

## A.T.S.S.A. MATTERS

The ATSSA was formed by and for the betterment of commercial truck fleet maintenance management and hence the title: “Automotive Transportation Service **Superintendent’s Association”. The ATSSA founding fathers then proceeded to write by-laws where these “Superintendents” labeled themselves as “Active” (“Regular”) members. Two ancillary categories were then created for allied industry personnel who would be invited to join and address and network such a readymade meeting forum, and for the camaraderie. These two were designated as “Associate” members, predominately O.E.M. personnel; and “Affiliate” members, predominately Aftermarket personnel.**

ATSSA by-laws further state that-at a minimum-the executive offices of the top three positions (President, Vice President, and Treasurer) must be elected from the roster of “Regular” (ie. Fleet Supervisory) members in the case of the Toronto Chapter; but only two of these key positions need to be “Regular” (ie. Fleet Supervisory) members in the case of branches.

The very name of our association implies that our association has **at its core**, a membership of shop management supervisors, governed by likeminded shop management supervisors, which in and of itself also conveys a message and impartiality factor attractive for any potential OEM or Aftermarket sponsor. As a consequence, any variation from our criteria for governance or qualifications for membership by any branch as has occurred, is a cause for concern to our invariably competing suppliers and sponsors.

We may not always be in a position to meet every by-law to the letter, but surely we must make a concerted effort to comply. We should also be prepared to make determined efforts to suggest and adopt changes that will enhance our organisation.

The ATSSA Executive will continue to examine where we are at as a Fleet Supervisor’s association, and what we need to change to make ourselves more appealing to attract more maintenance supervisory staff as exists today, more sponsors, and other industry stake holders, while remaining true to our core principles, values, and objectives.