

## Niagara Falls Hosts PBA 2011 Annual Meeting

Niagara USA ordered beautiful weather for the PBA Annual Meeting in Niagara Falls, NY.....a fantastic time was had by all annual meeting



*Clyde Hart of ABA addresses PBA's operator attendees*

attendees! John Percy and his team at the Niagara Tourism & Convention Corporation planned many enjoyable functions including FAM trips, receptions, dinners and hospitality suites. Our fourth annual Industry Expo gave our bus manufacturers and industry

suppliers an opportunity to showcase their buses and product/services to our numerous bus operators in attendance. The Sales Retreat was a great opportunity for the bus operator member Tour Planners and Travel Suppliers to have one-on-one time to drum up new business opportunities. In addition to the various networking opportunities, there were educational programs and official business during the General Membership Meeting.

The meeting kicked off on Tuesday afternoon with the a

### **Taste of Niagara FAM**

followed by a Reception and Dinner at **The Top of the Falls Restaurant** sponsored by **Niagara Tourism & Convention Corporation, Maid of the Mist, and Niagara Falls State Park**, after which NTCC had arranged for fireworks! The night concluded with a hospitality suite sponsored by **Quality Inn Niagara Falls and Peace Bridge Duty Free Shop Inc.**



*Participants of PBA's first annual Power Walk sponsored by Arcola Bus Sales*

Wednesday morning began with a Power Walk sponsored by **Arcola Bus Sales**, then breakfast sponsored by **Seneca Niagara Casino & Hotel**, followed by separate education sessions for operators and travel suppliers. The operators received a CSA update from **Tim Cotter of**

**the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.** a presentation by **Joseph Osterman of JS Eastman Enterprises, LLC** on Using CSA as a Business Tool, and an update on ABA from **Clyde Hart**. The Travel Suppliers started their morning with a panel discussion from the perspective of the supplier, motorcoach operator, customers, receptives and CVBs (participants included – **John Percy, Niagara Tourism & Convention Corporation; Linda Mauzy, Pennsylvania's Laurel Highlands; Julie Clark, Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls USA; Jennifer Deitzer, Bedore Tours; Joe Manella, Seneca Niagara Casino & Hotel; and Kate Scaglione, Horizon Club Tours** followed by a presentation from **Jan H. vanHarssele, Ed.D of the Niagara University Tourism Department.** The Industry Expo was an opportunity to eat and meet, after which attendees had their choice of the **Wet and Wild (Jet Boat Tour) or Wet but not so Wild (The Park Tour)** – both groups had a wonderfully wet time!. The evening events which were all sponsored by **Seneca Niagara Casino & Hotel** began with a Reception featuring Native Dancers, followed by Dinner and a hospitality suite.

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**PPA** PHILADELPHIA  
**PARKING AUTHORITY**

The Pennsylvania Bus Association continues to actively monitor the progress of PPA's January 15, 2011 proposed rulemaking process which when finalized will oversee taxis and limos in Philadelphia as a result of Act 94 of 2004. Buses are included. Read more on Page 9.....

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**Report of the Executive Director  
Elaine Farrell, CAE**



**An Honor to Serve on the  
Governor's Transportation Funding  
Advisory Commission**

It was a privilege to be appointed and serve on the Governor's Transportation Funding Advisory Commission (TFAC) over the past several months. The Commission, composed of state government leaders and industry experts, was asked to explore innovative solutions for the Commonwealth's ongoing challenges supporting transportation investment and to advise the Governor on possible legislative and regulatory changes that might be required. In a nutshell, we were asked to recommend \$2.7 billion in new transportation funding to be phased in over five years. A big task!

Our final meeting was on July 18<sup>th</sup> where the Commission members voted on many initiatives, some of which you probably have been reading about in the newspaper. As you read about many of the recommendations, remember that many of these items will need legislation to be implemented and that these are only recommendations. The legislative body may or may not be in favor of some of these alternatives. The goal is not only savings to the Department, but revenue use for road repairs, better bridges, expanded road capacity and transit funding.

