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15 Years Later: Memories from 9/11/01

September 11, 2016 will mark the 15 year anniversary of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. It was a day that no American will ever forget. We asked members of the NY/NJ port community to share their memories of that fateful day:



The New York Shipping Association's offices were on the 19th and 20th floors of Tower 2 of the World Trade Center. I was on jury duty that morning in New Jersey, and heard about the attack because someone called my cell phone to make sure I was okay. I was stunned, shocked and numb. I couldn't get a hold of anyone in my office; phones weren't working. The courthouse closed and sent us home. I watched on TV as the morning's events unfolded. It took forever for me to reach everyone in my family to assure them I was okay. NYSA was very blessed: everyone who was there that day was able to get out of the building uninjured.

**Beverly H. Fedorko, Director External Affairs
New York Shipping Association**

We had a warehouse in Irvington, NJ that had a TV in the drivers' room. I got a phone call from my wife telling me that a plane had hit the one of the towers. When I turned on the TV my uncle said it must have been a small plane, but by the looks of it, you knew it was much worse. All of a sudden, we are watching a plane almost do a u-turn and fly right into the other tower. My jaw fell to the floor. I was speechless and could not believe what I had witnessed. My wife kept calling to me to get home because we were right by Newark Airport. She kept hearing reports that other planes had been hijacked and that they could be crash landing everywhere. Needless to say it was a very surreal moment.

**Mike Baicher, President & CEO
West End Express**

Right after the attack, the Port Authority closed down all of the streets around the port as a safety precaution, but we had drivers out there who were stuck and couldn't get back to our yard. Fortunately, we discovered one back street that they forgot to shut down, so we routed the trucks through there and got everyone home safely.

**Tom Heimgartner, President & CEO
BEST Transportation**

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I was out running. I remember coming home and my husband, already at work, called and said to turn on the TV. I did. At the time I wasn't sure what was going on, but knew it was bad. Once the towers came down I was just in shock. I had planned to go to a conference that morning but instead immediately went to the Port [of Los Angeles, CA]. We all gathered in our emergency operations center, and the port was closed to all ship moves. I knew that our lives would forever be changed and affected by the events of the day."

**Molly Campbell, Port Director
Port Authority of NY & NJ**

2016 Golf Outing & Awards Luncheon



The 2016 Bi-State Association Golf Outing & Awards Luncheon was held on August 2, 2016 at the Forsgate Country Club in Monroe Township, NJ. The annual event was once again a great success, attended by over 200 members and supporters of the intermodal industry that serves the Port of New York & New Jersey.

"The awards luncheon is all about recognizing the hard work and dedication that exists throughout the port community," said Association President Jeff Bader, "in all facets of the intermodal industry. Once again, we were proud to honor a diverse group of honorees, each a valuable member of the port community in their own right."

The 2016 **Malcom McLean Memorial Award**, dedicated in memory of the visionary who invented shipping containerization and revolutionized the international freight industry, was given to **Mario Cordero, Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission**. The McLean award is bestowed in recognition of the personal contributions the recipient has made towards the advancement of the Intermodal Container Industry during the past year. "We felt it was important to recognize Chairman Mario Cordero for the forward-thinking initiatives he has put forth since taking the helm of the Federal Maritime Commission," said Bader. "His strong leadership has resulted in a high level of communication amongst all stakeholders, directing us towards a climate of greater understanding and cooperation."

NJ State Assemblyman Jamel Holley was also in attendance, presenting a Joint Legislative Resolution to Chairman Cordero as



the recipient of the Malcom McLean Award. Assemblyman Holley also praised the advocacy work of the Association of Bi-State Motor Carriers and presented President Jeff Bader with a Joint Legislative Resolution declaring August 2, 2016 to be **Intermodal Industry Day** in New Jersey.

The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey's **Assistant Director of the Port Department Bethann Rooney** was honored with the **2016 Chairman's Award**, in recognition of the dedicated service and support she has provided, not only to the Bi-State Association but to all who work at the port. "Beth Rooney has been a steady, reliable partner with the Bi-State Association for many years," said Bader. "Over the past year in particular, Beth demonstrated her depth of knowledge and understanding of our

industry as we faced the potentially-disastrous effects that the proposed Clean Truck mandate would have had on the motor carriers who serve the Port of New York & New Jersey. She listened to our members as they expressed their concerns during our monthly meetings, and relayed that feedback effectively to those who had the power to effect change, leading to a more reasonable and manageable compromise for all. She has also been instrumental in providing guidance and assistance to those members looking to participate in the Truck Replacement Program, seeking as much funding as possible to help facilitate a cleaner fleet."

Photos this page, from top: Chairman Cordero accepting the Malcom McLean Award, Assemblyman Jamel Holley presenting a Joint Legislative Resolution to Chairman Cordero, and Beth Rooney of the PANYNJ accepting the 2016 Chairman's Award from Association President Jeff Bader.

