## Limousine Associations of New Jersey Special Board of Directors Conference Call Friday September 26, 2014 \* 3 PM – 4 PM Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 PM.

Attendees were: President James Moseley, Vice President Jeff Shanker, Treasurer Barbara Chirico, PAC Chair Pete Corelli; Directors Anthony Azara, Jon Epstein, Kay Hoskins, Philip Jagiela, Don Kensey, Bob Schiavo, David Seelinger, Barry Trabb and Chris Weiss; executive director Patricia Nelson.

Absent were Secretary **Jason Sharenow** and Immediate Past President **Tim Rose**; Directors **Karen Gajda, John Maziarz, Michael Renehan, Paul Rosenberg, Jim Salinger** and **Eddie Somers.** 

The dual-purpose of this special board conference call was to recap the current lobbying efforts regarding transportation network companies (TNCs) and continue the discussion (initiated on the 9/3/14 special board conference call and raised again at the 9/17/14 board meeting) regarding potentially engaging a public relations firm for representation in LANJ's fight against TNC illegalities.

Shanker announced a hearing before the New Jersey Law and Public Safety Committee regarding LANJ's proposed legislation (A3401 which would mandate that TNCs comply with the same regulations as traditional chauffeured transportation companies) has been set for 2 PM on Thursday October 2 at the State House Annex in Trenton. The Law and Public Safety Committee is chaired by A3401's lead sponsor Assemblyman Charles Mainor.

Shanker said it is imperative that the testimony given by LANJ members and other supporters at the hearing be well coordinated to ensure the issues' most critical talking points are presented fully and succinctly. Corelli, Moseley, Schiavo, Seelinger, Shanker, and Trabb agreed to participate in the hearing as presenters and/or attendees.

Shanker reiterated his desire for LANJ to engage public relations professionals to broadcast a public safety message *vis a vis* TNC operations to state lawmakers, other officials and the general public in New Jersey.

Corelli said LANJ should wait until after the October 2 hearing to make a decision about this. Noting the absence (on the call) of seven board members, Moseley emphasized such a major decision and financial expenditure only should be made when a large majority of directors are present for deliberation.

Jagiela advised that the National Limousine Association (NLA) also is considering hiring a public relations firm to conduct a national awareness campaign regarding TNC issues. The NLA Board of Directors will meet face-to-face with the principals of the NLA's lead candidate PR firm on October 18, likely determining if/how to go forward at that time.

Seelinger advised that he, along with California-based operators Cheryl Berkman and Jonna Sabroff, have launched Advocates for Fairness in Transportation, an adhoc non-profit group to fight for regulatory fairness between traditional chauffeured transportation companies and TNCs. He explained one of the group's main goals is to rally industry members to help fund the cause at hand.

A motion to adjourn the conference call was made by Corelli, seconded by Shanker and unanimously approved.

The call was adjourned at 3:57 PM.

Submitted by:

James Moseley President Patricia Nelson Executive Director