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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Below is information from committee reports during the Executive Committee meetings on Nov. 13 and Nov. 21. This information can be shared with any and all ATHS members.

Executive Director Search Committee

Thanks to the efforts of many, the Moran Co. has been re-engaged and is moving forward with the search for a new Executive Director.

More than 50 people have submitted resumes for this leadership opportunity. Moran has reduced those applicants to a much smaller, better qualified group and are conducting video interviews this week to refine the candidates. They will then send us the resumes of the four most qualified finalists.

In-person interviews with those four finalists will be conducted in two weeks. Assuming one of those four is acceptable, a final offer will be made.

The anticipated start date for the new ED will be mid-January 2018.

2018 Lexington Convention

All is well and plans continue to develop.

2019 Reno Convention

An attorney in Nevada has been retained to work on contractual obligations and negotiations with the Sierra Grand Resort. This is in the very early stages.

Executive Committee Realignment

Correspondence continues to be sent from Past President Dave Schroyer via email with respect to certain ATHS financial transactions. It seems the most recent went to Chapter Presidents yesterday.

We continue to have a "General Ledger Review" completed monthly by a third party accounting consultant. No discrepancies have been found. Anyone with questions and/or concerns about this is urged to contact any member of the Executive Committee and we will be happy to speak with you.

Office Holiday Hours

The Kansas City office will be closed the week of Christmas. Our most dedicated staff deserve a break. ■

— Your Executive Committee

NEWS FROM HEADQUARTERS

JANUARY BOARD MEETING

The ATHS Board of Directors will meet Jan. 25-27, 2018 in Kansas City, Mo. A room block has been reserved at the Best Western, which is located close to ATHS on Ambassador Drive.

Please make your hotel reservation by the cut off date of Jan. 8 and reference the group block name of "American Truck Historical Society." Our discounted room rate is \$75; rooms have been reserved from Jan. 22-28, 2018.

The hotel is offering complimentary shuttle service from the hotel to and from ATHS and the option to go to Zona Rosa, the local outdoor shopping center. Complimentary hot breakfast, wifi, and free parking are also available.

Please call (816) 891-9111 to make your reservation. Registration packets will be going out next week or are available online for download. ■

SMILE & HELP ATHS

Just a reminder that when doing your holiday shopping, when you shop on AmazonSmile, 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products will be donated to the charitable organization of your choice. ATHS is among the many charitable organizations that you may choose from.

Every item that is available for purchase on www.amazon.com is also available on AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com) at the same price. Make your purchases count even more by shopping through AmazonSmile, and you can also help ATHS! ■

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Happening Around Headquarters

Lori Kocol:

Registration for the 2018 Convention will begin Jan. 2 and online registration is expected to go live on that date on www.aths.org, barring any unforeseen catastrophe. Staff and Board members will be test driving the online registration process to catch any glitches prior to going live. There will be different pricing structures for members, non-members, and “early bird” registrations. A temp will be hired to handle phone registrations, since there is no paper registration. We expect a lot of calls. It takes a huge amount of planning, teamwork and volunteers to pull off this event every year. Staff has started weekly convention meetings and will continue until show time. Also around headquarters, we are upgrading the phone system, internet, and database in order to serve members more efficiently. ■

Kathy Spellman:

The 2018 ATHS Membership Cards will not be included in the January/February issue of *Wheels of Time*, as has been the practice in the past. ATHS Membership cards will now be mailed to you upon renewal payment.

An auto renewal feature is now online. This option renews your membership automatically each year so you never have to remember to renew!

Also, this holiday season, don't forget to give the gift of membership or surprise someone with an ATHS brick.

Thank you for your membership. Happy holidays to you and yours, and wishing all a happy and healthy 2018! ■

Cheryl Kober:

A newly designed membership brochure will be unveiled in 2018 with many more photos of members and trucks and a list of the benefits of joining ATHS. We believe the new brochure design will deliver a clearer message of who we are and will visually speak to and attract more members.

Look for a new Chapter Store ad in the next *WOT*. Some new products have been added and existing ones updated or confirmed. This is a great way for ATHS Chapters to make a few extra dollars, so show your support.

The Lexington show is only six months away and vendors and sponsors are already showing great interest. Packets to possible sponsors in the Lexington/Louisville area are going out daily. If you know of any vendors or sponsors interested in supporting our convention, please contact cheryl@aths.org or call (816) 777-0999. ■

Susan Roberts:

To chapter presidents and treasurers, it is almost time to prepare and submit your annual reports to National. You will be asked to prepare a financial statement, balance sheet, officers' roster and member roster, all as of Dec. 31, 2017, as well as your chapter's December 2017 bank statement to ensure your compliance. Remember, all chapter members *must* be ATHS members.

You will receive an email soon with detailed instructions and options for filing these reports using an Excel spreadsheet (does the math for you!), a fillable/printable PDF or online submission via our website. These items may be submitted via email, website, fax or regular mail and are due Jan. 31, 2018 so we will be ready for our independent audit. Contact me if you have any questions at susan@aths.org or (816) 777-0923. ■

Heather Gilbride:

As I open the daily mail, I occasionally come across notes along with renewals. These notes vary in content from messages of thanks (“Thanks for all you do to promote old trucks.”), messages of grief (“My husband passed away last winter. We lost one of the last real truck drivers.”), to messages of pride (“I was an over the road trucker for 58 years.”). I am the first person to see these little notes, and they

are extraordinarily moving. They are a reminder that you, the members, have kept ATHS and all that goes along with its greatness alive.

The passion exhibited by our members is phenomenal, and my hope is to be equally as passionate and honest in my duties serving the membership, Board, and Executive Committee. “Passion isn't something that lives way up in the sky, in abstract dreams and hopes. It lives at ground level, in the specific details of what you're actually doing every day.”
– Marcus Buckingham, British author/motivational speaker. ■

Courtney Cesar:

As your ATHS historian, it's my pleasure to attend the board meetings and record the history of our amazing organization. Last month, ATHS held the annual fall meeting in Lexington, Ky. The minutes from that meeting are now available on the ATHS website, and can be found at <https://www.aths.org/society-business/minutes>.

The next meeting of the ATHS Board of Directors is coming up in January and will be held at Headquarters. For details, see the “News From Headquarters” on page 1 of this *Dispatch*. ■

Stormy Wylie:

Recognizing the people and companies that have contributed to the history of the trucking industry is one of the most important aspects of the ATHS Mission Statement. Awards are presented throughout the year. The January/February issue of *WOT* contains photos and information on all of the recipients of ATHS Awards the previous year. Because of press deadlines, any awards presented after Dec. 4, 2017 will be included in the 2019 Awards issue.

If you would like to nominate a person or a company for an award, the forms can be downloaded from the website and are submitted to the Awards Committee for approval. Happy holidays! ■