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President's Message: Advocacy in Action

The Bi-State Officers and Executive Board members serve on an unpaid, volunteer basis, donating their time and energy to problem-solving and working with other port stakeholders to provide a unified voice for the intermodal industry. Much of what they do for our membership takes place behind-the-scenes, including: Monthly Board meetings; Focus Groups and meetings with the Marine Terminals to provide feedback on levels of service, and address issues that impact motor carriers at the port; conference calls to reach a consensus on our messaging and interactions with port stakeholders (including our recent correspondence objecting to the Street Turn Fees proposed by ZIM and Hyundai *(see page 2 for details)*; and much more.



Lou Notaro

At the end of last year, in accordance with our By-laws, the Bi-State held its bi-annual Board elections, and I'm happy to report that the Executive Board members who had terms expiring in 2018 have all agreed to continuing serving for another term. In addition, Board member Lou Notaro of FOX Intermodal was nominated and unanimously approved to serve as our Second Vice President. Congratulations to Lou, and thank you to all of the Board members for your dedicated service to our members.

— Jeff Bader, President
Association of Bi-State Motor Carriers

2019 Membership Dues - Deadline Jan. 31st



Reminder: your Annual Bi-State Membership Dues are due in by Jan. 31st! The cost is \$650 for General Membership, \$550 for Allied Membership. Donations to our Scholarship Fund, PAC Fund, and General Fund are also gratefully accepted throughout the year, funding our advocacy and outreach.

Our preferred method of payment is by check, payable to The Association of Bi-State Motor Carriers, and mailed to:

Executive Director Dick Jones,
263-D Distribution Street, Newark,
NJ 07114. Payments and donations
are also accepted online via credit
card *(see box at right)*.

As a non-profit organization, all donations received help us to serve the intermodal trucking community. Thank you for your ongoing support of our organization.

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<https://squareup.com/store/bistatemic>

Bi-State Objects to Street Turn Fees Proposed by Zim & Hyundai

In response to UIIA amendments announced by Zim American Integrated Shipping Services and Hyundai Merchant Marine that call for the imposition of fees for all Street Turn equipment exchanges (\$40 for Zim, \$50 for Hyundai) as of February 4, 2019, the Association of Bi-State Motor Carriers voiced its strong objection to these revisions, and urged the IANA to intervene.

“These change violate the basic good business practices currently in place regarding such turns,” said President Jeff Bader, “and will result in a negative impact on all stakeholders in the intermodal community, as well as the millions of residents who live, work, and travel throughout the NY/NJ port region.”

“Allowing [Zim and Hyundai] to implement these unnecessary, burdensome fees on Street Turns will only serve to increase congestion and reduce efficiency” Bader continued. “It is also a clear violation of the goals and directives announced last month by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which is set to release approximately \$40 million grant funding to implement projects aimed at reducing truck diesel emissions.”

As part of the Bi-State’s efforts to reduce traffic and congestion in the port area, reduce overall emissions, and avoid unnecessary terminal trips to increase operations efficiency, Bi-State members currently participate in a Members-Only Street Turn Forum, where interested parties can post their equipment availability and/or equipment needs. The forum is very active, with more than 65 member companies currently participating, saving thousands of port trips each year. *For more information on how to join the Bi-State Street Turn Forum, contact Communications Director Lisa Yakomin at LisaY@thebistate.com.*



PANYNY Winter Weather Plan & Snow Removal Safety Reminder



As January comes to a close, the Northeastern U.S. has settled into a wintry weather pattern that produced two snow events within the last week, with additional snow expected before month-end.

New Jersey law requires all motorists, including truckers, to “make all reasonable efforts to remove accumulated ice or snow from exposed surfaces of the motor vehicle prior to operation, which surfaces shall include, but not be limited to, the hood, trunk, windshield, windows, and roof of the motor vehicle,

the cab of a truck, the top of a trailer or semitrailer being drawn by a motor vehicle, and the top of an intermodal freight container being carried by an intermodal chassis.” Failure to adhere to this law can result in a fine from \$25-\$75 for each infraction. The law also states that, for an intermodal freight container, whoever is the entity in physical possession of the container at the time snow or ice accumulates is be responsible for removing the accumulated snow or ice.

Each year, the Port Authority of NY & NJ releases its Winter Weather Plan, detailing their preparations and planning prior to an inclement weather event. “As in past years,” they said, “the Port Authority will continue to host planning conferences in advance of each predicted heavy weather event. The terminal operators, trucking associations, labor, equipment providers and US Customs and Border Protection will all work together to develop a unified plan to address any weather related closings and to plan recovery efforts.”



Any changes in hours of operations (such as terminal closures, extended hours, etc.) will be communicated via the PortNYNJAlerts system at www.paalerts.com/default_Port.aspx. For more information on the PANYNJ’s 2018-19 Winter Weather plan, please visit: <http://www.panynj.gov/port/weather-plan.html>.