Here are a few recommendations that stand out:

**Vehicle Registration** – would be every 2 years instead of annually. A big savings to PennDOT with mailing costs right off the bat.

**Driver License Renewals** – would be every 8 years instead of 4 years.

**Red Light enforcement Cameras** – currently only legal in Philadelphia, this safety initiative would be state-wide if passed.

**Increase in vehicle registration fees** based on CPI each year to keep up with inflation. Fees have not risen since 1997.

**Lifting the cap on the Oil Company Franchise Tax** which is paid by fuel distributors. Currently this tax applies only to a maximum of \$1.25/gallon (wholesale).

**Reducing the current 71 driver license centers** down to 60 and having them open weekdays only with consistent hours. There would be a \$15 charge for road tests.

**Surcharge** on some traffic violations. Many more

Being part of such an Advisory Committee give the participant an opportunity to understand how a particular topic impacts many kinds of industries and governmental agencies or sub-divisions. There were transit authorities on the Commission, county commissioners, private developers, engineering firms, trucking industry, railroad, boroughs and municipalities, road construction companies, train, and many knowledge state government representatives so you can imagine the various perspectives that were expressed on an issue. My colleague Jim Runk from the PA Motor Truck Association and I frequently spoke up on the impact of fees, for example, or tolling on our respective industries. It was helpful for others to hear this information, also, since they were very receptive in altering their views at times.

The report should be on the Governor's desk by August 1, 2011. When released, please feel free to call me if you have any questions. If and when legislation is introduced for any of the recommended items, PBA will be monitoring the Bills and provide feedback that best serves the motorcoach industry.

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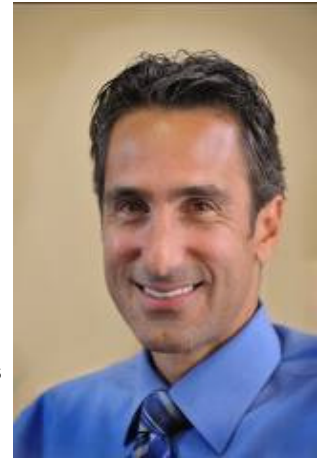
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**Report of the Chairman**  
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**2011 ANNUAL MEETING...It's a Wrap!**

Our recent visit to the Niagara Falls New York area, which played host to this year's Annual Meeting, was a tremendous success! There was so much to do and see and learn at this event.

Our Bus Operator, Travel Supplier and Associate members took advantage of the many FAMS and social events offered by our gracious hosts. With any meeting of this magnitude, it takes a huge effort to successfully plan and execute such an event. Our sincere thank you to our friends at Niagara Tourism and Convention Corporation and Seneca Niagara Casino and Hotel. All these folks really put their best foot forward, made us feel very welcomed and gave us some lasting memories. Best of all, they gave us many reasons to return with our groups looking for new adventures.

Our Wednesday Educational Program provided us with an array of guest speakers who enlightened us on many of today's industry hot points. Thanks to Tim Cotter, Pennsylvania Administrator of the FMCSA; Joe Osterman, JS Eastman Enterprises; Clyde Hart, ABA; Jan Van Harssel, Niagara University; and John Percy of Niagara Tourism and convention Corporation and their partners on a great panel discussion.

On Thursday, we had the opportunity to

hear from Ken Presley, UMA and the folks from the U.S. and Canadian Customs and Border Protection Agencies. A few very helpful hints on passing through the borders with a bus load of passengers!

Our Industry Expo was a big hit again this year with an excellent turnout, good food and a friendly setting that was conducive to social networking. A big thank you to our Bus Manufacturers and Industry Supplier Companies for their support of this function.

Our Friday sales retreat was a success as well. There were abundant opportunities which allowed Motorcoach Operators and Tour Planners and Travel Suppliers to meet one-on-one to plan future business relationships.

Special thanks to the many sponsors whose contributions helped make this Annual Meeting possible. Take some time to review the articles on the annual meeting in this issue as well as the many photos from the many segments of this great event.

