

The RAC Region I teleconference was held on Thursday 11/05/15. The following individuals participated.

Allison Hardt	Maryland DOT
Hua Xiang	Maryland DOT
Brad Overture	Conn DOT
Gary Frederick	NYS DOT
Dale Peabody	Maine DOT
Ann Scholz (Chair)	New Hampshire DOT
Beth Klemann	New Hampshire DOT
Camille Crichton-Sumners	NJ DOT
Mike Sock	RI DOT
Lisa Tarson	PennDOT
Soumya Dey	DOC DOT
Stephanie Dock	DOC DOT
Chris Jolly (Secretary)	FHWA- Vermont

Minutes from 10/01/15 call were approved.

Old Business:

- a. RAC Leadership call notes from 10/08/15 were previously distributed to RAC Region 1 for review/comment with this call's agenda distribution. Highlights included FHWA leadership reviewing the top 3 research challenges submitted by FHWA Division offices. Once finalized the list will be distributed and help used to guide FHWA research activities. Georgia DOT encouraged states to invite NCHRP staff to participate in their future peer exchanges based on their recent exchange.
- b. Research Program & Project Management (RPPM) site- Ann lead general discussion on working within this web site.

Nomination of Vice Chair for Region 1:

Curtis Bradley, Mass DOT has been approved as Vice Chair.

Appointment Announcements:

Dale Peabody, MEDOT has been appointed as the national RAC Chair effective 12/8/15. Camille Crichton-Sumners, NJDOT has been appointed to SCOR.

Topic Presentation:

Camille provided a summary of the recently held NJDOT Research Showcase that she lead. Very successful event with participation from Universities, research partners and constituents. Included breakout sessions, guest speakers and coordination with their LTAP program.

National RAC meeting 2016- Providence, RI:

Progress continues to be made. Invitation to executives was discussed. RI will follow up to determine who will send out invites- RAC leadership ? Will be discussed on next leadership call. Working to get agenda in place by January. Will need to establish date and time for speakers when they are confirmed.

Need to establish the theme for this meeting. This has been discussed on the annual meeting planning group call. Allison has posted some ideas on the RPPM site. RAC REG 1 will discuss and include suggestions made in the survey taken at the last RAC annual meeting. RAC 1 will propose theme “Improving Transportation Research by Sharing and Adopting Best Practices“ to leadership for approval. This will be brought up at the 11/12/15 Leadership call.

Sponsorship planning- Allison posted information on the RPPM site. Please take a look. We need to try and add sponsors. Send any info and/or potential sponsors to Allison.

Administration Task Force- RI will need to make a brief 5 minute presentation on the summer meeting at TRB. This will be included on the agenda for the winter RAC meeting at TRB this January.

New Business:

- a. General discussion on Topic presentations for future calls. NY DOT to discuss their recent Peer Exchange on the next call.
- b. Let Ann know if you have any issues to bring up for next Leadership call.

NEXT CALL 12/3/15