



KEYSTONE STATE RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

TRANSPORTATION RECAP

FEBRUARY 25, 2019

RFAP/RTAP Grants

The State Transportation Committee held a meeting on Thursday, February 21. We understand the commission may hold a telephone call meeting to discuss the RFAP/RTAP grants prior to their next scheduled meeting to be held on June 13, 2019. The 2019 grant schedule is not listed on the agenda at this time. We will keep you posted as soon as we are made aware of any actions taken.

2019 Rail Day on the Hill

KSRRRA's 2019 Rail day on the Hill is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, April 30, 2019. This is an important yearly event, as we meet face to face with legislators from all over the Commonwealth. We have meetings scheduled, and we would like to see a strong attendance for this year's Rail Day on the Hill. Please let us know if you are planning on attending by emailing justin@longnyquist.com.

ASLRRRA Contacts

Per the ASLRRRA's request that we share the following information, below you will find a contact list for ASLRRRA, which includes contacts for Chambers, Conlon & Hartwell, the ASLRRRA's Government Affairs team. A tip of the hat to David Monte Verde for sharing the updated list and requesting we share with KSRRRA membership.

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Upcoming Events

February 26, 2019 - 1:00 p.m.
House Appropriations, Room 140
Main Capitol

February 27, 2019 - 2:00 p.m. Budget Hearing, Department of Transportation House Democratic Policy Committee, Dunmore Community Center, 1414 Monroe Avenue, Dunmore. Public hearing with Rep. Kyle Mullins on transportation.

February 28, 2019 - 10:00 a.m. PA Public Utility Commission, Commonwealth Keystone Building, Hearing Room 1, 400 North St., Harrisburg. Public Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-1740.

March 5, 2019 - 9:00 a.m. Delaware River Port Authority/PATCO 2 Riverside Drive, Camden NJ Operations & Maintenance Committee Meeting. For additional information: (856) 968-2253

March 5, 2019 - 10:30 a.m. 2 Riverside Drive, Camden NJ, Labor Committee Meeting. For additional information: (856) 968-2253.

KSRRRA Spring meeting

April 29, 2019 1:00 p.m.

KSRRRA Rail Day on the Hill

April 30, 2019

Pennsylvania Legislature 2019 Session Schedule

SENATE:	
MARCH	18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27
APRIL	8, 9, 10, 29, 30
MAY	1, 6, 7, 8
JUNE	3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28
HOUSE:	
MARCH	11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27
APRIL	8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 29, 30
MAY	1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23
JUNE	3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28

FEBRUARY 25, 2019

ASLRRRA appoints Baker president

American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRRA) Chair Judy Petry today announced the association's board has named Chuck Baker president, effective Feb. 4. He succeeds Linda Bauer Darr, who resigned in July 2018 to become president and chief executive officer of the American Council of Engineering Companies.

Baker, 40, is a partner at Chambers, Conlon & Hartwell LLC (CC&H) and president of the National Railroad Construction & Maintenance Association (NRC). He joined the NRC in 2004 as manager and later served as vice president, executive director and president. During his tenure as president, Baker was responsible for core financial, operational and legal programs, including the association's federal legislative and regulatory program.

At CC&H, Baker has represented such clients as the NRC, OneRail Coalition, American Railway Development Association, CN, Norfolk Southern Railway and McHugh Construction. As the lead CC&H partner on government affairs for the ASLRRRA, Baker showcased his keen understanding of the short-line industry's needs, such as a permanent Section 45G tax credit for regionals and short lines, said Petry in a press release.

"[He] brings a wealth of talent and rail industry experience to the position," she said. "He has led multiple industry associations and high-performing teams ... [and] has the respect of our members and practiced knowledge of how work in Washington is accomplished via legislative and regulatory channels."

Baker has helped the NRC grow substantially while serving as leader, said NRC Chairman Mike Choat in a statement. His accomplishments include doubling membership to nearly 430 companies; boosting annual

conference attendance to more than 1,100; establishing an annual rail construction and maintenance equipment auction; launching education and scholarship initiatives; and creating the NRC's government affairs and grassroots programs, Choat said.

"After having worked with Chuck over the past 10 years, it is clear we will all miss him. He has worked extremely hard with the executive committee to move the organization forward and operate it like a business," Choat said. "The NRC is now the premier association representing the entire rail construction and maintenance industry, and we eagerly look forward to maintaining and expanding that position."

Prior to joining CC&H, Baker — a Baltimore native — worked on a surface transportation policy project in Washington, D.C. He also served as an investment banker for Deutsche Bank Securities in San Francisco, specializing in corporate finance and mergers and acquisitions.

Now, he looks forward to doing his part at the ASLRRRA to ensure the short line industry is prepared to meet tomorrow's challenges, Baker said in a statement.

"Along with the ASLRRRA board, staff and most importantly the members themselves, I'm eager to tell the short line story, including the significant safety, infrastructure investment, congestion reduction, environmental improvement and economic development benefits we provide throughout the country," he said.

Progressive Railroading named Baker a Rising Star in 2014. A Rising Star is someone under the age of 40 who has made, or is making, a positive impact on his or her company, organization, department or team.



Bills in Committee

House Bill 413 – Donna Oberlander

Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in fees, for hauling permits; & in size, weight and load, for conditions of permits & security for damages & for permit for movement of commercial implements of husbandry and farm equipment.

<https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/billInfo/billInfo.cfm?sYear=2019&sInd=0&body=H&type=B&bn=0413>

In The News

2/19/2019 – *Progressive Railroading* - **FRA report: All railroads met statutory PTC requirements by 2018's end** – <https://www.progressiverailroading.com/ptc/news/FRA-report-All-railroads-met-statutory-PTC-requirements-by-2018s-end--56791>

2/20/2019 – *Progressive Railroading* - FRA creates strategy to prevent railroad trespassing – https://www.progressiverailroading.com/federal_legislation/regulation/news/FRA-creates-strategy-to-prevent-railroad-trespassing--56809

2/20/2019 - *Politicspa.com* - **Wolf Creates Group To Help Strengthen Workforce** - <http://www.politicspa.com/wolf-creates-group-to-help-strengthen-workforce/90424/>