



BI-STATE NEWS

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President's Message



It's hard to believe nearly two years has passed since the formation of the Coalition for Fair Port Practices. This diverse group is comprised of over two dozen stakeholder groups—including the Bi-State—who share a common goal: urging federal maritime regulators to set policies that would prevent steamship lines and marine terminal operators from charging unfair fees for late port pickups due to events that are beyond our control, such as strikes, bad weather, or carrier bankruptcies. Every step of the way, the Bi-State has actively participated in the investigation led by the Federal Maritime Commission into these practices. Our Board Members and I have traveled to Washington D.C. on several occasions to provide testimony, and on November 9th, Bi-State representatives met in New Jersey with FMC Commissioner Rebecca Dye to continue the discussion. Our Board did an outstanding job representing our position, providing concrete examples of situations where fees were assessed unfairly. (see page 2 for details). We pledge to continue our strong advocacy for the intermodal community on this important issue.

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

Bi-State Supports National Coast Guard Museum Project



Despite its history of global service for more than two centuries, the Coast Guard remains the only branch of the armed services without a national museum to celebrate its role in our Nation's history. Seeking to finally honor the men and women who serve in the USCG, the National Coast Guard Museum Association has launched a campaign to create a museum in New London, Connecticut. Their aim is "to not only honor the heritage of the U.S. Coast Guard, but also provide to the public a gateway to discover Coast Guard life." The museum, which will have free admission and be open to the general public, expects to offer interactive exhibits, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)-based educational programs, and leadership training opportunities.

Former PANYNJ Port Director and retired USCG Rear Admiral Rick Larrabee, who serves on the Board of Directors for the Museum Association, described the project as one that is "near and dear" to him. "We're proud to donate to such a worthy cause," said Bi-State Executive Director Dick Jones, "and show our support for the National Coast Guard Museum Association's efforts to establish a museum that will engage, educate, and inspire visitors as it shares the rich and varied contributions of the U.S. Coast Guard."



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Donations to the museum are being accepted on a rolling basis, with opportunities for both public and private partnerships available. Donations are accepted via check, wire transfer, and online. The National Coast Guard Museum Association is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit, and all contributions made directly to the NCGMA are tax-deductible. Donations made payable to the National Coast Guard Museum Association may be mailed to 78 Howard Street, Suite A, New London, CT, 06320

For more information on the USCG Museum project, please visit www.CoastGuardMuseum.org. or contact Catherine Janney at 860-443-4200, or via email at cjanney@coastguardmuseum.org.

FMC Investigation Into Unfair Port Practices Continues



As part of its ongoing investigation into unfair port practices, the Federal Maritime Commission announced last month that Commissioner Rebecca Dye would embark on a series of “field interviews” at ports across the U.S., including the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach in California, the Port of New York & New Jersey, and the Ports of Everglades and Miami in Florida.

On November 9th, Bi-State Executive Director Dick Jones met with Commissioner Dye, along with Executive Board members Bob Leef (ContainerPort Group), John Kruse (JWay Transportation) and Chris Grato (IMF). Bob Leef began the discussion by providing concrete examples he

had compiled from various Bi-State members, illustrating situations where fees were assessed unfairly.

“Our conversation was useful in explaining why we believe that the FMC needs to be involved in establishing and confirming that both VOCCs and MTOs work together in sync,” said Leef, “and establish transparent, standard language for demurrage, detention and free time practices.” Leef also pointed out the need for a formal dispute resolution process when disagreements arise relating to these fees and practices.



Bi-State representatives covered several key issues during the meeting, speaking from their personal experiences, and providing examples submitted by our members. These issues included:

- the need to create one reservation portal for all—including marine terminals, carriers, shipping lines, and chassis providers—so that everyone is using the same system, and can see the whole picture;
- notifications for empties often come too late in the day, hindering logistics and planning operations for dispatchers;
- there is nothing in the UIIA that addresses issues relating to port congestion, weather, and chassis shortages, all of which adversely affect motor carriers’ ability to move commerce efficiently;
- per diem needs to be addressed promptly when there is port congestion or delays.



“During our conversation,” said Leef, “Commissioner Dye expressed the need for a nationwide portal that accurately reflects cargo availability. We agree this would be a great first step. There are times when cargo might show it is available in the system, but it truly is not, and commerce is being delayed. We will continue to work closely with the FMC, and with all port stakeholders, to help solve these issues.”

Legislative Update: Post-Election Day Results



New Jersey's Congressional Delegation will look a bit different in 2019, following the tumultuous 2018 Midterm Election results that saw four House of Representative districts flipping representation from Republican to Democrat. In Congressional District 2, Democrat **Jeff Van Drew** defeated Seth Grossman to flip the seat formerly held by Republican Frank LoBiondo. Newcomer **Andy Kim** successfully won a tight race to unseat GOP incumbent Tom MacArthur in Congressional District 3, while **Tom Malinowski**

defeated GOP incumbent Leonard Lance in Congressional District 7. Democrat **Mikie Sherrill** defeated GOP challenger Jay Webber to assume the seat formerly held by Rodney Frelinghuysen, who retired after serving 12 terms.

In addition to the new faces who secured a victory on November 6th, the following incumbents won their bids re-election to the U.S. House of Representatives: **Donald Norcross** (D-CD1), **Chris Smith** (R-CD4), **Josh Gottheimer** (D-CD5), **Frank Pallone Jr.** (D-CD6), **Albio Sires** (D-CD8), **Bill Pascrell Jr.** (D-CD9), **Donald Payne Jr.** (D-CD10), **Bonnie Watson Coleman** (D-CD12).

In the U.S. Senate race, Senator **Bob Menendez** survived a challenge from Republican Bob Hugin to retain his seat.



Four new faces will join the New Jersey Congressional Delegation in 2019 (from left to right):

Representative Jeff Van Drew, Representative Andy Kim, Representative Tom Malinowski, and Representative Mikie Sherrill.

Port Packing Day 2018 Supports SCI's Christmas At Sea Program



The Seamen's Church Institute hosted its annual Port Packing Day event on November 2nd, when volunteers from the port community helped create gift bags for seafarers who call upon the Port of NY & NJ during the busy holiday season.

Gift items included hand-knit hats, gloves, and scarves donated through the Christmas At Sea program, as well as travel-sized toiletries, candy, and other treats.

Once again, Bi-State Executive Director Dick Jones pitched in, along with other members of the Council on Port Performance Workforce Development Team, packing a total of 1,772 gift packages for seafarers. Well done, crew!

APMT Extends Gate Hours, Open Saturdays



In response to ongoing communications and feedback provided by the Association of Bi-State Motor Carriers, the Management Team at APMT-Elizabeth recently announced that they have extended their daily gate hours to 7pm (reefer cutoff remains at 5pm), and will be open for gate hours on Saturdays from 6am to 1pm through the end of 2018.

The Bi-State continues to be in close communications with all of the marine terminals at the Port of New York & New Jersey, working to resolve any issues that arise in a timely and effective manner on behalf of our membership.

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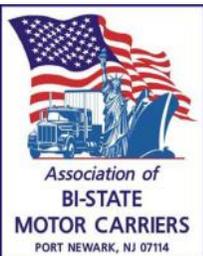
SAVE THE DATE!

2019 Bi-State Golf Outing & Awards Luncheon September 9, 2019

Please join us for our next

General Member Meeting Tuesday December 11@ 1000 hours

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



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