

The RAC Region I teleconference was held on Thursday 6/1/17.

The following individuals participated.

Flavia Pereira	Conn. DOT
Stephanie Dock	District of Columbia
Dale Peabody	Maine DOT
Allison Hardt	Maryland DOT
Beth Klemann	New Hampshire DOT
Lisa Tarson	Penn DOT
Emily Parkany	VTrans
Keith Platte	AASHTO
Chris Jolly (Secretary)	FHWA- Vermont

Minutes from 5/04/17 call were approved.

Old Business:

Minutes from the May 1, 2017 Leadership call were briefly reviewed. Highlights include the AASHTO Report discussing the reconstituted SCOR. How this will affect RAC is still to be determined. This will be discussed at the SCOR August retreat on 8/8/ and 8/9. RAC should provide feedback/questions to SCOR to be considered at the retreat. TRB staff announcements- Ann Hartell is new Senior Program Officer and Waseem Dekebab's one year assignment in NCHRP's implementation program is ending. The TKN Task Force has formally changed to a Work Group under the Coordination and Collaboration Task Force.

Emily gave a summary of the results of the recent RAC Survey on Research Manager Responsibilities. Results were included as an attachment on the RPPM; received 47 responses. A lot of information on what Research managers are getting involved with across the country. Thanks to NH for putting results on spreadsheet.

RAC Task Forces/Announcements:

Administration- Focusing on the July summer meeting and the "Your Role in RAC" session. Looking to place emphasis on helping out new RAC members at the summer meeting. Will be a session on Thursday to demo new SCOR website.

Coordination and Collaboration- No update.

Program Management and Quality- No update.

Value of Research- No update.

Topic Presentation: Yoojung Yoon from West Virginia University gave a presentation that he is leading for the Southeast Transportation Consortium on “Synthesis of Best Practices for Determining Value of Research Results”. The objective is to develop a guidebook which can be used to assess the value of research projects. A total of ten tasks are to be completed. Currently Tasks 7 and 8 are being worked on. Planned completion date is December 2017. This seems to be a very comprehensive, analytical process based upon initially identifying Research categories the development of research measures and gap analysis.

Next Topic Presentation will be by Dale Peabody on his Maine Peer Exchange.

New Business:

Reviewed the results of the Region’s High Value Research selection. Results were summarized on RPPM attachment. Top 4 Sweet 16 Topics were submitted by Maine, Penn., CT. and NY.

Stephanie indicated that she needs input from everyone (accomplishments, focus areas, peer exchange etc.) to be able to get a Region 1 Report pulled together to report out at the AASHTO RAC/TRB summer meeting. A lengthy discussion followed on the value of this exercise and if this can be improved. If the information that is being gathered and reported is not of any value to other states should we keep doing this or is there other information which may be of more value.

Discussion concluded with agreement to hold off on sending anything into Stephanie until next call. Dale indicated he’d reach out to other Regions and bring up on next Leadership call.

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