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Reintroducing LANJ E-News, Now Being Published Twice Monthly

Today the Limousine Associations of New Jersey is reintroducing **LANJ E-News** following a hiatus of several months. The email briefing now is being published twice monthly, on the second and fourth Tuesdays, expressly and only for LANJ members. The new **LANJ E-News** is dedicated to including the latest information on legislative/regulatory issues, association news and other pertinent topics for chauffeured transportation professionals doing business in the Garden State. When situations warrant, **LANJ E-News** will be supplemented by e-bulletins to ensure the most up-to-the-minute member communications.

LANJ to Meet Uber Face-to-Face at 8/14 Meeting

LANJ vice president and Legislative Committee chair Jeff Shanker will come face-to-face with lobbyists representing the high profile transportation network company (TNC) Uber in a meeting being hosted by New Jersey Assemblyman Charles Mainor (D-31) this Thursday August 14.

The purpose of the meeting, says Shanker, is to "ensure compliance with existing laws established by the State of New Jersey, identify the legal manner to operate passenger for-hire car services and TNCs within the state, ensure all passenger for-hire car services are conducting business on an even playing field and meeting the same requirements and regulations (including background checks for chauffeurs, proper registration in operating company jurisdiction, appropriate for-hire passenger transportation-specific insurance), endorse a business model which promotes public safety and create an open dialogue among the parties involved and attending."

Mainor, who chairs the New Jersey Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee, is sponsoring Bill 3401 that is expected to be taken up by the Assembly this fall. LANJ leadership has been instrumental in the introduction of the bill written to regulate passenger transportation companies that use an online application program to connect drivers to passengers, ensure they operate under

the same rules as traditional chauffeured transportation companies and specify the penalty(ies) if they do not.

The August 14 meeting looms ever-more important given Uber's recent announcement of Uber For Business, the company's new capability for accepting company-provided payment for employee app-accessed transportation.

Also highly relevant to the meeting's agenda is information Shanker received from Uber's director of insurance Gus Fuldner at his company's Global Business Travel Association (GBTA) Convention presentation on July 29. When asked about Uber's insurance coverage in New Jersey, Fuldner quickly named the carrier — a company, as it turns out, that is not licensed to provide insurance for for-hire passenger transporters in the State of New Jersey.

These efforts to fight TNC illegalities underscore the need for bolstering the LANJ PAC. The Limousine Associations of New Jersey needs to increase PAC funds significantly to thwart actions by rogue operations. Should you want to contribute to this cause, please send your personal credit card payment information or personal check written to "Camden County Pride" to colleenlcc@comcast.net.

Mark Your Calendar Now for LANJ Member Meeting on 9/17

The next member meeting of the Limousine Associations of New Jersey will be held on Wednesday September 17 at the Princeton Marriott at Forrestal Village located at 100 College Road East, Princeton, NJ 08540. The two-hour meeting will begin with a complimentary lunch at 12 Noon and there is no fee to attend. Not-to-be-missed, the program will include reporting on LANJ's ongoing fight against TNC illegalities as well as presentations on new money-saving opportunities for limousine operations. Mark your calendar for the event right now and then watch your email box later this month for an Evite invitation to RSVP.

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