

Ohio Same-Day Transportation Association



The Country Club at Muirfield Village, Dublin, Ohio, with its exceptional services and facilities, provided the back drop

for this year's 2nd annual Ohio Same-Day Transportation Association's (OSTA) General Meeting on October 5, 2011. OSTA members from every corner of the State participated in discussions that underscored issues impacting their businesses, especially pending Ohio H.B. 137 and its Ohio Senate companion Bill, S.B. 107.

Featured speakers at this year's event included Bob DeCaprio, MCAA Executive Director, and Representative Ross W. McGregor, of the Ohio House of Representatives, District #72. Mr. DeCaprio not only called attention to the role of the MCAA in government issues, he also emphasized the need for state courier associations, like OSTA, to proactively assume the reins of their political agendas at the state level. He indicated that consolidated efforts at the state and local levels are paramount in order to create a stronger platform by the MCAA on the National plane.

Rep. McGregor's attendance at the event provided even further interest and satisfaction to those members who were present. His agreement to sponsor an Ohio House Bill proposing language that is favorable to the courier industry,

as well as OSTA's lobbying concerns, was an obvious high point. Proposal of this Bill is set to occur sometime after the November, 2011 Ohio General Elections.

Other items on the program included a year-to-date review and annual updates from committee members, along with the establishment of OSTA By-laws, and the OSTA Election process that resulted in the following slate of officers for 2012: President, Jeff Thomas, Priority Dispatch; Treasurer, Ron Dillard, Premier Courier; Secretary, Ed Seidel, Dynamex; Board elect, Joe Eckart, Best Courier.

At the end of the meeting, it was concluded that the OSTA will continue to monitor the passage of proposed Bills that will adversely affect the transportation industry in Ohio. The Board of Officers encourages its membership to personally speak with their local State Representatives regarding proposals, and when the time comes, to support Rep. McGregor's introduction of his new Bill that will ultimately impact our industry favorably.

For those who may be interested in joining the OSTA, have questions regarding future meetings, or current Ohio legislation, please contact Jeff Thomas at jeff.thomas@prioritydispatch.com. **MCW**



OSTA Members (l to r) attending the 10/5 meeting:

Ed Seidel, Dynamex; Ron Dillard, Premier Delivery Service; Jeff Thomas, Priority Dispatch; Henry Holtkamp, 1st American Courier; Joe Bernon, Prestige Delivery Systems; and George Sagaris, Top Dawg Logistics



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