

Meeting Minutes – 07/27/2010

Date	July 27 - 29, 2010	Time	7am – 8:20am(Central)		
Facilitator	Mara Campbell	Scribe	Rodney Montney		
Subject	RAC Region 3 Meeting				
Attendees	<p>Member states attending:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> Illinois – Amy Schutzbach Indiana – Tommy Nantung Iowa – Sandra Larson Kansas – Rodney Montney Minnesota – Linda Taylor Missouri – Mara Campbell Ohio – Jennifer Gallagher Wisconsin – Daniel Yeh Michigan – Calvin Roberts Jack Jernigan – Turner Fairbanks </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> Bill Stone – Missouri Visitor Susan Barker – Kansas visitor Dick McReynolds – Kansas visitor Jason Bittner – Univ of Wisconsin Shashi Nambisan –Iowa State Univ David Kuehn – Turner Fairbanks Larry Sutter – Michigan Tech Univ Patty Broers – Illinois visitor Bobb Stokes – Kansas State Univ Chris Shahady </td> </tr> </table>			Illinois – Amy Schutzbach Indiana – Tommy Nantung Iowa – Sandra Larson Kansas – Rodney Montney Minnesota – Linda Taylor Missouri – Mara Campbell Ohio – Jennifer Gallagher Wisconsin – Daniel Yeh Michigan – Calvin Roberts Jack Jernigan – Turner Fairbanks	Bill Stone – Missouri Visitor Susan Barker – Kansas visitor Dick McReynolds – Kansas visitor Jason Bittner – Univ of Wisconsin Shashi Nambisan –Iowa State Univ David Kuehn – Turner Fairbanks Larry Sutter – Michigan Tech Univ Patty Broers – Illinois visitor Bobb Stokes – Kansas State Univ Chris Shahady
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Key Points Discussed		
No.	Topic	Highlights
1.	Review of agenda / roll call	Mara called the meeting to order and introductions were made.
2.	Review of May 11 minutes	Minutes of the May 11 meeting were distributed by Rod. Linda moved to approve, Amy seconded. Motion carried.
3.	Recap of Officers	Beginning Jan, 2011. Tommy will be Chair. Amy will be Vice Chair. Both are two year terms. Looking for another volunteer to be Secretary.
4.	Old Business	<p>Task Force Membership: Funding – Daniel (chair) and Rod. Value of Research – Linda and Mara. Coordination & Collaboration – Calvin and Jennifer volunteered. Administration & Education – Amy and Rod. Program Management & Quality – Tommy, Jennifer and Linda volunteered. Transportation Knowledge Network (TKN) – Tommy volunteered.</p> <p>Sandra is RAC Chairperson doesn't have to be on another committee.</p> <p>Interactive Google – Region 4 has one, should region 3? Mara will send everyone the link and we can try it until meeting in January. Some states may have it blocked.</p>
5.	Task Force Updates	<p>Funding – reviewed their workplan through the end of 2011, still waiting on reauthorization. Reviewing uses of SP&R and how things affect SP&R. US Dept of Commerce, Nation Science Foundation survey has been sent to each State for information on Research expenditures.</p> <p>Program Management & Quality – Reviewed Intellectual</p>

		<p>Property (NCHRP Report 20-89). Implementation of NCHRP products. Pooled Funds issues and quarterly webinars.</p> <p>Administration & Education – Steve Peppin and Skip Paul are now co-chairs. Prepared for RAC 101 last night – will be on the web. Discussed a possible mentoring program. They are working with AASHTO committees for coordinating research and update of NCHRP manuals.</p> <p>Coordination and Collaboration – reviewed their workplan. Discussed updating the funding guide available through TRB website. Discussed NCHRP efforts. They would like to interface more with TKN. Discussed laboratories and research infrastructure.</p> <p>Value of Research – Worked on a draft brochure for CEO's and Congress. Reviewed the 123 highest value research projects in nation narrowed it down to the Sweet 16. Published the Elite 8 in brochure distributed during the summer meeting. Working with NCHRP 20-63 to quantify the value of research and anticipated performance measures. Sometimes the answer is "Not to do."</p>
6.	New Business	<p>2011 RAC Summer Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah - July 25-28, 2011.</p> <p>RAC has a recognition program for fellow members that are not part of RAC Leadership. Especially when a person retires or changes jobs and leaves RAC. If you want to nominate someone send Leadership an email. Information is on the RAC website.</p> <p>Jack Jernigan discussed the Pooled Funds Program – Federal Highway supports it and wants continued growth. They like partnering effort and leverage of resources. Revised guidelines on website. Pooled Fund will continue hosting webinars. Tommy asked if a Pooled Fund Project can begin without full funding commitment? (Still in solicitation stage.) He thinks no, not good idea. Others suggested breaking the project down into stages, or provide contract language that says "based on available Federal Funding."</p> <p>RAC Region 3 Dinner – Milanos</p> <p>Rod do agenda – Sept. 14 Conference Call – make arrangements.</p>
7.	State Updates	<p>Iowa - Sandra invited everyone to the Research Symposium & Peer Exchange August 18-19, 2011. Research in Iowa is fine, 355 retired from IDOT – fill half the positions.</p> <p>Ohio – has finished their strategic plan and is starting to roll it out in the agency. They are taking their road show to the Universities and are reviewing S.P. and engaging them into</p>

		<p>Research. They are working on implementation improvement and evaluations at the completion of projects.</p> <p>Wisconsin – Held their Peer Exchange in May will discuss at 10:30 session today. Hosting Mid-Continent Transportation Research Forum on Aug. 19-20, 2010 in Madison</p> <p>Missouri – Mara passed out MoDOT research successes. No director at MoDOT now. National search for new director.</p> <p>Kansas – Passed a new 10 year, \$8 billion highway program. They are in the process of signing new K-TRAN contracts for new fiscal year.</p> <p>Indiana – Has new leadership in Research. The DOT will Concentrate on Internal Marketing. Everyone will keep doing their same job. They have 127 projects this year vs. 187 last year. Purdue will subcontract some contracts. Federal Highway has changed their research person for Indiana.</p> <p>Minnesota – Now has a Knowledge Network for Technology Transfer online and Project web pages. They are using Twitter to blog and Facebook, and have videos online. They also provide Portfolio Management Assessment of Research Program which are “Road Maps” for Project areas, flow charting financial processes.</p> <p>Michigan – Held a Research summit in May where Research needs were introduced for 2010/2011 Research Projects. They also spotlighted 8 projects. Calvin sent out a newsletter to all the other states. They will be hosting Peer Exchange Dec. 7-9, 2010 on the Topic of Implementation. Michigan is negotiating new contracts with their Universities. A sticking issue is intellectual Property Rights.</p> <p>Illinois – Completed their second round of Solicitations on June 30. Their Executive Committee will meet and vote in Oct. – Nov. They had a Federal Highway Process Review and found they need guidelines for contract research projects for DOT people. These guidelines will be added to their Research Manual. They are beginning negotiations for a new 3 year intergovernmental agreement with University of Illinois. Their legislature decided all communications with vendors and contractors must be documented and posted on the web. This is causing problems. Illinois is also furloughing non-union employees 12 days per year.</p>
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Next conf call Sept RAM host.