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## Upcoming Events

### October 17

School Transportation  
Business Management Forum

### November 3

CASTO State Board Meeting

### January 5

CASTO State Board Meeting

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## Important Announcement

CASTO's School  
Transportation Business  
Management Forum

October 17-19, 2018

Register now!



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### Gratitude is the Best Attitude

As I continue in my role as CASTO state president, I am most grateful and must acknowledge the hard-working, dedicated transportation professionals who help our organization survive and thrive. It "takes a village" to keep volunteer groups running and I am truly grateful for the continued support of everyone.

It is also with gratitude that I share a partial list of things, in no particular order, for which I am most grateful, and vow not to take for granted in my life including:

- Family, to share my love
- To contribute to an industry for which I have a great fondness
- To lead the way in service to children and others
- Our troops
- Technology which allows me to connect, worldwide, to network and exchange thoughts
- Faithfulness
- Sushi
- A dedicated and committed staff
- Good health and good health insurance
- Clean sheets
- To have time to unwind at my favorite places
- My dog, who is always glad to see me
- A reliable vehicle
- Last, but not least, the three cutest, smartest, nephews to ever grace the earth

I challenge you to create your own list of things for which you are most grateful. Once you begin, you will find your list will grow and grow. In today's trying times, it is so easy to lose focus and forget our good fortunes. Let us all focus on our blessings in life.

No matter what your current situation in life, take time to create your list and pass it on!

Please join me in this endeavor.

Pam McDonald, 2018-2019 State President

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## More Important News

Governor Brown signed AB 1840 which includes the *child safety alert systems alert system delay*.

[http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billCompareClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201720180AB1840](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billCompareClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB1840)

I would like to thank CASTO's Legislative Representative, Nico Chavez for all his work in helping with this bill.

We had a great first Board meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Office of School Transportation, Department of Education. The Chapter Presidents will be looking at ways to increase membership, including making changes to the Constitution and By-Laws. The team will also make recommendations to up-date the Administrative Policies and Procedures.

Congratulations to Antonio Perez, Director of Transportation, National School District. He is your new Rodeo Vice Chair.

We have a new Contractor Representative, President of Tumbleweed Transportation, Erin Borda, [erin@tumbleweedtransportation.com](mailto:erin@tumbleweedtransportation.com). Welcome Erin!

First Vice President and Committee chair, Tony Peregrina, along with his committee have been working for the past several months updating the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of Access and Mobility book. We hope to have it available for purchase at the 2018 School Transportation Business Management Forum at a reduced price. That is another reason to attend the Forum. Registration is still open. Once it is available for purchase, we will have a form to complete and send in available on [www.castoways.org](http://www.castoways.org)

### Renew your membership now!

Since July 1, 2018 membership renewals are due! Login to your account renew your membership. Note: If you are on automatic payroll deduction, no further action is required. Once your first payment for membership has been received, the treasurer will reinstate your membership. If you need further assistance, please contact the [CASTO Treasurer](#). You can print your own membership card.



## 2018 School Transportation Business Management Forum

There is still time to register for the Forum. Don't miss out!

**CASTO's Annual State Conference, April 13-15, 2019. Delta by Marriott in Anaheim/Garden Grove**

Your conference program chair, Mike Sawyer, is working on programs for the annual conference. Your exhibitor chairs, Donna King and Phil Medved is planning a great trade show. More information to come.

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