



BI-STATE NEWS

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GCT-Bayonne Seeks Cooperation to Reduce Missed Appointments

While many motor carriers have been successfully using the Truck Management System at Global Container Terminal to schedule appointments for container pick-up and drop-off, there is a persistent issue that the terminal is trying to address: the frequency of missed appointments.

GCT-Bayonne Appointments Director Michael Verney gave a presentation at the August Bi-State General Member Meeting, requesting the cooperation of our members in cancelling appointments in a timely manner if they cannot be utilized. Association of Bi-State Motor Carriers President Jeff Bader agreed. “The Bi-State strongly encourages its members to be diligent in cancelling appointments as early in the process as possible,” said Bader, “in order to allow other members the ability to utilize those slots, and keep containers moving efficiently.”



Motor carriers who demonstrate a consistently unacceptable rate of missed appointments (“problematic” rates averaged in the 40% range) are being contacted by the terminal, to rectify any underlying issues they may be having with utilizing the truck management system effectively. The terminal’s goal is to reduce the overall number of unused time slots in order to increase efficiency for all users.

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Tips for Using the Truck Management System

-- An Availability Dashboard notice (*see sample, right*) is distributed via email twice a day, detailing appointment availability. To receive these emails, contact truckreservation@global-terminal.com. You can also contact Mike Verney at mverney@global-terminal.com, or Phillip Doherty at pdoherty@global-terminal.com.

-- Use the [Terminal Information Portal System](#) (TIPS) to view additional information on container availability and specific locations within the terminal, which provides a fuller picture when used in tandem with the Availability Dashboard.

-- The window for making appointments via the Truck Management System portal is from 6am to 6pm, but motor carriers have the ability to cancel an appointment at any point up until half an hour before the scheduled appointment slot. Users are advised to be considerate of their fellow motor carriers and cancel unwanted appointments as soon as possible.

Truck appointments are currently required at GCT’s Bayonne terminal between the hours of 0600 and 1100. For daily terminal updates, please visit www.globalterminalsbayonne.com/daily-update/

MOVES TYPE / LOCATION	6AM	7AM	8AM	9AM	10AM
7A IMPORT PICKUPS	●	●			●
8A IMPORT PICKUPS			●	●	●
9A IMPORT PICKUPS			●	●	●
10A IMPORT PICKUPS	●	●		●	●
11A IMPORT PICKUPS				●	●
12A IMPORT PICKUPS				●	●
13A IMPORT PICKUPS	●	●		●	●
14A IMPORT PICKUPS			●	●	●
15A IMPORT PICKUPS				●	●
16A IMPORT PICKUPS	●		●	●	●
IMPORTS to locations with A,B,C,D,E,Z,A				●	●
EXPORTS IN				●	●
EMPTY OUT		●		●	●
EMPTY IN				●	●

● Empty
● Limited Availability
● Available

ATA Names New
IMCC Executive Director



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Legislative Update: The Latest News from Trenton



On August 7th, 2017 Governor Christie signed **S3074** into law. Sponsored by Senators Lesniak and Turner, and Assembly members Johnson, Oliver, Holley and Chiaravalloti, the new law establishes gubernatorial veto power over the Waterfront Commission of NY Harbor's meeting minutes, and expands the Governor's oversight powers over the Waterfront Commission. "This is an agency that has operated without accountability for far too long," said **Senator Ray Lesniak**. "The waterfront commission

provides a great source of economic strength for the New York-New Jersey area, so it is only right that the governors of these two states have some oversight into this commission, so they don't abuse their powers." In order for the law to take full effect, a similar measure needs to be passed by the Legislature in NY State.



Senator Ray Lesniak



Senator
Jim Whelan

The Bi-State offers its deepest condolences to the family of **Senator Jim Whelan** (D-District 2) of Atlantic City, who passed away suddenly on August 22nd. "Jim was a true friend, a confidant and champion for the people of South Jersey and the entire state," Senate President Stephen Sweeney said in a statement. "He gave so much of his life to public service, serving as a teacher, a councilman, as mayor, and for more than a decade in the Legislature fighting for policies to help improve the lives of the residents of the state. He was a man of integrity and honor, and he was a friend to all of us."

Senator Kevin O'Toole (R-District 40) stepped down from the Legislature in June after he was nominated to the Port Authority of NY & NJ Board of Commissioners by Governor Chris Christie. He joined the Board on July 2nd and was elected Chairman on August 3, 2017, succeeding John Degnan. Rick Cotton, a former aide to NY Governor Andrew Cuomo, joined the PANYNJ as Executive Director on August 14, succeeding Patrick Foye, who is now heading up the Metropolitan Transit Authority as its President.