**The locks on the Erie Canal boat cruise during  
PBA's Niagara Falls annual meeting in June.**



**2011 ANNUAL MEETING continued from Page 1**

Thursday morning started off with breakfast sponsored by the **Sheraton at the Falls** followed by the General Membership Meeting and presentations for operators from the **U.S. Customs & Border Protection Buffalo Field Office** and **Ken Presley of UMA**. The Travel Supplier enjoyed a presentation from **Joseph Osterman of JS Eastman Enterprises, LLC**. The FAM trips for the day included **Somewhere in Time (History Tour)** and **Niagara Treasures (Its Free Tour)**. The evening's Reception and Dinner were hosted by **Lockport Locks and Erie Canal Cruises** which concluded with a cruise down the Erie Canal. The evening concluded with a hospitality suite with door prizes sponsored by **Duty Free Americas**.

Friday closed the meeting with a breakfast sponsored by **VisitRochester**, the Sales Retreat, and a box lunch to go sponsored by the **Seneca Niagara Casino & Hotel**.

PBA would like to thank the many



*Below: Hats Off to PBA Contest Winners: John and Jane Bailey of Bailey Coach*

sponsors which helped make the meeting possible. We appreciate their commitment to the Association.



*Below: Wayne and Adele Klein of Klein Transportation relaxing at Lockport Locks*

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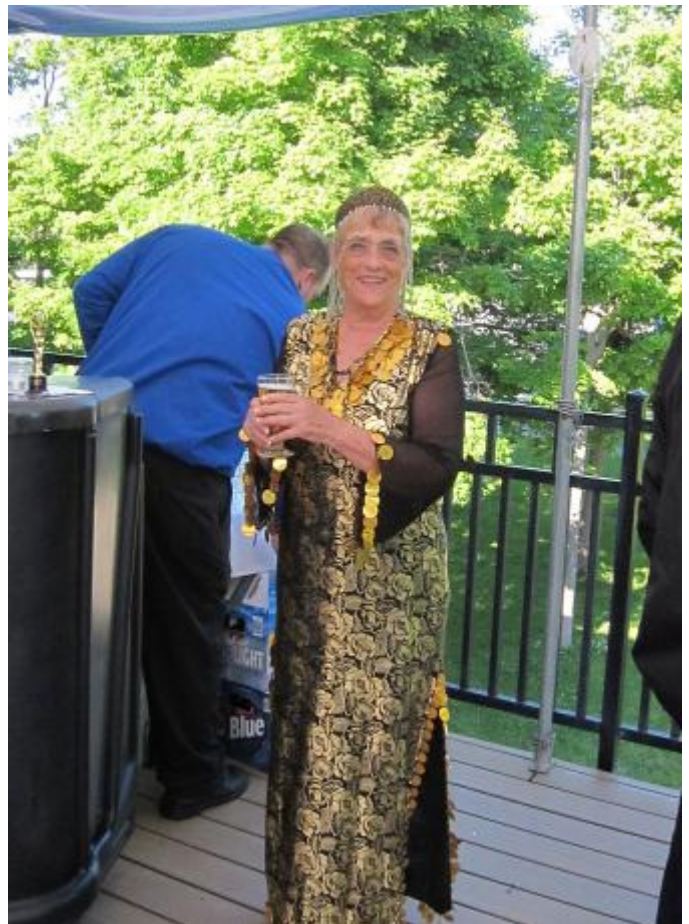
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**Above left,** Susan Walsh of Beiber Transportation Group, won 3rd place in the Hats Off to PBA Contest by being very creative with the feather boa; **Bottom left:** Niagara Falls Mayor Paul Dyster welcomes PBA to Niagara Falls during Tuesday evening's 'Stars Under the Stars' Reception.

**Above right:** Tim Cotter of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration addresses the operators. **Below right,** Dawn Clark of Dandy Restaurant Cruises...can you guess who her favorite star is?





