

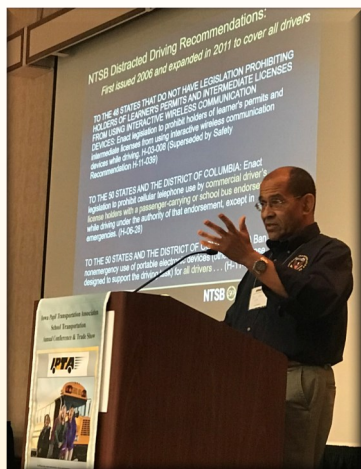


54th Annual IPTA Conference Presentations - Day One

“Thank you” to all of the conference presenters from the Iowa Pupil Transportation Association Board of Directors!



Richard Hight, Keynote Speaker



The 2017 IPTA Conference began with an outstanding keynote speaker, Richard Hight. Richard is an international speaker who inspires audiences to re-imagine possibilities and discover their creative processes. Next up on stage was the former Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), Christopher A. Hart. Mr. Hart is an amazing speaker and he reviewed school bus safety issues on multiple state levels. He was followed by Todd Liston, Transportation Director at the Des Moines Community School District with Monica Coburn with IMMI/Safeguard. They updated the Lap/Shoulder Belt study program. Max Christensen, Executive Officer/State Director of School Transportation provided an in depth update for many transportation issues here in Iowa along with an inspection workshop. The first day ended with two Senators, Tim Kapucian and Tim Kraayenbrink. This session was hosted by Nicole M. Prosch, Legal Counsel, for the Iowa Department of Education. If that was not enough there was also an evening banquet sponsored and hosted by the Hoglund Bus Company.



Todd Liston, Transportation Director, Des Moines Public Schools, **Monica Coburn**, 32 years in student transportation with the last 16 as a Director, including three districts in Indiana. Reviewed the lap/shoulder Belt Study program that was held at the Des Moines Community School District.

Christopher Hart, Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board



Senator Tim Kraayenbrink, Senator, Tim Kapucian and Nicole M. Proesch, Legal Counsel, Iowa Department of Education.
Legal Issues and legislative prospective in the large group session.



Max Christensen, DE Executive Officer
Christopher Hart, Senator Tim Kraayenbrink and Senator Tim Kapucian



54th Annual IPTA Conference - Day Two



**Chris Poole, DOT
Office of Traffic and Safety**



**Chris Darling, IPTA Executive Director
Board of Directors - 2017 IPTA Annual Board Meeting**



**Julie Nemmers,
IPTA Board President**

The second day of the 2017 IPTA Conference was just as amazing as the first day. Tuesday began with an early morning program presented by Chris Poole. Chris has a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and his program covered Safety Engineering on Iowa's Roadways. His session was followed by the 2017 IPTA Annual Board Meeting and the Trade Show. At the trade show luncheon the awards and sponsor booth items were presented. The first program on Tuesday afternoon was a video tour of the AutoJet manufacturing facility by John Rapp and Rich Straw. Next up was a very informative program pertaining to Railroad Crossing Safety presented by John Simpson, Senior Manager of Grade Crossing Compliance and John Plebanek, 20 years with Union Pacific Railroad. Al Garrison, Transportation Security Inspector, U.S. Department of Homeland Security provided an in-depth overview on ways to improve district overall security posture and raise general security awareness. The second day concluded with the Family BBQ with live music performed by the High Crest, sponsored and hosted by Thomas Bus Sales, Inc.



**John Rapp & Rich Straw,
Auto-Jet Muffler**



**Tammy Oester, Fort Dodge
Vendor Presentation with
Chris Darling, IPTA Exec. Dir.**



**Marcy Nessa, Ballard Huxley
Vendor Presentation with
John Rapp, Auto-Jet Muffler**



**Darryl Wiltse, Waverly-Shell Rock
Vendor Presentation with
Chris Darling, IPTA Exec. Dir.**



**John Simpson, Union Pacific Railroad
Senior Manager of Grade Crossing Compliance**



**John Plebanek, Union Pacific Railroad
Public Safety Manager**



**Al Garrison, Transportation Security
Inspector, U.S. Department of
Homeland Security**



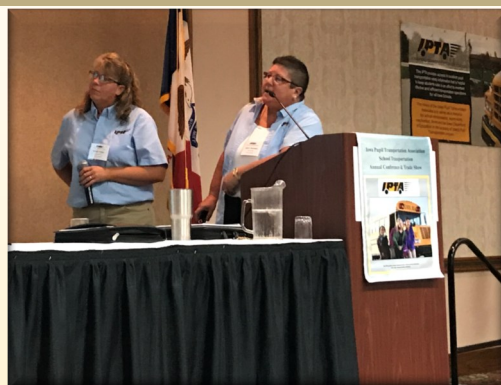
54th Annual IPTA Conference - Day Three



July 19th the third day of the 2017 IPTA Conference we had another schedule jam-packed full of interesting programs for conference attendees. On the last day of the conference we are able to break into two groups with some attendees taking advantage of the New Director Workshop put on by Max Christensen and the Department of Education inspectors Verlan Vos, Joe Funk and Tom Simpson, with special guest Marry Jo Clark. For the more seasoned of the group it began with Jason Tucker, Product Manager for the Gates Corporation with a program on how to reduce or eliminate vehicle down time. Next up was a program on how to Avoid Driver Complacency and Encourage a Safety Culture, presented by Julie Nemmers, Transportation Director at the Spencer CSD and IPTA Board president. She was accompanied by Bobbie Finley, Transportation Director at Interstate 35 and she is also an IPTA Board Member. After a short break there were three very informative 30 minute product updates by Blue Bird, Thomas and International Bus Company with representatives from School Bus Sales, Thomas Bus Company and the Hohlund Bus Company. After lunch there were four Mechanic Tech Sessions. Tom Dunn, Iowa Propane Association presented, Propane Safety Training and Doug Yager, IC/Hohlund Bus Company held a session for Remote Diagnostics. Dave Nelson, Thomas Bus Sales Inc., held everyone captivated with the Fundamentals of Multiplexing, and Tom Markham, with School Bus Sales covered Roush Clean Tech information. We want to thank everyone that participated, it takes all of your efforts to make this a great event. Now it's on to planning the 55th IPTA Annual Transportation Conference and Trade Show!



**Jacob Tucker, Product Manager
Gates Corporation**



**IPTA Board Members Julie Nemmers, Spencer CSD and Bobbie Finley, Interstate 35
Avoid Driver Complacency and Encourage a Safety Culture**



**New Director Workshop with Max Christensen
Department of Education inspectors Verlan Vos,
Joe Funk and Tom Simpson, with special guest
Marry Jo Clark**



**Doug Yager, IC/Hohlund Bus Company
Remote Diagnostics.**

IPTA Technician Training Sessions



**Dave Nelson, Thomas Bus Sales Inc.
Fundamentals of Multiplexing**



**Tom Dunn, Iowa Propane Association
Propane Safety Training**



**Tom Markham, with School Bus Sales
Roush Clean Tech**