Legislative Update: Looking Ahead in 2019

On January 15, 2019, NJ Governor Phil Murphy delivered the State of the State Address in Trenton, highlighting his accomplishments during his first year in office, and outlining his priorities for the year ahead. To read the full text of his speech, [click here](#).



Governor Phil Murphy

In his address, Governor Murphy reiterated his call for an overhaul of the State’s tax incentives programs, and vowed to create a new tax incentive program that will include monetary caps, clear eligibility criteria, greater oversight, and flexibility. The Governor stated that any reformed tax incentive program should include targeted investment in high-wage, high-growth sectors of the New Jersey economy.

“Carefully crafted, properly enforced, and transparent tax incentives have a place in a successful economic program,” said Governor Murphy. “Tax incentives must be just one tool in our toolbox. Education, infrastructure, workforce development – those are the primary tools for building a stronger and fairer economy and a stronger and fairer New Jersey. Tax incentives should be used strategically and sparingly to get us to our goal.”

Governor Murphy cited the following initiatives as priorities for the year ahead:

- **Fixing NJ TRANSIT** by improving customer communications, service, and reliability.
- **Fighting the opioid epidemic** by dedicating resources to increase access to treatment and recovery programs, and working with law enforcement to combat this crisis.
- **Encouraging companies to invest in New Jersey’s communities and Opportunity Zones.**
- **Leveraging a new Evergreen Innovation Fund to grow the next generation of innovative companies.**
- **Establishing a \$15 per hour minimum wage**
- **Legalizing adult-use marijuana**
- **Rebuilding New Jersey’s water infrastructure network**
- **Expanding Voter Access** by allowing residents to register to vote online and at the polls on Election Day; enacting early, in-person voting; allowing 17-year-olds to register and vote in June primaries if they will turn 18 by the November general election; and restoring voting rights for individuals on probation or parole, to further their reentry into society by allowing them to exercise the right to vote.
- **Allowing all residents, regardless of status, to obtain a valid New Jersey driver’s license.**



2019 LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

January 31	Senate & Assembly Voting Sessions
February 1	Senate Voting Session
February 25	Assembly Voting Session
March 5	Governor’s Budget Address
March 14	Senate Voting Session
March 25	Senate & Assembly Voting Sessions

“The state of our state is stronger and fairer than it was one year ago,” said the Governor, “but our work is far from finished. It comes down to this: you can’t have economic progress without social progress, and you can’t have social progress without economic progress. That’s where this journey is taking us – to a New Jersey that is both strong and fair – and I know we can make this vision a reality.”

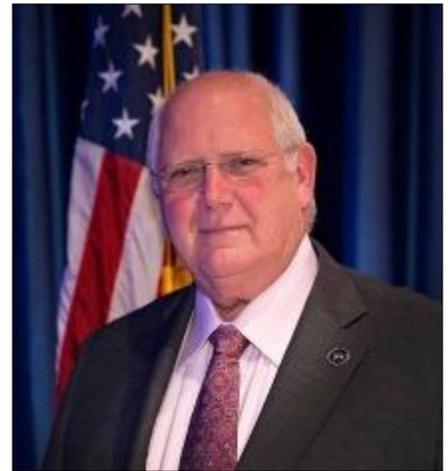
In addition to the goals set forth by Governor Murphy in his State of the State address, 2019 also promises to be a big year for the NJ State Assembly: all 80 members of the lower house will be up re-election on November 5th. (State Senators are not up for re-election until November 2, 2021.)

NYNJ Foreign Freight Forwarders & Brokers to Honor Harold J. Daggett

On Thursday, February 7, 2019, the New York New Jersey Foreign Freight Forwarders and Brokers Association will host its Annual Person of the Year cocktail reception and dinner event. This year's honoree is Harold J. Daggett, International President of the International Longshoremen's Association, AFL-CIO.

Bi-State President Jeff Bader will attend as an invited representative of the intermodal trucking community at the Port of NY & NJ. The event will be held at the New York Marriot Marquis Hotel at 45th Street & Broadway, in New York City, from 6pm to 10pm.

For more information on tickets and sponsorship opportunities, contact Michele Farrell at 732-741-1936, or email info@nynjforwarders-brokers.org.



**2019 Person of the Year
Harold J. Daggett**



SAVE THE DATE!

**2018 Golf Outing & Awards Luncheon
Monday, September 9, 2019**

**Galloping Hill Golf Course
Kenilworth, NJ**

Join us for our next
General Member Meeting
Tuesday February 12th
@ 1000 hours

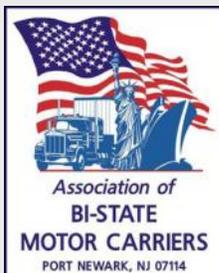


NYS Training Ctr. Auditorium
1210 Corbin Street, Elizabeth, NJ



Dates to Remember

February 12	Lincoln's Birthday Monthly Member Meeting
February 18	President's Day
March 12	Monthly Member Meeting
March 18	Gleason's Birthday
April 9	Monthly Member Meeting
April 19	Good Friday



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