



The North Dakota Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association is a professional organization for driver and traffic safety educators that promotes safe habits, attitudes, knowledge and instructional tools to develop driving skills for teen drivers.

Executive Committee Fall Meeting

The NDDTSEA held an Executive Committee meeting October 20, 2016. The committee discussed the ADTSEA Conference that was held in Portland, OR. Boyd Westman sent an update of the conference to the membership. There was discussion of a possible legislative bill to improve the GDL law. Gene LaDoucer, AAA North Dakota, is leading this bill. He may reach out to you to contact your legislature on this bill. Watch your email once the legislation is in session. The rest of the meeting was the planning of the annual NDDTSEA Conference. Go to the [NDDTSEA](#) website often as the conference agenda will be posted as soon as Minot State University approves it. Plus you can view the October minutes for more information on the meeting.

Conference Attendees

The Executive Committee has some concerns about the attendance of the annual conference. It is so important to attend the conference annually in order to stay up-to-date with the latest driver education information. Also for those that do attend it is important to stay the entire conference. A lot of work and dedication goes into bringing presenters to the conference to share their knowledge with the attendees to help you improve your classes for yourself and for your students. If you have concerns about the conference please contact your Executive Committee

Remember, driver and traffic safety is no accident,

Boyd Westman, President

Conference

You won't want to miss the conference this year. We have secured some great local presenters with topics of interest this year.

With the passage of legalizing medical marijuana there will be two different sessions on how this could impact your driver education class. Aaron Birst, ND Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor, will present on Thursday evening on "Drugged Impaired Prosecution in a Post Birchfield World". You won't want to miss this presentation. Friday morning Lt Shannon Monnens, Watford City Police Department, will present on Drugged Driving. What law enforcement sees on the road. Lt Monnens is a Drug Recognition Expert.

Other presenters and topics are:

Driver License Driving Test—Brie Moore, Deputy Chief Examiner

Impact Teen Drivers—Ryan Gellner, ND Association of Counties

Driving Your Environment—James Keller, NDDTSEA President-Elect

Online Playbook—Jon Dondoneau, NDDTSEA Sec/Trea

Drowsy Driving—CHI ST Alexius

Then on Saturday we have some roundtable discussions set up.

On Thursday afternoon there will be a pre-conference workshop for driver educators who want to see how the North Dakota Playbook can work for their driver and traffic safety education course or educators desiring an update prior to the driver education season.