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Membership Luncheon



Expo Reception



Peer Reception (Vine Street)





#### Thursday EXPO Breakfast









Thursday Coffee Bar Social





Thursday EXPO Lunch

## NOVabus

Big Night Out (Federal Tap House)









## 2014 Professional Supervisor Program Graduates

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**Roberta Gostic** Washington City Transit

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**Andrew Jones** *Lehigh/Northampton Transportation Authority* 

Christopher Jordan

Rick McClellan

Centre Area Transportation Authority

Centre Area Transportation Authority

Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority

Bob Reska Centre Area Transportation Authority

Rivera Roseanne Lehigh/Northampton Transportation Authority

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**George Thornes** Ocean City Transit, Maryland

#### 2014ß TransitSCORE Graduates

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**Christopher Jordan** Centre Area Transportation Authority

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## PennTRAIN's New Board Training 101 - On site training

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## Board Training on-line modules - August 2014

Board Training 101 is designed to provide PA Transit Board Members and Executive Directors/General Managers/CEOs with advanced level skills to ensure positive guidance and oversight of transit services. During the course, participants will learn more about the pressures facing a modern transit Board; the primary role, functions and responsibilities of the Board and its members; and from whom the Board obtains authority and for what it is accountable. The course also explores the structure of a Board and expectations of Board operations, Act 44 performance review requirements and the rationale behind them, and various Federal and State funding requirements.

Contact Cindy Conaway to schedule your board on-site training at cconaway@penntrain.net or 1-800-847-0333 x 102.

### **Upcoming PennTRAIN Sponsored Classes**

August 5-7, 2014	CTAA's Certified Safety & Security Officers Certification (CSSO)- State College, PA
Description	http://web1.ctaa.org/webmodules/webarticles/anmviewer.asp?a=41&z=116
Fall 2014	NTI - Procurement for Small & Medium Transit Systems - TBD
Description	http://www.ntionline.com/courses/courseinfo.php?id=209
Jan/Feb 2015	TransitSCORE - Train the Trainer Instructor Led - TBD
Feb/March 2015	Professional Supervisor Program Instructor Led - TBD
Description	www.penntrain.net

PennTRAIN Online Trainings for both programs available to anyone in Pennsylvania Transportation - Contact Cindy Conaway for log-in access.

<sup>\*\*\*\*\*</sup>Now available: Online Trainings are compatible with iPad and tablets



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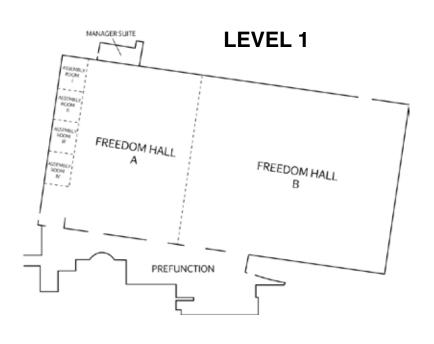
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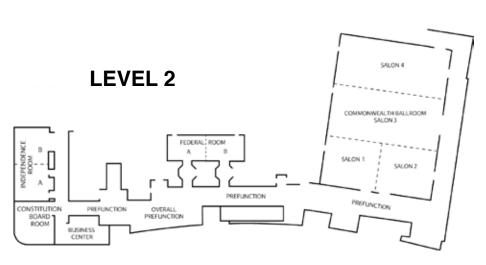
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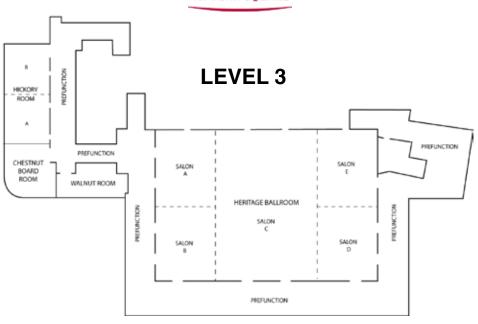
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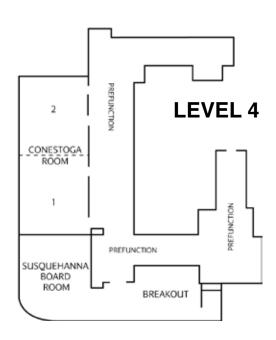












# 2014 PPTA Spring Conference Agenda

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

7:00 ам — 4:00 рм	Registration - Montgomery House Foyer (adjacent to Freedom Hall)	
7:30 ам — 9:45 ам	Committee meetings	
7:30 - 8:30 AM	Technology - Commonwealth Ballroom Salon 1	
	Human Resources - Commonwealth Ballroom Salon 2	
8:45 - 9:45 AM	Operations - Commonwealth Ballroom Salon 2	
	Marketing - Independence	
	Ride Share - Commonwealth Ballroom Salon 1	
9:45 – 10:00 AM	Coffee Break - Commonwealth	
10:00 AM - 12:15 PM	Committee meetings	
10:00 - 11:00 AM	Maintenance - Commonwealth Ballroom Salon 2	
	Community Transportation - Com. Ballroom Salon 1	
11:15 AM - 12:15 PM	Governmental Affairs - Commonwealth Ballroom Salon 1	
	Finance Officers - Commonwealth Ballroom Salon 2	
12:30 - 2:00 PM	Membership Luncheon & Award Recognition Commonwealth Ballroom Salon 3&4	

