

The RAC Region I teleconference was held on Thursday 04/07/16. The following individuals participated.

Allison Hardt	Maryland DOT
Hua Xiang	Maryland DOT
Nicholas Zavalas	Mass DOT
Camille Crichton-Sumners	New Jersey DOT
Amanda Gendek	New Jersey DOT
Dale Peabody	Maine DOT
Brad Overture	Conn DOT
Michael Connors	Conn DOT
Ann Scholz (Chair)	New Hampshire DOT
Colin Franco	RI DOT
Mark Felag	RI DOT
Gary Frederick	NYS DOT
Stephanie Dock	District of Columbia
Soumya Dey	District of Columbia
Chris Jolly (Secretary)	FHWA- Vermont

Minutes from 03/03/16 call were approved.

Old Business:

- a. RAC Leadership call notes from the 3/10/16 call are posted on the RPPM site. Highlights include: The AASHTO Comprehensive Committee Review is ongoing. One alternative has emerged as a preferred and will be sent to committee chairs on 4/11. May not have anything until after the spring meeting in May. NCHRP will be distributing material on its IDEA program at the RAC summer meeting in Providence. 78 partnerships submitted proposals for the Smart City Challenge.
- b. High Value Research proposals- 22 submitted by Region 1. Ballots will be going for ranking with top 4 being presented at annual meeting.
- c. NCHRP 20-111 – It was noted that RAC 1 does not have representation on this Task force. Still time to join if interested or if you have comments please submit. Attachment was included for additional information.
- d. Ahead of Curve- Region 1 candidates. Ann sent out solicitation for participation. Looking for response by 4/22. The Pilot course is ‘Making Research Relevant’. Looking to submit 6 names from each RAC.

RAC Task Forces/Announcements:

Administration- Finalizing the “role in RAC” session for the summer meeting. Also looking at a session on best practices and 2 CFR 200 “super circular”. Developed

changes to RAC operating guidelines – will be voted by Leadership on their next call and then sent out to all RAC members.

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

Program Management and Quality- Looking at issues with implementation of research. Will have session at summer meeting.

Value of Research- Will be working on High Value Research submittals and working on migrating from the RPM site to the RPPM site for making submittals. Plan on having a session on marketing research at the summer meeting.

Transportation Knowledge Networks- Call was scheduled for today 4/7. Anticipate discussion on electronic publications.

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 7 is out. Next planning meeting will be in 2 weeks and expect detail discussion of all aspects of the meeting. Some moderators have been identified. Had a general discussion of fitting various topics into the Moving research and innovation into practice session. Discussed session on SHRP 2 Safety and use of NDS. Still hope for more sponsorship. Again need to coordinate IT equipment. Looking for a few more laptops –let Ann know. Dale mentioned the possibility of having a rep. from private industry make a presentation at the regional meetings. This will provide a small group discussion allowing opportunity to get a perspective from the private sector on how they approach research.

New Business:

TRB Visits- NJ planned for October. NH planned for September. Most are scheduled for the fall. There are 15 TRB reps. to conduct all of the site visits. Ann is looking for input from past successful visits. CT to share agenda from last year's successful visit.

Ann requested input from each state to develop annual RAC 1 report for summer meeting.

Next Call 5/5/16