Today I urge the trucking industry to stand up and demand efficient, state-of-the-art gate transactions that result in significant mitigation of truck turn time and queue time outside the gates. It is time for our major container ports to move toward true and predictable extended/night gates system. Ladies and gentleman, this is our next challenge. A challenge that I am confident that, with your support and advocacy, can be achieved.

— **FMC Chairman Mario Cordero**



2016 Golf Outing & Awards Luncheon

The **2016 William F. Fallon Memorial Award** was presented to **Maher Terminals**, chosen as the Most Outstanding On-Pier Intermodal Terminal in the Port of New York & New Jersey for the second year in a row. The 2016 award for **Most Outstanding Off-Pier Terminal in the Port of New York & New Jersey** was presented to **H & M International Transportation**.



The 2016 Award for **Best Overall Chassis Provider in the Port of New York & New Jersey** was presented to TRAC Intermodal, Inc. "The Port of NY&NJ has experienced tremendous



growth over the past few years," said Bader, "and with that rapid growth inevitably comes challenges. Consistently providing our drivers with reliable equipment and excellent customer service is a key factor in keeping intermodal commerce running smoothly, and this year, TRAC successfully rose to that challenge."

The surprise reveal of the day--which resulted in a standing ovation from the crowd--was when Bader announced that the individual service awards were being named after Bi-State Executive Director Dick Jones. "Dick has devoted countless hours of time, energy and focus to ensuring that our members are well-informed, that their inquiries are answered in a timely fashion, and that their concerns are heard, addressed and resolved," said Bader. "He exemplifies

the extraordinary level of commitment that each of us strive for, yet somehow, he manages to achieve it, year after year after year. And so, starting with this year, and in each year going forward, the award that recognizes individual contributions to our industry will, henceforth, be known as the **Dick Jones Award for Outstanding Assistance and Customer Service.**" Jones was not told of the honor in advance, and was genuinely moved by the honor.

The Association honored five people with individual service awards: **Steven Alves of the Truck Service Center, Giovanni Antonuccio of APM Terminals, Christine Brady of Port Newark Container Terminal, Toni-Marie Simonetti of Maher Terminals, and Michael Verney of Global Container Terminals.** *To see more photos from this event, [click here to view our Facebook album.](#)*

SAVE THE DATE!

2017 Golf Outing & Awards Luncheon
Monday, September 18, 2017

Galloping Hill Golf Course*
 Kenilworth, NJ

**NEW location next year—minutes from the port*

Mark your calendar now!



Photos this page: Representatives from Maher Terminals, H & M Transportation and TRAC Intermodal accepting their awards; Toni-Marie Simonetti receiving her award from Executive Director Dick Jones, Christine Brady of PNCT accepting her Customer Service award after the luncheon; Steve Liberti of Harbor Freight accepting a certificate from Marianne Cunninghame for sponsoring a recipient of the 2016 Samuel Cunninghame Memorial Leadership Grant.

Remembering A Maritime Industry Icon: Helen Delich Bentley

Former journalist, Federal Maritime Commission Chair and five-term U.S. Congresswoman Helen Delich Bentley died at the age of 92 on August 6, 2016 after a brave battle with brain cancer.

In 1986, Bentley became the fourth-highest ranking woman in the history of U.S. Federal Government, when she took the helm at the FMC under President Richard Nixon, the first woman ever to head up a federal regulatory agency.

Bentley was instrumental in spearheading the 1970 Merchant Marine Act, and throughout her tenure in Congress she was an effective champion for the maritime industry. "She was a great lady," said Bi-State Executive Director Dick Jones. "She helped us with the Intermodal Safety Container Act along with Conrad Everhard and had it signed within two days by then-President George H.W.Bush." A memorial service for Bentley is planned for October in Baltimore.



Helen Delich Bentley

Free Safety & Compliance Webinars Offered - Starting Sept. 14th



Bi-State member Interstate Motor Carriers Capacity Agency will sponsor a series of free webinars for motor carriers over the next several months, focusing on compliance issues and the successful implementation of safety programs.

The first webinar session is scheduled on September 14, 2016 at Noon, and will concentrate on FMCSA Mandated Responsibilities for Intermodal Carriers.

IMC's Rob Dowling, who has 20 years of experience assisting motor carriers deal with compliance issues and safety programs, will be moderating the complimentary webinars. For more information, please contact Craig Weindorf at craigweindorf@interstatemc.com, 732-380-4587.

HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

WE'RE MOVING!

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JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT

**General Member Meeting
Tues. Sept. 13 @ 1000 hours**

**NYSA Training Ctr. Auditorium
1210 Corbin Street, Elizabeth, NJ**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 5	Labor Day
Sept. 11-17	CVSA Brake Safety Week Truck Driver Appreciation Week
Sept. 13	Monthly Member Meeting
Sept. 26	Port Industry Day
Oct. 11	Monthly Member Meeting