



## NTBA News Fall 2009

The NTBA Board has been busy this summer – here is an overview of what is happening and upcoming events you should mark on your calendar. **We need YOUR input** – see the news item regarding a Code of Ethics below.

### **NTBA Fall Members Meeting**

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**Thursday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>** – mark this evening on your calendar. We will hold a members meeting in Mississauga with a guest speaker from the trucking insurance industry. We will also use this meeting to bring the membership up to date on several important issues and how they affect all of our businesses. Complete details will be announced shortly – please plan to attend!

### **Joint NTBA – Delta Nu Alpha Dinner Meeting**

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**Thursday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>** -- here is another evening to mark on your calendar. Come out and network with other logistics companies, traffic managers and carriers. A guest speaker to address the legal side of transportation is being arranged and the meeting will be held at the Delta Toronto West (Dixie /401). Complete details will follow.

### **NTBA – OTA Joint Committee**

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The Ontario Trucking Association has approached the NTBA and requested that we re-visit the Broker-Carrier Contract that appears on our website. Both associations have a "wish list" for the contract and we are confident a solid document can be produced by working together. The NTBA's representatives on the committee are Ian Macdonald of Ship North America, John Flaherty of HTS and Bill Charney of Gateway Freight Systems. Our committee will report back to the board in the next few weeks after meeting with the OTA committee which consists of three OTA board members. We will keep the NTBA membership up to date on developments.

### **NTBA Meeting With Ministry of Transportation**

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John Tittel, NTBA Chair and Bill Charney, NTBA Treasurer had a meeting with four representatives of the Ontario Ministry of Transportation in July. The meeting was as a result of the NTBA's letter to the Ontario Minister of Transportation James Bradley. We met with officials from the Carrier Safety Policy Office and Goods Movement Policy Office. We used the meeting as an opportunity to educate the Minister's staff about the brokerage segment of the trucking industry. We voiced our grave concerns regarding the rise in fraud and double brokering in recent years. The MTO encourages the NTBA to work with the OTA to develop self regulation of the trucking industry. We feel our work on Broker-Carrier Contract is a significant step in the right direction.

### **NTBA Approached by Transport Canada for Input**

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During August, staff from the office of the Hon. John Baird, Federal Transport Minister approached the NTBA for our position on the lack of regulation in the trucking and brokerage industry. The request for information resulted from a rally by Brampton truckers in June which the Minister attended. The rally resulted in an article in Today's Trucking in which the NTBA was quoted. A report is being prepared by staff for the Minister's consideration. The NTBA made it very clear that our input will be critical before any actions are taken. NTBA board member Ian Macdonald was interviewed by OMNI TV News and very nicely represented brokers in the news item about fraud and dishonesty in the trucking industry.

### **NTBA Code of Ethics**

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The NTBA board feels it is very important to develop a Code of Ethics that will appear on our website. We feel it is important that the trucking community knows that NTBA members are honest business people who expect to deal with other honest business people. We are seeking YOUR input to develop the new Code of Ethics. If you have ideas or items you would like to appear in the Code of Ethics – send an email with your ideas to [info@ntba-brokers.com](mailto:info@ntba-brokers.com). We will ratify the Code of Ethics at our fall meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **NTBA Website Improvements**

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Watch for improvements and enhancements to the website. Soon, you will be able to access topical news and link to government trucking authorities, review past newsletters, easily reference Broker-Carrier Contracts and look up board members and fellow members.