

The RAC Region I teleconference was held on Thursday 12/03/15. The following individuals participated.

Hua Xiang	Maryland DOT
Curtis Bradley	Mass DOT
Brad Overture	Conn DOT
Ann Scholz (Chair)	New Hampshire DOT
Beth Klemann	New Hampshire DOT
Camille Crichton-Sumners	NJ DOT
Mike Sock	RI DOT
Mark Felag	RIDOT
Lisa Tarson	PennDOT
Stephanie Dock	DOC DOT
Bill Ahearn	VTrans
Chris Jolly (Secretary)	FHWA- Vermont

Minutes from 11/05/15 call were approved.

Old Business:

- a. RAC Leadership call notes from 11/12/15 were previously distributed to RAC Region 1 for review/comment with this call's agenda distribution. Highlights included summary of AASHTO activities from the AASHTO annual meeting held in September, Mississippi conducted a successful Peer Exchange, Coco Briseno is stepping down as vice-chair of Region 4, Skip Paul is retiring at the end of 2015.

RAC Task Forces/Announcements: (Note this is a new ongoing item which has been added to our agenda).

Nothing to report on Administration, Coordination and Collaboration, Program Management. Value of Research- will be using the RPM site this year for submittals. Sonication process will begin in the near future. Transportation Knowledge Networks- USDOT will be developing a NCHRP problem statement which AASHTO will want to take a look at.

Also note that there are Task Force updates in the above mentioned RAC Leadership call notes from 11/12/15.

Topic Presentation:

NYDOT- Peer Exchange -postponed till later date.

National RAC meeting 2016- Providence, RI:

Progress continues to be made on updating the agenda and sessions. There is a new proposed session on marketing Research. Allison has heard back from some sponsors.

List of potential sponsors has been developed (posted on RPPM site) and will need to be passed onto to AASHTO. General discussion on sponsorship set up and where they will be located. Will need to get sponsorship letter out. Please let Allison know of any potential sponsors.

Long discussion on off-site event and cost and cost of meals and meeting the minimum contract requirements with the hotel. Looking to assure/determine if we have funding to cover an off-site event on Wednesday during the meeting.

General discussion on supplying equipment and operation for the conference. Hotel does not supply equipment. Hotel will supply mics. Need to check on Wi-Fi and electrical hookups. Will need cooperation from RAC 1 states to bring equipment. Note there is another RAC 1 annual meeting planning call in two weeks to further discuss these issues.

New Business:

- a. NY to make presentation on their peer review on next call.
- b. No RAC call in January. Will meet at TRB. Stephanie to send out info. for Region 1 dinner at TRB.
- c. Let Ann know if you have anything for the next Leadership call to discuss.
- d. Bill Ahearn will be retiring 2/26/16. VTrans will be hosting a Peer Exchange 2/10 and 2/11 to evaluate the VTrans Research program.

NEXT CALL 02/04/16