#### 2:15 – 3:15 PM Concurrent Sessions (2)

#### (1) Transit Potpourri - Commonwealth Ballroom Salon 2

A primer on what you need to know including revisiting the *right to know* law after 5 years, updates to the laws affecting transit authorities, human resource updates and what we have learned over the last few years to minimize exposure through good "operational" policies. A global discussion to educate transit providers that policies are not just HR's job but impact operations, board relations and compliance with Pennsylvania Law.

Presenter: Jill Nagy, Esq, Summers Nagy Law Firm

#### (2) Q&A and tips for using Microsoft Excel Sponsored by PennTRAIN

- Commonwealth Ballroom Salon 1

The session will focus on improving your use of Excel through shortcuts and tools that go unnoticed or under-utilized.

Presenter: Rich Williams, IT/Trainer, PPTA

2:00 – 6:00 PM Expo Set Up (buses 2:00 PM, booths 3:00 PM)

Freedom Hall B

3:30 – 4:30 PM Concurrent Sessions (3)

#### (1) Building A Marketing Plan No Matter the Size Agency or Your Position Independence

This session is designed to talk *soup to nuts* in a simple and easy fashion yet appealing to seasoned marketing professionals and those who aren't sure where to start.

Some topics of discussion include:

- Identifying target audience
- Determining marketing channels
- Thinking seasonal/cyclical

Presenter: Vincent Reedy, Creative Director, holberg design

## (2) Worker's Compensation... Do you know all you need to know?

This session steers you through the ins and outs, challenges and issues you may not be aware of and what to do and not to do. You may think you have all the answers but this session will make sure you do.

Presenters: Katherine Bavoso - Thomas, Thomas, & Hafer LLP

Evan Jenkins - Thomas, Thomas, & Hafer LLP

Jason C. Giurintano - Thomas, Thomas, & Hafer LLP

Paul Pauciulo - Thomas, Thomas, & Hafer LLP





## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23 (CONTINIUED)

(3) Act 44 Data Validation- An Analytical Approach (3:30 – 5:00 PM)

Commonwealth Ballroom Salon 1

This presentation will focus on "real world" ways that any transit agency can review and verify data and data trends using standard office software. Case studies will reveal approaches analysts can use to focus limited resources to insure effective management oversight and quality control.

Presenter:	Wade White, President & CEO, Whitehouse Group, Inc.
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5:00 — 6:30 РМ	PPTA Board of Directors Meeting - Hickory
6:30 — 7:30 рм	Opening Reception in EXPO Hall - Freedom Hall B (Networking with Exhibitors)
7:30 — 9:30 рм	Peer to Peer Reception - Vine Street Lobby

## **THURSDAY, APRIL 24**

7:00 AM – 3:00 PM Registration	- Montgomery House Foyer (adjacent to Freedom Hall)
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7:15 – 10:00 AM EXPO Open - Freedom Hall B

Stop by the PennTRAIN booth to discuss PennTRAIN online courses as well as meet with Rich Williams, for Q&A and tips for using Microsoft Excel

7:15 – 8:15 AM Breakfast & Networking with exhibitors in EXPO Hall - Freedom Hall B



#### 7:15 - 9:45 AM

#### PennDOT "Chat with Staff" in EXPO Hall

Freedom Hall B

Meet with Bureau staff to discuss a variety of topics that impact your system, share concerns, ask questions and discuss challenges that face you.

#### 8:15 – 9:30 AM Concurrent Sessions (2)

#### (1) Procurement Fraud - Commonwealth Ballroom Salon 1

The Office of Inspector General's mission is to prevent, investigate, and eradicate fraud, waste, abuse, and misconduct in the programs, operations, and contracting of executive agencies under the Governor's jurisdiction. This presentation will focus on several Procurement Fraud Schemes and red flags to help identify and prevent procurement fraud.

Presenters: James H. Timko, Special Assistant to the Inspector General

Robert A. Zeplin, Special Investigator

Martin B. Molitoris, Special Investigator

#### (2) APTA-Voices of Transit - Commonwealth Ballroom Salon 2

The American Public Transportation Association has developed an exciting new campaign to brand and position public transportation in our communities. This new initiative, which is based on research, is all about promoting the value of public transit at the local, state and national levels and advancing the case for additional investment. This session will outline the research findings and showcase the new messaging and advertising materials and as well as digital advocacy and media outreach. Come see how these materials and templates can be localized for your use.

