



American Trucking Associations Moving & Storage Conference

Committees, Working Groups & Task Forces
2023-2024

Government Affairs Committee

The Government Affairs Committee focuses on a broad range of legislative and regulatory issues facing the moving industry. The Committee develops and advocates for policy positions on interstate transportation of household goods, labor issues, moving fraud and consumer protection, and more. It leads engagement between the moving industry and the US Congress, Department of Transportation, Department of Labor, Department of Justice, Department of Defense, and other Federal agencies.

Task Forces: Registration & Regulatory Reform; Enforcement & Consumer Protection; Tax; Independent Contractor

Chair: John Chipman, Jr., Chipman Relocation & Logistics **Vice Chair:** Sara Candiato, SIRVA

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Independent Movers Committee

The Independent Committee provides networking, educational opportunities, and more to help independent movers (companies not affiliated with a major van line) grow and develop their businesses. Each month the Committee hosts an educational webinar featuring outside speakers covering topics relevant to independent movers and the Committee organizes the Independent Program sessions at the ATA-MSA Annual Meeting.

Chair: Michael Gonzalez, Apple Moving/Maverick Forwarding **Vice Chair:** Rob Vespa, Move Caddy

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Government Traffic Committee

The Government Traffic Committee serves as a key industry partner to US Transportation Command, the General Services Administration, US Congress, and other key stakeholders, supporting open dialogue, information sharing, and member education. The Committee advocates for common sense program policy improvements with input from industry providers.

Chair: Scott Kelly, Suddath

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Industry Image & Standards Committee

The Industry Image and Standards Committee collaborates on cultivating a positive image for the moving and storage industry. This includes consumer-facing initiatives, such as providing consumer information via moving.org and facilitating FMCSA's consumer protection requirements through ATA-MSC's arbitration program. The committee also focuses on industry operating standards with various training and certification programs and provides opportunities for companies to represent themselves as industry leaders as a ProMover.

Task Forces: ProMover; Education & Training; Communications

Chair: Pam Stanley, North Carolina Movers Association **Vice Chair:** Lisa Rivard, Gentle Giant

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Supplier Committee

The Supplier Committee serves as ambassadors for MSC recruitment promoting benefits/venues to potential new MSC suppliers. Committee members also provide guidance on the development of the ATA-MSC Annual Meeting exhibit and sponsorship opportunities.

Chair: Brian Ferguson, MoveHQ, Inc.

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Safety Working Group

The ATA-MSC Safety Working Group is comprised of safety directors and interested executives from member moving and storage companies who meet periodically to exchange information and enhance industry policy regarding safety issues in the industry. The Working Group provides valuable technical expertise and industry perspective in matters regarding current and proposed FMCSA rulemakings and other policies that affect safety and operations.

Chair: Robert Dawson, Collins Brothers Moving & Storage, LLC

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Legal Advisory Working Group

The ATA-MSC Legal Advisory Working Group (LAWG) fosters collegial industry relationships and informative discussions among the in-house legal counsels for ATA-MSC Mover members. LAWG discusses current legal developments and best practices, regulatory issues, legislative developments, and high-impact litigation affecting the industry. The Working Group also will periodically serve as an advisory body to the various ATA-MSC Committees. Membership in the LAWG is limited to practicing in-house attorneys employed by ATA-MSC Mover members (i.e., Van Lines, Independent and/or Agents).

Chair: Jim McMurray, Atlas World Group

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