



California Tow Truck Association's Towing Regulatory Oversight Council

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T-ROC Meeting Minutes

November 6-7, 2014

Call to order. Arlan White and Tracy Koehler absent.

Co-Chair Report: Intake Session Update

Executive Director Report: Membership Feedback

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Jon Nissley, *O.P.G. (Los Angeles)*

MOTION: T-ROC urges the CTTA Board to explore all proposals related to emerging technologies and present them to the T-ROC and its Technology Subcommittee in order to conduct a regulatory impact analysis. (Passed unanimously)

Discussion: CHP Tow Service Agreement

MOTION: T-ROC to present T-ROC 234B Proposal to the CHP at the 11/7 meeting consisting of the following recommendations to be discussed by the TSAAC:

- Remove the inch symbol (i.e. double apostrophe) from all 4" x 4" and 4" x 6" crossbeam references. (The inch symbol would be retained for the lengths in all crossbeam references.) For example, under this proposal the crossbeam reference for Class B would read: "Tow (2) 4 x 6 x 48" Crossbeams (minimum)".
- Remove "Rubber Mallet/Hub Cap Tool (Classes A and B)" under "Service and Other Equipment" from the 234B.
- Remove the sledge hammer requirement for Class A under "Service and Other Equipment" (retain the sledge hammer requirement for all remaining classes). Under this proposal the 234B language would read: "Sledge Hammer (Classes B, C, and D)"
- Define "Trash Cans & Absorbent" under "Service and Other Equipment" to mean a 4-6 gallon trash can.
- Remove "Throttle Control" under "Towing Equipment" from the 234B.
- Reduce the number of required Class A crossbeams from two (60" and 48" min.) to one 60" for wreckers (car carriers shall remain at 2 crossbeams).
- Amend "Fuel in Approved Containers (Classes A and B)" under "Service and Other Equipment" to read: "Approved Fuel Containers (Classes A and B)".

(Passed with 3/4s vote)

MOTION: T-ROC requests the CTTA Executive Committee to form a joint subcommittee between the T-ROC and the Education Committee to develop a program to provide tow training from CTTA to CHP Tow Officers. Greg Baker, Burt Dean, Dino Tomassi, and the T-ROC Co-Chairs shall serve on the joint subcommittee on behalf of the T-ROC. (Passed unanimously.)

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Discussion: General T-ROC Procedural Matters

MOTION: T-ROC requests the CTTA Board reduce the vote threshold on regulatory matters from three quarters of the appointed Council Members to two-thirds of the appointed Council Members. (Passed with majority vote).

MOTION: T-ROC selects Greg Baker as the T-ROC representative on the CTTA Education Committee pursuant to CTTA Bylaw section 8.5, which shall be communicated to the CTTA Board. The T-ROC urges the Education Committee to appoint its representative on the T-ROC at its earliest opportunity. The T-ROC urges the CTTA Board to fill the empty T-ROC position at its earliest opportunity. (Passed unanimously)

Discussion: AutoReturn & CHP Tow Rotation Program

MOTION: T-ROC requests CTTA Board approval to fund, schedule and hold a Technology Summit, date TBA, along with DMV, CHP, AAA, PIF and vendors to discuss how new technology affects the towing industry. (Passed unanimously)

Discussion: DMV Proposed Regulations re: "Serious" Offenses Warranting CDL Disqualification

MOTION: T-ROC directs staff to request a public hearing from the DMV on the matter, and object to the inclusion of several of the proposed inclusions (12500(b) & (c), 12951 (a) & (b), 21658 (a), 21659, 21703, 21704(a), 21705, 22406.1(a), 23123(a).) (Passed unanimously)

Guest: Michael Gunning, Vice President for the Personal Insurance Federation of California (PIFC)

CHP Report & Discussion

CHP Representatives present from 9:00-10:00

Captain Kevin Davis

Special Liaison Rich Desmond

Officer Dennis Davidson

CHP agreed to consider further refinements in response to T-ROC TSA Proposals re: Rates and Response to Calls; and to consider T-ROC's 234B Proposal.

MOTION – Approve minutes (Passed unanimously)

MOTION – Adjourn (Passed unanimously)

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