

AASHTO RAC Region 2 Meeting
January 11, 2016
Washington, DC—Marriott Magnolia Room

Welcome and roll call—Attendees included Elisha Wright-Kehner (AR--Chair), Cindy Smith (MS--Vice Chair), Jason Siwula (Secretary), Joe Crabtree (KY), Tyson Rupnow,(LA), James Watkins (MS), Bill Barstis (MS), Michelle Owens (AL), David Jared (GA), Donny Williams (WV), Mike Pumphrey (WV), Jimmy White (VA), Neil Mastin (NC)

SCOR Update

- (David Jared) NCHRP Ballots due February 19. SCOR meets March 17-18. Two Region 2 positions on SCOR vacant (both executive-type), but these should be filled by SCOR meeting.

STC Update

- (Tyson) STC project on measuring the value of research is under contract with WVU. Interim report due is 3-4 months, and we will schedule STC meeting at that time, to take place in either Georgia or West Virginia.

Task Force Updates

- *Administration* - Performed duties of putting together agenda for RAC Winter Meeting
- *Coordination and Collaboration* - None
- *PM&Q* - (David) This group will join with Research Implementation Facilitators and begin making priorities. There's interest in implementation tracking databases and program tools. David will follow up on this. Conduct of Research Committee is interested in collaborating on a synthesis on changing skill sets for researchers. Mentioned NCHRP setaside for RAC tasks. Donny mentioned that NCHRP 20-44 needs "boots on the ground" representation. Neil Mastin will serve from Region 2 on the 20-44 panel.
- *TKN* (Cindy) - AASHTO publications are making the transition to digital and possible dissemination, and states are discussing the issues associated with that. . Open Data Access workshop was Sunday at TRB. Guidance documents for final reports is being revised. There are a couple of NCHRP studies going on pertaining to this group, one of which is updates to the Transportation Research Thesaurus (TRT). Knowledge Management Task Force meets Wednesday morning.
- *Value of Research* (Cindy) - Sweet 16 poster session from 2015 high-value research was this morning. Submittals for 2016 high-value research are due at the end of March. Contract for RPPM is up at the end of July and options are being considered. Tyson and Binh to join Performance Measures working group. Jason will let everyone know when AASHTO President's Awards nominations come out.

SHRP2 Update - Webinars are starting this month for Round 7. Jason noted that you can reapply for a product for which you previously applied and got funding. Jason has a list of the IAP funds and where they all went. Several people indicated interest in seeing this, so Jason will send this out to Region 2. LADOT got an award for Precast Pavements. Get information to the group regarding the SHRP2 Safety Task Force. There was discussion about the Naturalistic Driving Study (NDS) and who is using the data, if anyone. Jason advised that TRB's SHRP2 Safety Task Force owns the data, and he will send out a list of SDTF members. Monique Evans of FHWA presented at the Sunday night RAC meeting about the pooled fund study being launched by FHWA about the NDS data. Michelle noted that Alabama DOT received a project as well.

UTC Update - UTC Recompensation upcoming. Elisha wants to have a Lessons Learned from UTCs coming soon. Consensus is that the UTC program doesn't always do a good job of publicizing the value of the research they do. Tyson discussed the success of LADOTD's partnership with the UTC.

Summer 2016 RAC Summer Meeting - Providence, RI. We will have a regional meeting, and Neil agreed to coordinate the regional dinner.

Summer 2017 RAC—Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will be coordinating with their LTAP center to make meeting arrangements.

Other Business - FY 2017 Peer Exchanges - Elisha, Jason, Neil, and Michelle are planning peer exchanges. We might want to consider a multi-state peer exchange.

Next meeting will be the March 8, 2016, conference call.

The meeting was adjourned.