

# VHSA Meeting Notes- Draft

## *VHSA Board Meeting*

*February 5<sup>th</sup> 2020 Wednesday 9:00 – 11:00 am  
Dill BLDG Unit A 25 Seat Conference Room (Lavender)*

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Present: Bill Mitchell, Brody Barbara, Daniel Goodman, Gammell Ann, Geno Kevin, Karen Yacos, Masson Doug, Merkel George, Mitchell Jay, Ted Minall, William Bohnyak, Arduca Joe, Beerman Abby, Bradley Sidney, Burgess Brian, Busch Stephanie, Conway Christopher, Fortin Allen, James Lockridge, Jenkins Bill, John Flannigan, Riggen Jay, Rigoni Megan, Wells Tanya, White Mandy, White Paul, Jack Castellaneta, Jim King,

**William Bohnyak - Chair**

**Mitchel Jay – Vice Chair**

**Barbara Brody – Secretary**

**William (Jake) Elovirta – Treasurer**

### **9:00 Welcome/Chair Updates William Bohnyak**

- Vote to accept VHSA Board minutes for December 2019: Motion: Kevin Geno Second: Doug Masson  
Meeting Notes accepted and approved

Mitchell Jay announced his retirement from the board of directors. Welcome to Jack Castellaneta who will be joining the Alliance as a member representing the Vermont Automotive Distributors. Welcome back to John Flannigan who is the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council Vermont Drug Evaluation & Classification Program, State Coordinator

### **9:15 VHSA Coordinator Updates:**

Thank you to Mitchell Jay for his commitment to the Alliance  
Update on staffing changes in the State Highway Safety Office  
Review and discussion of 2020 data to date  
Review of fatalities broken down by quarter for last ten years  
Review of the Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) rolling averages from 2014 to 2018 with respect to the goals in the SHSP

Discussion and questions on bicycles and locations of crashes. Cities or Rural. Mandy will prepare a map of the state with crash locations of bikes. Currently, a map of motorcycle crashes is being prepared and will be shared with the group.

Suggestion that the VHSA also consider testimony for the Education Committee  
Discussion of adding more training and information about pedestrian and bicycle safety as part of driver education.

## **Safety Events Past and Future:**

Ben and Jerry Employee Day, Precision Tools Employee Day, #802phonesdown!headsup!, Save the Date for the AAA Walk to End Distracted Driving – June 5<sup>th</sup> 2020 during the lunch hour.

## **Overview of the SHSO BSU Grant FFY2020 Budget:**

Champlain Valley Fair, looking for partners who can contribute to the funding. Looking for Alliance members who want to work on committees for Lake Monsters, Media Marketing, and AAA Walk to End Distracted Driving.

Conference funding available for a partner of the Alliance. See Evelyn if you are interested.

Approval of the FFY2020 NHTSA grant budget: Motion: Geno. Second: Masson. Vote to approve grant budget for FFY2020.

Approval of purchase of reflective Snap Bracelets. Motion: Gammell, Second: Geno. Vote to purchase reflective snap bracelets approved.

Recommendation to look for firm(s) that makes reflective material/items that are Vermont based.

Amendment has not been executed yet for the Executive Director position. Waiting for the BSU to open the amendment process. Discussion of Scope of Work for the position and oversight of the work. Evaluation process should be a part of the position. The Exec Staff will be the lead on the evaluation.

Discussion of solicitation of donations, and vetting of the donors to ensure alignment of donor philosophy with the VHSA mission. Caution to be prudent about who the Alliance accepts donations from. Ted Minall suggested that any offer of a donation from a non-traditional/existing partner be vetted and approved by the board prior to accepting the contribution, as a basic process to safeguard the Association's ethical standards.

Question about the funding for the future of the Executive Director Position past FFY2020. In the Scope of the Work, sponsorship and grant writing is a part of the deliverables to sustain the position.

Reports/Data

## **9:35 Partner Updates: VHSA Members**

Lt. Keno Geno reported on the saturation patrols in Rutland County for Super Bowl Sunday.

Lt. Al Fortin reported on the checkpoint and saturation patrols in St. Albans for Super Bowl Sunday.

Barb Brody reported that the Vermont Driver Educators Conference is May 20th at Vermont Technical Center in Randolph. Partners are invited to attend and/or table. For tabling, they will not charge organizations an exhibit fee, only a meal charge to cover our meal expenses. The VDTSEA hopes for partners to exhibit materials and information for our Driver Education Teachers to bring back to their schools or businesses.

Ted Minall, Federal Updates. Maine is legalizing marijuana, and New York is also on their way to legalizing recreational marijuana, which is important because of relative proximity to VT. Also, all three of Rhode Island's fatalities, this year, have been pedestrians and that's raising an alarm. There is movement afoot in NY to go to .05 with strong backing.

There is a speed reduction campaign planned for July with Region-1 States. The tag line for the R-1, six state (including CT) July 2020, Speed Reduction Campaign will be "When speed kills, it's never an accident". There is an effort to secure proclamations of support from each of the 6 states' Chiefs/Sheriffs Associations.

**10:15 Presentation:**

**Megan Rigoni, MPH, CPST, Pedestrian Safety Coordinator, Vermont  
Department of Health**

*Pedestrian Safety and Vulnerable Road User Toolkit*

**Presentation:**

**Dan Goodman: Public Affairs Manager NH & VT AAA Northern New England**

*New impaired driving program for teens; "Shifting Gears; The Blunt Truth about Marijuana and Driving".*

**11:00 Adjourn**

**Resources:**

**Safety Concerns and Older Drivers:**

The New England Transportation Consortium (NETC) is hosting a webinar on Wednesday, March 4 from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. ET to share findings from the NETC project [Using the New SHRP2 Naturalistic Driving Study Safety Databases to Examine Safety Concerns for Older Drivers](#). This project studied intersection safety for drivers 65 and older using data from the naturalistic driving study (NDS) funded through SHRP2 (the second Strategic Highway Research Program).

**Vermont Department of Health Pedestrian Safety and Vulnerable Road User Toolkit**

[Health Department](#) and [Watch For Me VT](#) websites

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[Eventbrite](#)

<https://vermonthighwaysafety.org/psa-video-contest/>



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**YOUNG DRIVER SURVEY:**

<https://landline.media/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/NHTSA-2019.pdf>