



Ohio Travel Demand Model Users Group Winter Meeting

Friday, December 14, 2018

Greg Giaimo welcomed everyone to the meeting. 23 people were in attendance.

Carrie Whitaker motioned to approve last meeting's minutes. Andrew Rohne seconded. The motion passed.

Jody Sigmon, Panini Chowdhury, Joel Freedman and Cody Cresap requested membership. Sam Granato motioned for approval. Mark Byram seconded. The motion passed.

Andrew Rohne reported that the otdmug.org website domain was moved from an OKI server to non-OKI server, but nothing else changed.

Mark Byram nominated Vince Bernardin for OTDMUG Chairman. Sam Granato seconded. No other nominations were made. Vince Bernardin was elected OTDMUG Chairman for the coming two year term. This left a vacancy in the Vice-Chairman position.

Nino Brunello nominated Ali Makarachi for OTDMUG Vice-Chairman. Mark Byram seconded. No other nominations were made. Ali Makarachi was elected OTDMUG Vice-Chairman for the remaining one year of the two year term.

Sam Granato nominated Rebekah Straub Anderson for OTDMUG Event Coordinator. Nino Brunello seconded. Rebekah Straub Anderson was elected OTDMUG Event Coordinator for the coming two year term.

Greg Giaimo gave a presentation on the history of travel forecasting with emphasis on Ohio history in the format of a game. This serves as a historical record of Ohio's advancements.

Vince Bernardin presented "Seasonal Travel Models in Michigan Statewide Model." Of particular interest was the difference between Long-Distance travel and Visitor travel in the models. The models have a separate Summer Weekday as well as Summer Weekend mode. Estimation results were given.

Sam Granato presented "Seasonal Travel Models in Sandusky." This showed how separate models for summer seasonal visitor traffic is used for planning studies. It was noted that signals are not retimed for non-summer travel. Additional StreetLight comparisons were presented.

Congratulations were given to Dave Snelting at his retirement from BHJ. Cupcakes were enjoyed by the OTDMUG in celebration.

It was announced that ODOT Aviation staff are unhappy with the ability of non-ODOT staff to enter the building for the OTDMUG meeting.

\$26.27 was spent on refreshments. This low amount was due to a loyalty card being redeemed for bagels. \$21.27 was collected. The balance is now \$91.