "Cleaver" Yeager, seconded by Twin Rivers. Twin Rivers moved to appoint Dennis "Cleaver" Yeager as Northwest Region Coordinator, seconded by Freeport. (BOD2013-5) Voting only by Northwest region, motion passed unanimously.**

Break 3²⁰ - 3³⁸

7. **River Valley moved to remove Paragon Promotions/Ifran Gill/Terry King from the Non-Preferred Vendor List, seconded by Southern Dupage. (BOD2013-6)** Discussion: Terry King gets the vendors for Paragon Promotions; other chapters had problems; Paragon is money up front vendor; does not affect Springfield Mile; chapter participation with Paragon Promotions is a gray area. Written ballot vote requested. **Ballot vote requested. Will County moved to set aside ballot vote until after officers' reports, seconded by Freeport. Motion passed. (BOD2013-7)**
8. Lincolnland recognized **Brian "Hopping" Alberg moved to change the order of the procession to the Capitol for the Motorcycle Awareness Rally for 2013, seconded by Northern Illinois. (BOD2013-8)** (No objection to this recognized ABATE member making a motion) Discussion: procession through a better part of town; save money by not having to hire police; more exposure to more people; cannot use our own people for intersections; must obey all traffic signals; vendors at IDOT; everyone knows where to meet; everything in place for this year; safety issue; need to look at for 2014; a bill is being filed to allow for trained personnel to handle traffic; same people see the procession every year; not cross railroad tracks; fragmented procession; still need porta-potties at all location; need more time. **Motion failed. Ayes: Lincolnland, Heart of IL, Children of the Corn; Freedom by Choice.**
9. Newsletter due date changed-**Piasa-Gateway moved that the newsletter deadline be moved back to the fifteenth of the month, seconded by Heart of IL. (BOD2013-9)** Discussion: inconvenient to chapter submissions from meetings; vacation for editor; chapters have moved chapter deadlines to coincide with state; editor not here today to answer; bylaw does not state a deadline. **Kishwaukee Valley moved to table motion BOD2013-9 until April BOD meeting, seconded by Thunder Rock. (BOD2013-10) Nays: Central IL, Eastern IL, Freebird, Freedom Valle, Heart of IL, Peo-Taz, Piasa-Gateway, River Valley, South Suburban, Southern Freedom, Spoon River Riders, Will County.**
10. Ballot vote taken. **Ayes: 27 votes Nays: 10 votes. Paragon Promotions/Ifran Gill/Terry King were removed from the Non-Preferred Vendor List.**

Northern IL moved to close new business, seconded by Thunder Rock. Motion passed.

Officer Reports:

STATE COORDINATOR (Mike Myers)-Received award from Illinois Dept. of Transportation Traffic Safety Division for outstanding effort in saving lives, copies given to Safety & Ed to be given to chapter safety & ed coordinators. Looking for more poster designs for Ride Smart program, shirts will be designed also. Will try to get location/times on website/facebook for Ride Smart: A Life

Choice. Finished fatality statistics through May 2012. After fatalities are finished for 2012, will be doing the crashes for 2011.

ASSISTANT STATE COORDINATOR (Scott Gerke)-2013 seminar had 360 attendees. Handed out certificates from seminar. The quilt was sold and donated back several times and has made a lot of money. Seminar 2014 will be 1/17-1/19 at Northfield Inn. Need donations/sponsors for Heartland STEAM-3/22/13-3/24/13.

SECRETARY (Laural Stegall)-To keep postal costs down; give Pauli Ward your email address for secretary notes.

LEGISLATIVE (Bob Myers)-Fulton County noise ordinance is virtually dead. No bill number for cycle rider training class exemption for property owner liability at this time.

Complaint of the word "jihad" used by Todd Vandermyde with DNR. Stacey Rigsby sent letter to Bob Myers registering his complaint.

HB1539-trained volunteer to handle traffic during parades.

The Ethanol bills have a lot of opposition and they are holding them back to continue lobbying.

Legislative Day 3/6/13 Receive patch for first year, year rocker after that.

DC trip-4/22-4/28/13 Still need 1 woman and 1 man to go. See Ryan Hubbard.

SAFETY & EDUCATION (Violet "Shy Vi" Lekic-Roberts)-Contact her if chapter needs help. Thank you to those who have helped her. Consider safety posters contest for seminar.

ACTIVITIES (Barb Fitzpatrick)-Motorcycle Safety Awareness Rally planning completed. State Party planning underway.

BIKE RAFFLE (Bob Dodson)-Get tickets from Pauli Ward. Calendar is filling up; get your request in to have the bike raffle prizes at your event.

NEWSLETTER (Carla Enburg)-Absent. Paper went to printer a week earlier than in past.

STATE OFFICE (Pauli Ward)-The following chapters need to turn in updated officer lists: Big River, Crawford County, Crossroads, Flatlanders, Heartland, Hubbard Trail, Jasper County, Lincolnland, Midstate, Old River, Prairieland, Southern IL, Union Jack, Windy City; please send with current phone number and email. IL Road Trip proceeds to go to MRF BOD deferred account now.

PUBLIC RELATIONS (Mary Jo Havens)-3/27/13 Press Conference at 1³⁰; Vi Roberts in Chicago, Mike Myers & Terry Redman (IDOT) in Decatur, Mary Jo Havens & Bob Dodson in Marion. Chapters have been contacted for Window Wash. Updated Proclamation has been sent to the Webmaster.

Billboard information: Rose Traider, Outdoor Advertising Association of IL (217) 522-6224.

www.oaai.net Will contact to let know if change in price.

PRODUCTS (Terry VanHuss)-Thank you to Bob Dodson for getting logos on products trailer.

Heartland STEAM shirts ready to be ordered. Embroidered design for Ride Smart program can be put on your own shirt. Need volunteer to take care of products at Heartland STEAM, Julie Thurmond, Crooked Creek volunteered. Design for Awareness Rally will incorporate Ride Smart A Life Choice, The Right Choice. Legislative Day shirts will be same this year as last year. Will look into patches for Ride Smart, same as shirts.

TREASURER (Julie Bacon)-Help out the chapters that did not get in their 990s, not revoke charters. **Midstate moved to give the MRF portion of the IL Road Trip funds to MRF ANE fund now, seconded by Southern Dupage. (BOD2013-11)** Discussion: Advertising of MRF functions. **Motion passed.**

ABATEPAC (Mike Straker)-Thank you for donations from chapters. Reported receipts from seminar. Want to send as many people as possible to events. As an in between election year, will be contacting new legislative members to get them on our side. Not doing certificates or plaques.

FEDPAC (Ryan Hubbard)-Not all elections are over. Primaries 2/26, general election on 4/9.

Thank you for donations from chapters. Reported receipts from seminar.

Panel Reports:

MRF REP (Jim Conley)-Thank you for donations. Encouraged people to come to Heartland STEAM. Meeting of Minds September in Columbus, OH.

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Approved on April 20, 2013

D-17 (John "Hunter John" Harris)-No report.

AMA (Stacey Rigsby)-No report.

Region Reports:

NE REGION (John Bloch)-List of activities in region.

NW REGION-No report

EC REGION (Larry Ackerman)-Regional party 7/27/13. Need calendar of events from chapters.

WC REGION (Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal)-List of activities in region. Regional party 7/13-7/14.

SE REGION-No report

SW REGION (Mike Fisher)-List of activities in region.

Thunder Rock moved to adjourn, seconded by Freeport. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5⁵⁸.

**Submitted by,
Laural Stegall
State Secretary**