

The RAC Region I teleconference was held on Thursday 5/4/17.

The following individuals participated.

Bradley Overturf	Conn. DOT
Flavia Pereira	Conn. DOT
Curtis Bradley	Mass. DOT
Allison Hardt	Maryland DOT
Ann Scholz (Chair)	New Hampshire DOT
Camille-Crichton-Sumners	New Jersey DOT
Robert Stack	NYSDOT
Lisa Tarson	Penn DOT
Mike Sock	RIDOT
Mark Felag	RI DOT
Emily Parkany	VTrans
Keith Platte	AASHTO
Chris Jolly (Secretary)	FHWA- Vermont

Minutes from 4/06/17 call were approved.

### **Old Business:**

Draft minuets from the March and April Leadership call were briefly reviewed. Highlights include summary of the AASHTO committee restricting. Official switch will likely occur at the Fall 2017 AASHTO meeting. The TKN Task Force is evaluating feedback they received on their restricting. SCOR is seeking input on its draft revisions for the way it provides funding through the NCHRP for small quick turnaround research projects. The UTC Grant re-competition should be out soon. Region 2 is looking for someone from each Region for the session on best practices. Curtis Bradley has volunteered for RAC 1.

### **RAC Task Forces/Announcements:**

**Administration-** There is a survey out on your role in RAC. Allison is looking for feedback for the session at the summer meeting. Working on activities for new members at the summer meeting. The SCOR RAC website platform is being transitioned and consequently the site will be looking a little different.

**Coordination and Collaboration-** No update.

**Program Management and Quality-** A subgroup has been established to look at the quality and timeliness of Research Reports. Looking for best practices. Possible presentation at summer meeting. Will need to coordinate with Region 2.

**Value of Research-** No update. Next call is next week.

**Transportation Knowledge Networks-** No update. Task Force is under review.

**Topic Presentation:** Curtis Bradley gave presentation on Mass DOT's Research Problem Statement Solicitation. Went through entire process of how projects are solicited, reviewed/ranked and selected. Presentation is on RPPM website.

Next Topic Presentation will be by the Southeast Transportation Consortium- Synthesis of Best Practices for Determining Value of Research Results by Yoojung Yoon-WVU.

**New Business:**

HVR submittals due May 15.

Emily Parkany was nominated and selected as our new RAC 1 Vice –Chair beginning at summer's AASHTO RAC meeting for a 2 year term.

Had lengthy discussion on the responses to the RAC survey on Research Manager responsibilities. How does Research get involved in area such as STIC, EDC, LTAP SHRP 2. Received 31 responses to date. Survey is still open. Emily to go over results on next call.

**Next Call 6/1/17**