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# PBA's 2011 Annual Meeting Photos



*Operators visiting the table top and bus displays during the Industry Expo held on Wednesday, June 15*



*Above left, Native dancers during Wednesday's reception sponsored by Seneca Niagara Casino & Hotel. Above right, Hats Off to PBA Contest 2nd place winners: Linda Mauzy of PA's Laurel Highlands and Andrea Cuda of Ramada Ligonier  
Below left, Mike Murphy owner of Lockport Locks and Erie Canal Cruises welcoming the attendees during Thursday evening's dinner. Below right, John Bailey of Bailey Coach presenting Jill Christianson of Seneca Niagara Casino & Hotel a token of PBA's appreciation.*



# Update



## PBA WORKS CLOSELY WITH PPA

Over the past year, PBA has worked closely with the Pennsylvania PUC and Philadelphia Parking Authority (PPA) on the oversight of buses operating in Philadelphia as a result of Act 94 of 2004. This Act turned the oversight of taxi cabs and limousines operating in Philadelphia to the PPA from the PA PUC. Very vague wording in the law unfortunately pulled in "buses" as part of the definition of limousine service, thus the need for PBA to become actively involved for our bus operator members.

## PPA 2005 GUIDELINES CHALLENGED

PPA has not enforced any of their limo regulations on buses operating in Philadelphia since 2006. Last year, a Germantown taxi cab company challenged PPA's taxi and limo regulations because they were never officially offered for public comment in 2005. In the Fall of 2010, the courts agreed with the taxi cab company and overturned PPA's regulations. Although PPA appealed the decision, they also took the step of drafting new proposed rulemaking (over 200 pages) which appeared in the January 15, 2011 issue of the Pennsylvania Bulletin for the public comment.

PBA was one of many organizations issuing comments to the January 15, 2011 proposed rulemaking as reported previously in Bus Digest. PBA felt we had an opportunity to continue our efforts to exempt buses. The Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) also responded (their longest report ever to a set of proposed rulemaking) making suggestions and comments on how PPA could further improve them for compliance. IRRC went so far as to comment on some of PBA's recommendations as well.

## KEEPING THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION OPEN CONTINUES

During 2011, PBA continued to keep the lines of communication open with the PA PUC and PPA by reiterating the extensive current FMCSA oversight of the motor coach (bus) industry and the undue burden PPA's regulations place on the industry since they are a duplication of federal requirements currently in place. As a

result of the relationship building and reasonableness of PBA's requests, PPA modified the regulations further to the extent they could within the confines of Act 94. In addition, PPA stated that they are willing to partner with PBA in the future when seeking a legislative change exempting buses from PPA oversight and back under the PA PUC. PPA does not want to govern buses!

On July 15, 2011, PBA's attorney received PPA's modified proposed rulemaking based on comments submitted by the public and IRRC in March 2011. PBA again responded with comments on July 20, 2011 which were directed at specific clarification of the requirement of buses under these regulations. Based on all of our efforts to date, PBA was able to considerably reduce the requirements of motor coach companies operating in Philadelphia to a few requirements:

**One-Time Registration.** Motor Coach companies will be required to do a one-time registration with the PPA on Form AR-1 which requests company name, address, PUC #, company officers, insurer (policy #, company, expiration date), # of PUC registered vehicles, date of last PUC inspection. *NOTE: there is no requirement to submit any vehicle lists, vehicle identification numbers, driver names and confidential information, etc. Registration is good as long as you have your PUC certificate.*

**FEE.** PPA will require a one-time company registration fee of \$15.

**PUC Certificate.** Submit copy of PUC Certificate with Application.

**PennDOT Standards.** Buses will be subject to regulation and enforcement by PPA for violations of any PennDOT equipment inspection standards (which any law enforcement person can do).

**Insurance.** Submit insurance certificate and loss history

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*These few requirements are minimal but still burdensome for the industry and also sets the stage for other cities in the USA to do likewise. PBA has incurred thousands of dollars in legal fees to get the proposed rulemaking palatable while we seek a permanent legislative fix. While PBA proceeded with this issue for its members, all motor coach companies in Pennsylvania and actually nationwide benefit from our efforts.*

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## PBA'S BOARD SPEAKS

PBA's board continues to believe that buses should be exempt from any PPA oversight under federal preemption laws but as long as the PA PUC interprets the issue differently it leaves PBA with either a costly lawsuit or pursuing legislation to exempt buses from the law. Exemption cannot be accomplished during the regulatory process. PBA has opted to pursue the legislative route for a permanent exemption of buses.