PANYNJ Chairman
Kevin O'Toole

REMINDER: 2017 is a big election year in the State of New Jersey, with all 120 legislative seats in the Senate and Assembly up for re-election, as well as the Governor and Lieutenant Governor/Secretary of State. Throughout the year, the Association of Bi-State Motor Carriers actively works to build strong relationships with our government officials, to ensure that our members have a strong voice on key policy issues facing the intermodal trucking industry in our state. To that end, the **Bi-State Political Action Committee (PAC) Fund** supports candidates who understand the unique needs and challenges facing the port community, and have demonstrated an ability to effectively represent our position on these issues. By contributing to the PAC fund, you help us provide support for the candidates whose ideals and policy positions most closely resemble that of our membership. Donations are accepted year-round; please send your check made payable to the Bi-State Motor Carriers PAC to 263-D Distribution Street, Newark NJ 07114. *Click the button at below to donate via credit card.*

[Donate to the
Bi-State PAC Fund](#)

ATA Names New Executive Director of IMCC

On August 2nd, the [American Trucking Associations](#) announced that Tyler Rushforth has joined their staff as the executive director of the Intermodal Motor Carrier Conference. “Intermodal is an essential sector of the freight economy, and IMCC carries out the important mission of providing a strong, unified and effective voice for this large and growing sector,” said ATA President and CEO Chris Spear. “Tyler brings a wealth of experience from his time on Capitol Hill—experience that will prove to be a valuable asset for our carriers.”



IMCC Executive Director
Tyler Rushforth

Rushforth previously served as counsel to the U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, and as legislative advisor and counsel to former Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nevada). Rushforth holds a Juris Doctor from Vermont Law School and graduated from Brigham Young University with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science.

“I am excited to join the ATA family and get to work on behalf of the industry,” said Rushforth. “Intermodal faces a number of challenges and opportunities, from roadability and economic and operational fairness to infrastructure efficiencies. IMCC has an essential role to play in strengthening intermodal’s link in our national supply chain, and I’m proud to be a part of that effort.”

[American Trucking Associations](#) is the largest national trade association for the trucking industry.

**Please join us on
Monday, Sept. 18, 2017**

Annual B-State Golf Outing & Awards Luncheon

Men and women golfers are welcome...but time is running out! Please contact dj@thebistate.com if you’d like to reserve a spot for the outing, or click the [“Registration Info”](#) link at left.

Tickets also available for our Awards Luncheon, recognizing outstanding service and contributions to the intermodal community. Honorees include NYSA President John Nardi, 2017 Malcom McLean Award recipient.

To donate items for our golfer goody bags, please contact LisaY@thebistate.com



This year’s outing will be held at a new venue: the award-winning Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth, just minutes from the port

[Registration Info](#)



ECHH Hosts Annual TLD Event on October 4th

The Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless will host its sixth annual Transportation, Logistics & Distribution event on Wednesday, October 4 from 8am-10am at the Embassy Suites Newark Airport in Elizabeth. This year's honoree is Richie Suarez, President of the International



ILA Local 1235
President Richie Suarez

Longshoreman's Association Local 1235. Keynote Speaker at the breakfast will be John Nardi, President of the New York Shipping Association. Proceeds from this event will benefit Bernice's Place, an after-school and summer program for homeless and near homeless children.

For more info, visit www.theelizabethcoalition.org or contact Cristina Pinzon at 908-447-3964, or via email at cpinzon@theelizabethcoalition.org. Tickets and sponsorship info are available [HERE](#).



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∞ SAVE THE DATE ∞

MARQUIS
TRANSPORTATION PRACTICE

Marquis Agency's 10th Annual Safety & Compliance Seminar

Thursday, November 2nd 10:00am – 2:00pm
Ramada Plaza Inn on Frontage Road
Newark, NJ 07114

Details to follow in our September Newsletter



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Sept. 4	Labor Day
Sept. 12	General Member Meeting
Sept. 18	Golf Outing & Awards Luncheon
Oct. 4	ECHH TLD Breakfast
Oct. 9	Columbus Day
Oct. 10	General Member Meeting
Oct. 15-21	CVSA Safe Driver Week
Nov. 2	Safety & Compliance Seminar
Nov. 7	Election Day
Nov. 10	Veteran's Day (Observed)
Nov. 14	General Member Meeting

Join us for our next
General Member Meeting
Tuesday Sept. 12 @ 1000 hours
NYSA Training Ctr. Auditorium
1210 Corbin Street, Elizabeth, NJ

Not a Bi-State Member Yet?
Visit our [website](#) for info on the [Benefits of Membership](#) and a [Membership Application](#).



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