

The RAC Region I teleconference was held on Thursday 2/2/176.

The following individuals participated.

Flavia Pereira	Conn. DOT
Stephanie Dock	District of Columbia
Nicholas Zavalas	Mass. DOT
Dale Peabody	Maine DOT
Allison Hardt	Maryland DOT
Hua Xiang	Maryland DOT
Ann Scholz (Chair)	New Hampshire DOT
Beth Klemann	New Hampshire DOT
Camille Crichton-Sumners	New Jersey DOT
John Kunin	NYSDOT
Lisa Tarson	Penn DOT
Mike Sock	RIDOT
Mark Felag	RI DOT
Emily Parkany	VTrans
Chris Jolly (Secretary)	FHWA- Vermont

Minutes from 12/01/16 call were approved.

Old Business:

Emily Parkany was introduced as the new Research Program manager for the Vermont Agency of Transportation.

Minutes from RAC Leadership call on 12/08/16 were reviewed with the following highlights.

- a. AASHTO reorganization was discussed. RAC will not be impacted significantly. SCOR will become the Special Subcommittee on Research and Innovation with its function similar to SCOR in the past.
- b. To improve implementation of NCHRP research results RAC will become involved with NCHRP products that are not AASHTO products. DOT's will be asked to rate their interest in implementation and gauge the readiness of the product.
- c. UTC announcements made 12/2/16. 32 of 35 grants were awarded. Full list can be found at www.transportation.gov/utc/2016-utc-grantees
- d. FHWA addressing a question from Caltrans regarding SPR funds used to contract with Universities and are they considered pass-through funds.

RAC Task Forces/Announcements:

Administration- Met on 1/31/17. RAC 101 presentation has been updated and is on the SCOR website. Looking for a new member for the website working group. Will be

shifting focus to the RAC summer meeting for another presentation on “your role in RAC”. Looking for ideas on any changes needed for the mentoring program. Please review your State DOT fact sheet on the SCOR website. Is it current ? Allison will be sending an announcement out on this.

Coordination and Collaboration- Nothing to report. Next call will be at the end of the month.

Program Management and Quality- There was a call in December. Discussed results of recent survey. Another survey is being developed based upon the evaluation results. This new survey will go out to all RAC members.

Value of Research- Working on getting website up and running. Synthesis 300 was submitted.

Transportation Knowledge Networks- No update. Curtis will be stepping down as Chair of the TKN. If anyone is interested please let Ann know.

Topic Presentation: Maina Tran gave a presentation on the new submittal process for the High Value Research projects. Link is on the SCOR/RAC website go to HVR link. Reviewed the step by step process to make a submittal and the various features retrieving data from past projects and reports. Website is now live and will be open for submittals in a week or so.

Ann is hoping for good participation in HVR this year from RAC 1. Want at least 1 submission from each state. Expect deadline in early April this year. Be looking for an e-mail from Bill Stone to get the process started.

Next Topic Presentation will be on the Synthesis Program in March.

New Business:

Curtis has asked to step down as Vice Chair of RAC 1. Stephanie Dock has been nominated to take his place. A vote was taken and RAC 1 approved the resignation of Curtis and nomination of Stephanie. Stephanie will complete the term as Vice Chair till July and will take over as RAC 1 Chair in July. Consequently we will be looking for a new Vice Chair in July. Vice Chair serves for 2 years and then becomes Chair for a 2 year term. Please let Ann know if you are interested in the Vice Chair starting in July.

Note that D.C is still looking to fill a Research position. Would be working directly for Stephanie.

Let Ann know if anyone you have anything for the Leadership call next week.

Next Call 3/2/17