PBA's board has also authorized the association to reach out to Pennsylvania non member bus operator companies and out-of-state motor coach companies who frequently travel to Philadelphia for their financial assistance towards the \$70,000 already spent on the PPA effort the past five years since these companies will benefit from PBA's efforts as well. Everyone benefits and we would like to see everyone help fund the effort.

PBA looks forward to working with the Philadelphia Parking Authority on the legislative fix and appreciates their support on this effort.

*NOTE: reference to "buses" in this article refers to motor coaches.*

## UPDATE

On July 23, 2011, the PPA Final Rulemaking ORDER was printed in the PA Bulletin. There will be an August 25, 2011, meeting of the Independent Regulatory Review Commission to either adopt or reject the final rulemaking. PBA will be present at the meeting. Once the PPA Final Rulemaking is printed in the PA Bulletin after consideration by IRRC, they will become effective immediately.

Once effective, PBA will begin to notify our members of the requirements and start our effort of seeking legislation to exempt buses in the future from PPA oversight. The legislature requested previously that PBA work with the PPA and PUC in any efforts to exempt buses before going the legislative route. We have done this and it is now a necessity that legislation is the only way to seek exemption permanently.

**Any questions can be directed to Elaine Farrell at PBA 717-236-9042 or email [efarrell@pabus.org](mailto:efarrell@pabus.org).**

## PBA Membership Renewals

*PBA is very grateful for the support of our travel supplier and associate members through their dues renewal efforts and participation at PBA's main events. We encourage our motorcoach members to utilize these great organizations in their business ventures.*

### March Renewals

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### April Renewals

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## The Bus Stop

By Tom Collins  
President, Museum of Bus Transportation

Several weeks ago a gentleman from the greater Hazleton, PA area stopped by the Museum of Bus Transportation exhibit on the lower floor of the Antique Auto Museum. He told the ticket agent that he came strictly to see the buses (we always feel extra good when we hear that!)

According to our docent on duty that day he spent nearly 2 hours looking at the 13 buses which are currently on display, the 300 or so bus models, and the timeline which depicts the history of the motorbus. As he was leaving he gave the docent the picture displayed on the right.

This photo was taken in the early 1960's and is a BECK Mainliner II. It was bus #60 in the fleet of the late Herman Dotterer from Motor Transportation Company.

BECKS were low production, high quality coaches built in a small factory in Sidney, Ohio. Several Pennsylvania operators had BECKS in their fleets. The Motor Transportation Company's fleet was and still is very well



maintained – it was known for its elaborate paint scheme of grey, blue, orange and white but always orange wheels!

This was an interesting photo taken, we're sure, with a simple black and white camera. We have added it to our archives but wanted to share it with PBA members, also.

The Museum of Bus Transportation archives and library has many interesting photos and literature of buses of the past available for viewing. Our actual display of the 31 buses in our fleet changes frequently. Hopefully, PBA members may consider visiting the Museum of Bus Transportation in one of your next Hershey charter or tours.

For additional information you can call 717-566-7100 X 119 or e-mail us at [thebusmuseum@yahoo.com](mailto:thebusmuseum@yahoo.com).

## Hagey Coach Celebrates



### 75th Anniversary of Hagey Coach, Inc.

On July 12, 2011, Hagey Coach did a tour called "The Hagey Boys to Lancaster" to help celebrate their 75th Anniversary.

The photo on the left includes Blake Hagey, Brian Hagey and Blaine Hagey in front of their coaches at Shady Maple in Lancaster, PA.

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All motor carriers operating commercial motor vehicles in interstate commerce are required to file a Motor Carrier Identification Report, Form MCS-150 every 2 years. Go to the web-site [www.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov) to check the status of your company's filing.

