



# Motor Bus Society Newsletter Summer 2012

## Election of Officers

The MBS bylaws state that there shall be an election every even numbered year. The election is to take place in even-numbered years, with elected persons taking office on January 1st of the succeeding odd-numbered year. The four corporate offices, President, Executive Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer will be elected for two year terms. In addition, two of the six Board of Trustees members are elected every two years on a rotating basis for six year terms.

Nominations for the four officers and two trustees are now open and will close on November 30, 2012. Nominations are to be sent to the Secretary at the MBS post office box or by e-mail to "secretary@motorbussociety.org."

Qualification for the four corporate offices and the two trustee positions are three consecutive years of paid-up membership in the MBS. In addition, candidates for trustee must be a resident of the state of New Jersey

Nominees for office or trustee will be allowed to make a brief statement of their qualifications for election at the fall meeting which is to be held on Saturday, October 6, 2012. The meeting is to commence at 8:00 PM. Ballots will be sent to paid up members by mid-November and must be received by the Elections Committee by December 15, 2012.

## Archives/Library Access

A review of administrative and physical Library access has been completed resulting in changes of procedure as well as new locks. Fred Eisinger is responsible for implementation of the new policies. Those requiring access can reach Fred by mail or e-mail at MBS contact sites.

## Conventions

**Fall 2011: Cleveland, OH:** The MBS Fall Convention was held in Cleveland, Ohio, from October 14 through October 16 based downtown at the Crowne Plaza Cleveland City Center. The convention chairman was Blaine Hays. Friday and Saturday buses were provided by Lakefront Lines and by Coach Tours throughout the convention.

### FRIDAY OCTOBER 14

Tours began in the morning stopping first at LakeTran headquarters in Painesville and going on to the garage of the Portage Area

### Motor Bus Society Conventions Locations for 2012-2015

Year	Spring	Fall
2012		<b>Buffalo, NY</b> October 5-6-7
2013	<b>Metro New York City, NY</b> April 26-27-28	<b>London, England, UK</b> Late September
2014	<b>Seattle, WA</b> April 25-26-27	<b>Grand Rapids, MI</b> October 10-11-12
2015	<b>Indianapolis, IN</b> April 24-25-26	<b>Halifax, NS, Canada</b> October 9-10-11

Note: St. Louis, MO convention is postponed to Spring 2016

Regional Transportation Authority in Kent. Lunch was at Mike's Place, a restaurant featuring a Twin Coach bus inside modified to seat diners.

Next was a stop at the Kent State University Student Center transit loop and then on to Youngstown to tour the garage of the Western Reserve Transit Authority. After returning to the hotel for dinner, an evening slide show featuring Cleveland Municipal Railway and Cleveland Transit System days was hosted by Blaine Hays.

### SATURDAY OCTOBER 15

First stop on Saturday was the garage of Lakefront Lines in Cleveland, then on to the North Olmsted Municipal Bus Lines garage where the tour group was treated to a short ride on preserved TDH-4509 110. Next was the Akron Regional Transit Authority Downtown Transit Center and lunch at Chapel Hill Mall.

The afternoon featured the Stark Area Regional Transit Authority and its Cornerstone Transit Center in Canton. After return to the hotel and dinner, activities began with a flea market and a short meeting. The highlight was a slide show presentation by Blaine Hays showcasing the RTA years in Cleveland.

### SUNDAY OCTOBER 16

All day Sunday was devoted to the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority and accordingly, all were provided day passes. A short walk from the hotel brought the group to the Tower City Station of the Healthline where a bus was boarded making photo stops out to the Windermere Station. From there, the group walked over to the Hayden Garage for further photo opportunities.

Boarding a westbound Red Line train to East 55th Street brought the group to the shops of the Red Line and the Shaker Rapid. After lunch at Shaker Square, the group boarded trains, returning to Tower City and on to the waterfront and south harbour.

#### THANKS ARE DUE:

First to Blaine Hays for an outstanding job as Convention Chairman. Hotel hospitality at the Crowne Plaza—

- Corey Strazlka

Ohio Museum of Transportation

- Michael Ondecker

- Bill Miller

- Mike Frampton

NOMBL (North Olmsted)

- Tim Conway

- Scott Thomas

- the Municipal vehicle crew

Lakefront Lines

- Tom Goebel

- Jim Goebel

- Lynn Borawski

Coach Tours

- Ira Steinberg

LakeTran (Painesville)

- General Manager Raymond Jukowski, and

- Deputy GM Andy Altenwec

PARTA (Kent)

- Director of Marketing Frank Hairston

- Director of Operations Brian Trautman

Kent State University

- Larry Emling of Parking & Transportation

WRTA (Youngstown)

- Executive Director James J. Ferraro

- Maintenance Foreman Dave Short

MRTA (Akron)

- Facilities Manager Troy Webb

- Communications Specialist Jessica Dreschal

SARTA (Canton)

- Executive Director Kirt Conrad

- Marketing Specialist Kathryn Manning

GCRTA (Cleveland)

Hayden Division

- Transportation Manager Catherine Eaton

- Equipment Manager Darryl kay

- Driver Doug Swain

Rail Operations

- Transportation Manager John Fedikovich

Special thanks to General Manager Joseph Calabrese and Marketing Supervisor Patricia Kearney for providing the Healthline bus

**Spring 2012: Los Angeles, CA:** The Spring 2012 MBS convention was held on April 27-28-29-30 in Los Angeles, CA. A report will be included in the next *Newsletter*.

**Fall, 2012: Buffalo, NY:** The Fall 2012 MBS convention is scheduled for Buffalo, NY during the October 5-6-7 weekend. The tentative itinerary calls for visits to southern Ontario locations on Friday, Rochester and Syracuse on Saturday, and Buffalo on Sunday.

**Spring 2013: New York Metro Area:** The Spring 2013 is scheduled for April 26-27-28-29 in the New York City Metropolitan area. This meeting will celebrate the 65th anniversary of the formation of the Motor Bus Society.

**Fall 2013: London, England:** This will be the first overseas meeting of the MBS. We will plan our convention in late September to coincide with Showbus in Duxford. As soon as the exact dates for that event are announced, we will schedule our convention. Preliminary planning is for a five-day core program featuring two days in the London area. The second two days would cover the Home Counties to the southeast with the fifth day devoted to Showbus. Further details will be published as exact dates become available. For planning purposes, please let us know your interest as early as is convenient

## MBS Officials

Current occupants of the positions listed in the MBS by-laws are:

#### Corporate Officers (2011-2012)

**President: Dino Mandros**

**Executive Vice-President: Bon Hussey**

**Secretary: Gerald L. Squier**

**Treasurer: Rich Phillippi**

#### Board of Trustees (six year terms):

2007-2012: Mike Ferlise and Glen Schmeltz

2009-2014: Jim Gilliga and Sid Keyles

2011-2016: Murray Kramer and Fred Eisinger

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