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Chris Crean, Chairman of the BISC, FMCSA Administrator Anne Ferro, ABA Senior Vice President Clyde Hart and Norm Littler, Executive Director of the BISC, at the Winter 2010 BISC meeting in National Harbor, MD.

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## WHAT IS THE BUS INDUSTRY SAFETY COUNCIL?

The Bus Industry Safety Council (BISC) is an ABA sponsored organization serving as an industry-wide bus safety advisory group. The organization brings together top safety professionals in the North American motorcoach industry with a mission to develop and promote methods, materials, and procedures to enhance motorcoach safety and security.

## WHY JOIN BISC?

The Council serves the function of providing an unprecedented level of safety information and review across the entire bus industry. Members of the Council participate in: the development of training programs; the issuance of recommendations to the ABA and other associations, regulators, lawmakers and organizations; the refinement of industry definitions and guidelines on best safety practices; accident review panels; completing safety surveys; the publication and dissemination of safety bulletins and alerts; and the support of safety competitions and leadership programs.

BISC is currently made up of more than one hundred members of the bus safety community. BISC not only follows the current state of bus safety, but it is also the leading voice in the future of bus safety procedures. Because it is important to be kept up-to-date and engage in active dialogue, ABA helps defray the cost of attending BISC meetings by reimbursing motorcoach operator representatives for a portion of their expenses.

## WHO CAN JOIN BISC?

Membership in the Council is open to both ABA and non-ABA members. The Council is open to representatives from: bus manufacturers; insurance providers; other bus associations; industry-related organizations; industry consultants; tour operators; trade publications; and government representatives including safety, inspection, enforcement and regulatory officials.

## WHEN DOES BISC MEET?

BISC holds two meetings per year. The first meeting is held at the beginning of each year at ABA's Marketplace. The second meeting is held in June in the Washington, DC region.

## WHAT ARE THE BISC MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS?

Council members must commit to attending and actively participating in two meetings annually. Members assist the industry in developing science-based comments to government agencies, testimony to be presented on Capitol Hill, statements to media inquiries, and provide other support as needed.

## HOW IS BISC ORGANIZED?

BISC is divided into three committees. Members are placed on committees based on a demonstrated proficiency in the committee's functional areas. The committees are as follows:

- **Human Performance Committee** – addresses all driver safety and health, performance, recruitment and retention issues, and best practices for bus company employees. The committee will also evaluate currently available training materials, and develop new training materials based on industry needs.
- **Government Activities Review Committee** – helps achieve industry consensus on regulatory safety issues. The committee will develop science-driven industry recommendations and best practices to help companies achieve regulatory compliance.
- **Vehicle Technical Operations Committee** – addresses all aspects of vehicle engineering development and maintenance, and serves as a liaison with manufacturers of motorcoaches and component parts. The committee will develop best practices for maintenance and other materials.
- **Occupational Safety, Health and Environmental Committee** - The committee will identify, alert and advise membership to emerging regulatory issues and industry best practices to improve safety compliance and performance. The committee will also review safety practices and available products in the bus and motor coach industry and develop training and educational programs and material on industry safety practices and regulatory issues and foster professionalism in providing safety services in the bus industry.
- **Security Committee** - To improve the security of the motorcoach industry by reviewing and improving existing programs. The committee will also work on outreach security programs to the industry. The committee will review preparedness, resiliency, mitigation, info sharing, and response of the motorcoach industry.

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# Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to serve on the following Committees:  
(please rank in order of which you would like to serve)

Human Performance

Government Activities Review

Vehicle Technical Operations

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