



OCTOBER 2011 E-NEWSLETTER

GENERAL ASSOCIATION NEWS

CONTRACT SEMINARS



NMFTA | CRC | CCSB held meetings in Alexandria, Virginia on September 11-12, 2011. NMFTA General Counsel John R. Bagileo presented the 6th installment in the series of transportation contract seminars entitled, *“Various Indemnification Provisions Encountered by Carriers in Shipper and Broker Contracts, and their Legal Implications”*. Mr. Bagileo’s well received presentation covered the various indemnification provisions that are being encountered by carriers in shipper and broker contracts, and their legal implications. Also discussed were the related issues of joint and several liability, and contributory and comparative negligence, and their roles in apportioning liability or negotiating settlements. Further, the legal requirements governing the confidentiality that must be maintained by motor carriers were identified, as well as the growing requirement for

confidentiality provisions in shipper and broker contracts. Additionally, there was a productive dialogue and interactive exchange of ideas between Mr. Bagileo and the members. The next Contracts Seminar is scheduled for the [January 22 – 23, 2012 NMFTA | CRC | CCSB Meetings](#).

NMFTA ANNUAL ELECTIONS

NMFTA convened during the Monday, September 12, 2011 session of the NMFTA | CRC | CCSB Meetings and held the annual election of its Board of Directors. The officers elected are as follows:

Chairman	Douglas C. Dick
Vice Chairman	William H. Kimmel
Treasurer	Paul J. Dugent
Secretary	Paul G. Levine

Additionally, annual elections were held for the Regional Directors and Directors-at-Large.

Regional Directors:

1. Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont
Douglas C. Dick
2. Delaware, District of Columbia, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Ohio, Virginia, and West Virginia
Paul J. Dugent
3. Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee
Russell L. Garrett
4. Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin
James E. Morse
5. Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming
Robert B. Block
6. Alaska, Arizona, California, Canada, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington
William H. Kimmel

The five Directors-at-Large:

James M. Dinsmore, Edward L. Guffey, Danny Loe, M. Lloyd Rawson, and John T. Roswick

CRC ANNUAL ELECTIONS



The annual election of the officers took place during the Classification Resource Committee Meeting held on Monday, September 12, 2011. The officers elected to serve one year terms are as follows:

Russell L. Garrett – Chairman
M. Lloyd Rawson – First Vice Chairman
Joseph C. Colapietro – Second Vice Chairman

[NMFTA Exhibiting at the IANA/NITL expo](#)

NMFTA will be exhibiting at the Intermodal Association of North America/National Industrial Transportation League on November 13 – 15, 2011 at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, Georgia. NMFTA Booth #205.

NATIONAL MOTOR FREIGHT CLASSIFICATION

[The National Motor Freight Traffic Association Introduces NMFC Data Files in XML Format](#)

NMFTA has introduced a new National Motor Freight Classification (NMFC) data distribution service (DDS).

NMFC data is currently offered only in fixed length field (ASCII) format delivered via CD-ROM. The new DDS will distribute the data files in the old ASCII format as well as three new data files; an XML formatted Articles file, an XML formatted Index to Articles file, and a “slimmed down” version of the Articles file in comma delimited ASCII format.

The XML version of the Articles file contains the item number, sub, commodity description, class, issue date and effective date. The XML version of the Index to Articles file contains the item number and commodity description. The new XML formatted files allow for easier manipulation and integration of the Articles and Index to Articles data into internal pricing systems, billing programs, weighing and research applications, and/or other business applications.



The “slimmed down” version of the Articles file in comma delimited ASCII format contains only the item number, sub and class. This version of the Articles file contains only those data elements necessary to support rating system class lookups.

To allow quicker and more reliable distribution, NMFC DDS customers have the option of having the NMFC data files delivered via FTP or SFTP as well as CD-ROM.

LEARN HOW TO USE THE NMFC

NMFTA's [FREIGHT CLASSIFICATION webinar series](#) consists of four modules covering the following topics: Module 1 – *Basics*; Module 2 – *Rules, Bills of Lading, and Packaging*; Module 3 – *Introduction to Interpretations*; Module 4 – *Advanced Interpretations and Recap*. The remaining 2011 Freight Classification webinar schedule is:

2011 WEBINAR SCHEDULE

All webinars begin at 1:00 PM Eastern Time

	Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 4
<i>Webinar Series 4</i>	October 5	October 12	October 19	October 26
<i>Webinar Series 5</i>	November 30	December 7	December 14	December 21

Space is limited to the first 25 registrants. To register, visit www.nmfta.org or contact customer service at 866.411.6632.

USEFUL LINKS

[Recent Classification Actions](#)

[Public Meetings](#)

[Classification Making Procedures](#)

[Public Docket Files](#)