

**NASASP OVERSEAS COMMITTEE  
MEETING NOTES  
AUGUST 14, 2003  
MONTPELIER, VERMONT**

Attendees: Daryl Haeder (SD), Scott Pepperman (PA), Jim Smith (AR), Dick Graves (IN), Bill Beard (VT), Marilyn Trachsel (MO), Jeff Nance (NC) – observer, and Randy Main, (RAM, Inc).

1. This meeting of the Overseas Committee was held in beautiful Montpelier, Vermont on the back porch of the Vermont Director, Mr. Bill Beard. A quorum of the Committee was present and therefore business was conducted in the unusual, but beautiful setting, followed by a wonderful meal.
2. The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved as presented. Approval from Bill Beard and seconded by Jim Smith.
3. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and also approved as presented. Approval from Dick Graves and seconded by Jim Smith.
4. Randy Main, of RAM, Inc., the Overseas Contractor then presented his report.
  - a. Custom's concerns – There have been several recent problems concerning U.S. Customs, most recently in Worcester, Massachusetts, where NASASP property seemed to be unnecessarily held up at port. Vermont SASP will be taking this issue to their state legislators with a complaint. Several possible actions were discussed including sending a letter from NASASP to U.S. Customs via the Office of Secretary Tom Ridge. We also discussed contacting the Customs I.G. Office. Daryl Haeder will first contact Senator Daschle's Office and see if they can provide help. If a specific inquiry to Custom's I.G. is made, then we need to get a detailed chronological report from Randy Main first. The Committee also discussed the possibility of contacting DRMS to see how they handle Customs, but this will follow any action recommended by Senator Daschle's Office.

It was also decided that Randy Main should send a letter to all of our shipper's and let them know that the Custom's inspections should be completed before the items hit U.S. ports. Randy was instructed by the Committee not to stop shipping vehicles with DOT and EPA stickers, but just not to ship them to inland ports.

Further, Randy Main need to pre-clear all vehicles from EPA, using the Vehicle Identification Numbers, prior to shipping them from Overseas.

- b. Quantity of Shipments
  - i. 2001-2002 - 142
  - ii. 2002-2003 - 80

Number of states taking shipments, were 33 in 2001/2002 and 21 in 2002/2003. The states not taking property this year from last year include Georgia, Iowa, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, Virginia, and Washington. Wisconsin and Tennessee are the only two states that have taken property this year, but not the previous year.

- c. Saudi Arabian Property
  - i. The Committee asked Randy Main to continue to pursue any possibility of property in Saudi Arabia.
  - ii. It may be time to take our concerns to Congress.
  - iii. Randy needs to complete a chronological report for the Committee for further use in pressing this issue.
- d. Screening
  - i. Alaska – PASHA is currently screening in Alaska on behalf of NASASP.
  - ii. Guam – Property is located in the Northern Marianas, however it may be cost prohibitive to return to the United States.
- e. Future Projections
  - i. Molesworth AFB, England – some increased quantities are appearing presently at this facility. It may be due to some property being returned from the Middle East.
  - ii. Okinawa, Japan – also some increase in donable property and at some good shipping rates.
  - iii. DRMS Shipping from Overseas – still a possibility to share containers and costs with DRMS in bringing property back from Overseas.
- f. Other
  - i. USA-FEPP – The Committee discussed the possibility of sharing some resources with the Users and Screeners Association in screening and transporting property back from overseas. No action was taken.

The Overseas Meeting continued on Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at the Montpelier Meeting. Set in the beautiful Capitol Plaza Hotel in Montpelier, Vermont.

1. An executive session was held to discuss matters related tot he IFT lawsuit.
2. Evaluation of the Vendor, Randy Main and review of the next contract period.
  - a. Randy Main was lauded for all of the extra work that he has completed recently in trying to secure property from Saudi Arabia and the Middle East area.
  - b. The overall number of shipments is lower this fiscal year, but nearly the same for the current calendar year, 2003.
  - c. One of the major problems voiced by the states in attendance and that not in attendance has been the type and amount of filler cargo. SASPs expressed the concern that filler cargo makes the difference between breaking even and losing money on the shipment.
  - d. A discussion ensued concerning Randy Main's status as the current vendor and an evaluation of not only his performance, but also the world situation and the next vendor contract.
  - e. Based on Randy's work in the Middle East and the conflict at the beginning of his contract, the Overseas Participants decided that we would award him a bonus. A motion was made by Marilyn Trachsel (MO) to award him \$1,000 and seconded by Bill Beard (VT). A discussion followed about whether the bonus award was proper. The Overseas Committee Chairman confirmed that the Overseas Administrative Guidelines did provide for a bonus award. Other SASP Directors contributed their opinions and support as well. Following this discussion, Marilyn Trachsel changed her motion award to \$1,500 and the second, Bill Beard agreed. The motion passed unanimously and the Chairman will notify all Overseas participants.
  - f. At this point, the vendor, Randy Main, was invited into the meeting. The Overseas Chairman, Daryl Haeder expressed to Randy the favorable comments by the group and the bonus award. He also told Randy about the discussion on the need for more and better quality filler cargo. Randy made a commitment to work on better property, but also notified states that he is willing to mix and match filler cargo to produce better results on each shipment.

3. New Vendor Contract

- a. The Overseas Committee will explore the possibility of continuing with Randy Main on the current contract or even an extension of the contract. A legal opinion will be sought from counsel.

4. Overseas Administration Guidelines

- a. The Committee will review the current Administrative Guidelines for any possible changes prior to the next meeting of the Association.

*A special note of thanks goes to Scott Pepperman who volunteered to take minutes of this Overseas Meeting. Thank you, Scott!*

Submitted by  
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NASASP Overseas Committee