

The RAC Region I teleconference was held on Thursday 03/03/16. The following individuals participated.

Allison Hardt	Maryland DOT
Hua Xiang	Maryland DOT
Nicholas Zavalas	Mass DOT
Gabriel Sherman	Mass DOT
Camille Crichton-Sumners	New Jersey DOT
Amanda Gendek	New Jersey DOT
Dale Peabody	Maine DOT
Brad Overture	Conn DOT
Ann Scholz (Chair)	New Hampshire DOT
Beth Klemann	New Hampshire DOT
Mike Sock	RI DOT
Lisa Tarson	PennDOT
Gary Frederick	NYS DOT
Soumya Dey	District of Columbia
Stephanie Dock	District of Columbia
Chris Jolly (Secretary)	FHWA- Vermont

Minuets from 02/04/16 call were approved.

#### **Old Business:**

- a. RAC Leadership call notes from the 2/11/16 call are posted on the RPPM site. Highlights include: Review of organization structure of AASHTO committees is ongoing. A lot under consideration – nothing finalized yet – all will have an opportunity to comment. There will be an AASHTO Washington briefing 2/24-2/26- include FAST Act discussion. SCOR meeting will be 3/17-18 to select FY 17 projects. 78 partnerships submitted proposals. 8 of the RAC 1 states submitted a total of 12 proposals
- b. High Value Research proposals due 3/31. Lengthy discussion of RAC 1 history for submitting proposals. Looking to get participation from every state this year and encourage multiple proposals. Proposals are ranked by all with top 4 being presented at annual meeting.

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

**Administration-** Summer meeting will include a session on sharing best practices. Please provide input via the survey which was recently distributed. Need each state to update their “Fact sheet” on the SCOR website. Allison will be sending out link to the site.

NCHRP 20-111 has funding set aside for the Task to assist with and work on the pooled funded web site and peer exchanges.

**Coordination and Collaboration-** Working on a study looking at unfunded research needs.

**Program Management and Quality-** No updates. Next call 3/10.

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

**Transportation Knowledge Networks-** No updates.

**Topic Presentation:**

No topic presentation this call. These will be postponed until after the summer meeting as preparation for the summer meeting is RAC 1's priority.

**National RAC meeting 2016- Providence, RI:**

Progress continues to be made on updating the agenda and sessions. Version 6 is in the works. Discussion of session coordinators. Next planning meeting will be in 2 weeks. Will be updating agenda to version 7 prior to our next RAC 1 call. Sponsorship is now live on the website. Solicitations have gone out. Always looking for sponsors. Still need to coordinate IT equipment. Will be developing a list of what RI can provide and who will bring what to fill in the gaps. Will be looking to nail this down during the next 2 calls.

**New Business:**

Amanda Gendek from NJ DOT volunteered for the Coordination and Collaboration Task Force. Always looking for RAC 1 representation on the Task Forces. Do not hesitate to volunteer.

Welcomed new RAC members from VTrans. Joe Segale and Jonathan Razinger. Bill Ahearn has retired but has been retained to work 2 -10 hour days until his position is filled.

NEXT CALL 4/7/16