



## **A Union of Motorcyclists**

**MEETING RECAP – Saturday, January 8, 2011**

**Presidents' Meeting – 10:45 am**

**Facilitated by Tony Jaime, Executive Director**

- Regretfully, due to the Board Secretary's involvement in a meeting that ran concurrent to the President's Meeting, a recap of this meeting is not available. Please contact your local's president for details.
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**ABATE/PAC Meeting – 11:45 am**

**Jim Lombardo, ABATE Lobbyist**

**Johnny O'Kane, Legislative Director**

**Jim Lombardo, Assistant Legislative Director**

**Dave Hastings, PAC Treasurer**

- PAC Elections – The PAC membership voted in the following officers:
  - Johnny O'Kane – Legislative Director
  - Jim Lombardo – Assistant Legislative Director (appointed by Legislative Director, confirmed by PAC membership)
  - Dave Hastings – PAC Treasurer
  - Sandra Lubbers – PAC Secretary
  - Dave Walsh – PAC Communications Liaison
- Treasurer's Report – Hastings gave a brief report on the current status of the various accounts. Lobbyist has been paid in full through the 2011 first quarter.
- Overview of General Election Results – Lombardo reported that there was good gains for ABATE –
  - Debra Bowen, Secretary of State
  - Toni Atkins, Assembly Member (AD76)
  - Mike Gatto, Assembly Member (AD43)
  - There was no congressional turnover
- Special Elections – The following update was presented:
  - Ted Gains-R (SD1) won and leaves Assembly seat (AD4) open> His wife, Beth Gaines, may run for the vacant seat
  - George Runner won the election to serve on the State Board of Equalization leaving his senate seat vacant (SD17); his wife, Sharon Runner is running for election to fill the vacant seat – February 15/Special Election
  - Due to the death of Jenny Oropeza (SD28); senate seat is vacant – February 15/Special Election
  - Joe Baca, Jr. will run against Wilma Carter (AD62)

- Political Contributions – PAC membership approved contributions to the following candidate (distribution of contributions will be made at a time deemed most appropriate):
  - Sharon Runner – \$250/candidate for State Senate (District 17)It is often more effective (and memorable) to hand-deliver the contribution rather than mail to the candidate – PAC members residing in the above-referenced district are encouraged to volunteer to deliver the contribution to their candidate; those interested, are encouraged to contact the State Office as soon as possible so that delivery assignments can be made.
- Legislation Passed – AB1848/Garrick\_ (*Bill prohibits anyone from possessing motorcycle theft devices designed to by-pass the factory-installed ignition and to facilitate the unlawful taking of a motorcycle without the consent of the owner.*) Bill introduced by Martin Garrick, signed into law.
- Legislation Proposed – Lombard presented a brief overview of the following pending issues:
  - Motorcycle Awareness Resolution – ABATE will once again propose that May be designated as Motorcycle Awareness Month, with an emphasis on educating (rather than motorcycle profiling). All locals were encouraged to contact their own city government officials and request a MC awareness resolution.
  - AB74/Ma – Bill will prohibition public events, raves, etc. Bill is being revisited, author will consult ABATE
  - Helmet Modification Bill – ABATE is researching to determine the best individual to carry this bill.
  - Motorcycle Roadside Check Points – Motorcyclists have been targeted by law enforcement in various roadside safety checks. ABATE maintains that these roadside checks are being funded by state funds designated for safety enforcement of all vehicles, not just motorcycles. ABATE is currently gathering documentation to substantiate the claim; members are encouraged to send copies of news articles describing/promoting the motorcycle roadside checks are being conducted to the State Office.
  - Designated Motorcycle Parking – Propose that all new/upgraded construction of public/government facilities require a portion of parking spaces be designated for motorcycle only parking.

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**Board of Directors Meeting – 2:00 pm**  
**Called to order by Lori Adams**

Election of Officers

- Sarge Matthews was elected to serve as Chairman; Sandra Lubbers was elected to serve as Board Secretary.

Membership

- Presentation of 2010 Membership Drive winners –
  - First Place – Gil Mellen/L-20 (27)
  - Second Place – Jack Howe/L-27 (20)
  - Third Place – Rick Cox/L-27

Freedom Fighter

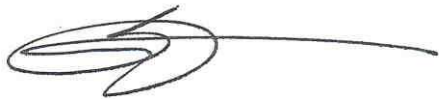
- Cynthia Witthans was presented with the 2010 Freedom Fighter Award

Bulletin Board

- New discussion line forum will be rolled out in mid-January; current ABATE Discussion Line will be shut down by the end of February. All ABATE members in good standing will have access to the new forum.

US Defenders Program

- Presentation made by Moony, Lt Commander, Southern California

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Sandra Alvarez Lubbers, Secretary  
ABATE of California