## ■ UCR Fees Due Annually

Pennsylvania participates in the Unified Carrier Registration Program (UCR). This program requires interstate motor carriers to register with the program and pay an annual fee which is based on the size of the carrier's fleet (see schedule below). These fees will fund motor carrier safety and enforcement programs in Pennsylvania. To pay, go to [www.ucr.in.gov](http://www.ucr.in.gov). Payment by VISA or MC, or electronic check (ACH). *NOTE: UCR registered companies should not be paying any PUC Assessments. If you have received an invoice from the PUC, call PBA for assistance.*

### 2011 UCR Fees

\$76	0-2 vehicles
\$277	3-5 vehicles
\$452	6-20 vehicles
\$1,576	21-100 vehicles
\$7,511	101-1,000 vehicles
\$73,346	1,001 - 200,000 vehicles

## ■ ADA Reports Due October 30th Each Year

The USDOT Americans With Disabilities reporting regulations require over-the-road bus (OTRB) companies to submit three types of reports by the last Monday of every October. Each annual report covers the time period from October 1 of the prior calendar year through September 30 of the current calendar year. Reports required:

1. Annual Summary Report of Individual Accessible/Equivalent Service Requests and Responses/Service Provided
2. Fixed Route OTRB Company's Annual Lift Use Summary
3. Annual Report of OTRBs Purchased/Leased and Overall Fleet Data.

Web-site for information is: [fmcsa.dot.gov/rules-regulations/bus/company/ada-guidelines.htm](http://fmcsa.dot.gov/rules-regulations/bus/company/ada-guidelines.htm)

## ■ FMCSA PRE-EMPLOYMENT SCREENING PROGRAM (PSP)

PSP is a screening tool that allows motor carriers and individual drivers to purchase driving records from FMCSA at [www.psp.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.psp.fmcsa.dot.gov). Records show a driver's most recent 5 years of crash data and 3 years of roadside inspection data from the FMCSA. Cost is \$10/record, companies must be registered. This is a VOLUNTARY program.

## ■ LAWS - Federal (NEW)

**TEXTING WHILE DRIVING.** The FMCSA ruling went into effect in October banning over-the-road bus and truck drivers from texting while driving. If you fail to comply? Hefty fines of \$2,750 for the driver and

\$11,000 for the operator; the driver also can be disqualified from driving in the future.

## ■ PENNSYLVANIA FMCSA OFFICE (NEW)

NEW location and telephone numbers effective December 20, 2010:

Tim Cotter, Pennsylvania FMCSA Administrator  
215 Limekiln Road, Suite 200  
New Cumberland, PA 17070  
Direct 717-614-4067  
Main 717-614-4060

## ■ PA ACCIDENT REPORTING - The Law

### 52 P.A. Code § 29.44. Accident reports.

(a) *Accidents involving death of a person.* Motor carriers of passengers, operating vehicles with seating capacities of 15 passengers or less, including the driver, shall telephonically notify the Bureau of Transportation and Safety of any accident resulting in the death of a person within 24 hours of the accident. Carriers shall maintain a copy of the police report for 1 year from the date of the accident.

(b) *Other accidents.* For all accidents resulting in the filing of a police report, a motor carrier shall maintain a copy of the police report for 1 year from the date of the accident.

## ■ IRS MILEAGE RATES FOR 2011 (NEW)

The Internal Revenue Service have increased the allowable standard deduction for business travel in an automobile to 51 cent-per-mile for 2011. Appropriate records must be maintained, however, to prove the expense.

## ■ PENNDOT Pothole Hotline (NEW)

With construction season kicking off across Pennsylvania, PennDOT is reminding motorists to call the following hotline 1-800-FIX-ROAD (800-349-7623) to report the location of potholes on state roads. Be specific as possible such as county, municipality, street name, state route, description of any familiar landmarks that will help PennDOT find the problem area.

# BUS DIGEST

## New affordable advertising rates for travel supplier and associates

PBA's Bus Digest newsletter will now be available via email to the members and posted on the web-site.

PBA Board reviewed the high cost of printing and postage of mailing pieces, the busy schedules of our members, and convenience to read at our members' leisure.