

MGA Truck Driver Shortage Meeting

Speaker Bios

Tom Kearney, Federal Highway Administration

Tom joined the Federal Highway Administration in February, 2000. After serving for seven years as a Statewide Planner in the New York Division Office, Tom joined the Office of Freight Management and Operations in May, 2007, serving as FHWA's Freight Operations Program manager. As part of these duties, Tom managed FHWA's Truck Parking Program, directed FHWA's Electronic-Permitting/Virtual Weigh Stations initiative, led USDOT's Smart Roadside Initiative and served as FHWA's Project Manager for USDOT's 2012 Comprehensive Truck Size & Weight Limits Study.

In August, 2015, Tom joined FHWA's Office of Technical Services serving as a freight specialist. Tom is a key content reviewer for two of the three recently awarded Connected Vehicle Pilot Program projects and is involved with a number of other projects with ties to the CV Program.

Prior to joining FHWA, Tom worked fourteen years at New York State Department of Transportation working in a variety of transportation planning related work areas. Tom served as Secretary to AASHTO's Sub Committee on Highway Transport (SCOHT) from 2011-15 and is a current member of TRB's Truck Size & Weight Committee (AT055). Tom also serves on the Community Advisory Board for the Regional Planning Program at Albany State University.

Gary Langston, Indiana Motor Truck Association

Gary Langston is the President and CEO of the Indiana Motor Truck Association (IMTA). He is responsible for the implementation of the IMTA vision and goals set forth by the Board of Directors. He serves as the primary representative of the IMTA to the Congressional Delegation and oversees all operations of the association.

Prior to the IMTA, Gary worked with UPS for 37 years. From loading trailers during college through his final assignment with the Corporate Public Affairs group, his responsibilities were varied, diverse and provided extensive experience in preparation for his current assignment. His last ten years prior to his current assignment were spent lobbying for transportation related issues at both the state and federal levels.

Gary has served as the Chairman of the Illinois Trucking Association and as a board member of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce. In addition, he has served as a board member for the Wisconsin, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Tennessee State trucking associations.

The IMTA is the legislative and regulatory voice for those who rely on trucking for their livelihood in Indiana. In addition, the Association maintains a constant focus on ways to help its members remain safe, reliable and competitive.

Gary has a B.S. in Public Affairs from Indiana University, Bloomington. He is married and has two children.

Dan Mulder, Wisconsin Department of Transportation

- WI DOT Chief of Roadside Facilities/Freight- (30) rest areas, (13) Safety/Weight Enforcement Facilities (SWEF), (6) Weight in Motion (WIM) systems, (68) seasonal wayside rests. Coordinates Oversize/Overweight freight movements in the state.
- Served for several years as President/CEO of a \$20m LTL/TL WI carrier employing 220 full time employees.
- Nationally recognized fleet safety/regulatory compliance consultant in the private fleet sector for over (13) years, including expert civil testimony experience. Clients included: Coca Cola, Pepsi, MN Softdrink Assoc., MN Beer Wholesalers Assoc., MN Waste haulers Assoc., Upper Midwest Fleet Utility Council.
- Served on the MN Office of Pipeline Safety board and several truck safety legislative committees appointed by the MN Governor and MN State Patrol.

Karl Pinter, Chippewa Valley Technical College

As director of the Truck Driving program at Chippewa Valley Technical College in Eau Claire, Wis., Karl Pinter is a leading advocate for truck driving education and its role in addressing a growing industry shortage of qualified drivers.

Karl grew up around trucks, beginning as a boy when he cleaned the cabs of trucks for his neighbor's trucking business for whatever change he could find inside. When he turned 18, he became a driver for the company, M.W. Trucking Inc. in his hometown of Appleton, Wis. While working full time, Karl completed a bachelor's degree in business administration through the University of Wisconsin-Stout. After more than a decade of experience as a driver, Karl joined the faculty at Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton, and in 2012 joined the Chippewa Valley Technical College faculty.

At CVTC, Karl helped forge a partnership with a telecommunications company that led to CVTC being the first truck driving school to include instruction in electronic logging. He also helped lead the expansion of the CVTC program from 320 to 400 hours.

Karl is an active member of the Wisconsin Motor Carriers Association along with a Current member of the Wisconsin Road Team. Karl is a Past Chairman and active member of the Wisconsin Council of Safety Supervisors and a member of the National Association of Publicly Funded Truck Driving Schools. He has spoken frequently to organizations and news media on truck driving issues, including the recruitment and retention of drivers.

Greer Sisson, U.S. Department of Labor/Office of Apprenticeship

Greer L. Sisson serves as the State Director for the USDOL/ Office of Apprenticeship (OA). She and her staff are responsible for and oversee the Registered Apprenticeship system in Iowa. She and her staff, ensure Registered Apprenticeship exemplifies high standards, instructional rigor and quality training in a variety of traditional and non-traditional apprenticeship occupations. Greer serves as an ex-officio member on the Iowa Workforce State Board and serves on numerous teams and committees throughout the state. Greer also proudly served 20 years in the USAF as an Air Traffic Controller. Greer was born and raised in Baltimore Maryland and has lived and worked all over the world prior to her retirement from the USAF.