

MTSNAC EDUCATION TEAM MEETING SUMMARY

**June 3, 2008
St. Louis, MO
6:00 p.m.**

Participants

Peter Peyton – ILWU/Co-Chair
Carol Lambos – USMX/Co-Chair
Dana Robertson – Rahall Transportation Institute
Carol Wolosz – Great Lakes Maritime Research Institute
John Baker - ILA
Jim DeSimone – Passenger Vessel Association
Norman Fassler-Katz – CALMITSAC
Gregg Ward – Chamber of Marine Commerce
Mark Carr – AEP River Operations
Amy Larson – National Waterways Conference
Berit Eriksson – Sailors Union of the Pacific
David White – SAMTSO
John Gray – AAR
Tom Wakeman – PIANC
Ellen Johnck – Bay Planning Coalition
Roger Bohnert – Maritime Administration
Bob Goodwin – Maritime Administration
Richard Lolich – Maritime Administration

Education Team Project—Identifying the Economic Impact of the MTS and Freight Movement Infrastructure on a National and Regional Basis

Carol Lambos explained the rationale for the Team’s project which is to deliver a brief but significant message to policy makers regarding the national significance of the MTS and the nation’s freight movement infrastructure. The project is intended to make national MTS and freight movement infrastructure issues significant issues on the local level.

Peter Peyton, Team Chair, provided an overview of the Team’s timeline in completing the first phase of this task for the September 2008 MTSNAC meeting. In addition, he set forth guidelines on the collection of data, in that all data collected and used but be verifiable by recognized sources. The presentation will include statistics on job creation, state and/or regional GDP, and discretionary vs. non-discretionary cargo movements.

There will also be a two-page summary that describes the key contributions of and challenges within each region. After discussion about how to organize the assignments, it was agreed that the team would follow the newly constituted Maritime Administration's Gateway office designations and MTSNAC members with expertise in the specific regions would be tasked with collecting relevant information.

It was noted that WCI (Waterways Council, Inc.) has produced similar papers for inland waterways states and that the river system is one system, not divided geographically like the Gateway offices. **Carol Wolosz** pointed out that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has volumes of information on inland ports.

In closing, **Peter Peyton** requested that port and regional information be submitted by July 7th.