Presenters: Rose Sheridan, Vice President, Communications and

Marketing, APTA

Mantill Williams, Director, Advocacy Communications, APTA

9:30 -10:00 AM

Coffee Bar Social in EXPO Hall - Freedom Hall B





## THURSDAY, APRIL 24 (CONTINUED)

10:00 - 11:30 AM

#### FTA Policy & Regulatory Update

Commonwealth Ballroom Salon 2

The session will include a presentation and time for questions and will focus on:

- Current status of FTA funding
- Most common FY13 key triennial findings
- An update on FTA's progress in implementing MAP-21 including changes in regulations and Circulars

Don't forget to also stop by FTA the "Chat with Staff" on the EXPO floor following this session.

Presenters: Brigid Hynes-Cherin, Regional Administrator, FTA

Jay Fox, Regional Counsel, FTA

11:45 AM – 1:45 PM EXPO Lunch, Networking with Exhibitors

& Door Prizes - Freedom Hall B

11:45 AM – 1:45 PM FTA "Chat with Staff" in EXPO Hall

Freedom Hall B

Extend your discussion, get your questions answered and talk about what is important to you in regards to FTA issues.

1:45 PM

#### **EXPO** teardown

1:45 - 3:00 PM

**Concurrent Sessions (2)** 

(1) Raising the Bar for the Safety & Training Program in Your Organization - Commonwealth Ballroom Salon 1

With the demand for quality paratranist drivers greater than the current supply, efforts to recruit, hire, train and maintain these drivers is more important than ever. This session will examine ways to improve safety & training programs

Presenter: Carl Pysher, rabbittransit





#### (2) National Association update with APTA & CTAA

Commonwealth Ballroom Salon 2

This session provides a wealth of information from our two national associations: American Public Transportation Association & Community Transportation Association of America. Hear their take on Federal Legislative issues, initiatives and much more. Plenty of information you should know and time for you to ask questions.

Presenters: Charles Dickson, Associate Director, CTAA

Billy Terry, Senior Legislative Representative, APTA

#### 3:15 – 4:30 PM Concurrent Sessions (3)

#### (1) Marketing Best Practices Panel - Commonwealth Ballroom Salon 1

This panel features three transit system representatives sharing best practices, the ins and outs, challenges and successes and sharing ideas along with a Q&A so can start or expand your marketing efforts. A can't miss session!

Presenters: Jenna Reedy, Business Development Manager, rabbittransit

Cindy Binner, Office Manager, Lebanon Transit Jacqueline Sheader, MBA, Marketing Manager, CATA

## (2) DGS Contract 4400012478: CoSTARS© TRIPLE PLAY for Paratransit Operators! - Commonwealth Ballroom Salon 2

Factory representatives from FORD and GM will be present to describe how users of the DGS contract benefit from low-cost **training and education** options for their maintenance and repair technicians, and gain access to **OEM service information, technical data and software updates.** If you operate Ford, GM or Chrysler vehicles, and have cost-control, fleet operations or staff development responsibility, you should attend this session! Immediate **cost-reduction** opportunities available to PPTA members and contractors who operate FORD, GM and CHRYS-LER vehicles so don't miss this session.

Presenter: George Wright, Fleet Sales Manager, Fred Beans Parts, Inc.

#### (3) General Transit Feed Specification - Independence

The session will provide an overview of the GTFS standard and Google Transit as well as future developments of the standard and analytical tools which can be used to get the most out of GTFS data. The session should provide value to fixed route systems currently using GTFS as well as those who have not yet begun publishing their data to Google Transit

Presenter: JD Kronicz, IT Manager, PPTA

## THURSDAY, APRIL 24 (CONTINIUED)

5:15 PM Depart from Hotel Main Lobby for Big Night Out

5:30 - 7:30 PM Federal Tap House event - Federal Tap House

Enjoy an evening of networking and fun at the Federal Tap House

## FRIDAY, APRIL 25

7:45 - 8:45 AM Peer to Peer Networking Breakfast - Heritage Ballroom C

9:00-9:30AM PennDOT Update - Heritage Ballroom A-B

Veteran's Grants, Capital Planning Tool, and much more will be part of a brief update from the PennDOT team

#### 9:30 - 11:00 AM Capital Planning Tool - Asset Data Workshop

Heritage Ballroom A-B

This workshop will provide agencies with an opportunity to get their questions answered about how to input rolling stock asset data into the workbooks which will be distributed by early March. A demonstration of how the asset data can then be managed and used in the Capital Planning Tool will be provided, as well as a preview of the next steps in the project.

Presenters: Laurie Hussey, Cambridge Systematics

Julian Ray, Cambridge Systematics



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OVERALL EVALUATION	LOW HIGH
Time of year	12345
Conference format	12345
Promotional materials	12345
Your experience with the hotel	12345
On-site registration assistance	12345
Value received for registration fee	12345
Overall quality of events	12345
Overall organization of events	12345
Seminar program content	12345
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Seminar content matched literature	12345
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Would you be interested in attending the 2015 Spring Conference (A $\square$ Yes $\ \square$ No $\ \square$ Maybe	pril 2015)?
Suggestions for future Topics or Speakers:	
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