

Meeting Minutes

Date	January 11, 2015	Time	3:30 pm (Eastern)
Facilitator	Amy Schutzbach and Cynthia Gerst	Secretary	Michael Townley
Subject	RAC Region 3 Meeting		
Attendees	Member states attending: Illinois – Amy Schutzbach Indiana – Tommy Nantung Iowa – Peggi Knight, Linda Narigon, Vanessa Goetz Kansas – Rod Montney, Rick Kreider Michigan – Steve Bower, Michael Townley Minnesota – Linda Taylor Missouri – Bill Stone Ohio – Cynthia Gerst Wisconsin – Lori Richter, Jennifer Walejko, Diane Gurtner		

Key Points Discussed

No.	Topic	Highlights
1.	Review agenda / roll call	Agenda approved. Attendance marked above.
2.	Review previous meeting minutes	A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. Motion carried.
3a.	Review action items from March meeting	Action items were reviewed. Ohio, Kansas, Illinois, and Iowa would like a copy of Indiana's SPR3557 cement kiln dust pavement additive study. Report will be released in the spring of 2015 and is not available at this time. Cynthia sent out a request for input on RAC website. RAC Region 3 members are still welcome to respond back to Cynthia on the website.
4a.	High Value Research	Bill Stone is a new co-chair of the High Value Research Committee, serving with Linda Taylor. He will be sending out an email requesting states to submit high value research projects by March 31 through the RPM software.
4b.	Task Force Reports and Participation	Members can sign up to participate in additional task forces and will hear about each task force during the TRB meeting following the Region 3 meeting. Task force chairs are now keeping track of membership rather than region committees. Task force membership is listed at the following link: Task Force Member Spreadsheet It was agreed that members should be able to change committee membership as needs arise.
4c.	SCOR Updates/NCHRP	On February 22 the NCHRP ballot is due. It has been distributed to the states.

	Ballot Process	<p>It was discussed that in our region could coordinate NCHRP submittals and support to increase the likelihood of receiving funding for common concerns.</p> <p>Last year our region and others voiced a concern about late NCHRP project submittals. SCOR has changed the requirements such that all projects will be submitted at the same time – October 15th.</p> <p>The SCOR voting process was described by Amy Schutzbach.</p> <p>It was suggested that each state should provide input to the region SCOR members prior to voting. Amy and Tommy would like to receive email input from each state on what projects are most important to them.</p>
4d.	Research Office Specification Sheet	Allison Hardt and Natassja Linzau should receive Research Office Specification Sheet within the next month.
4e.	Succession of Leadership	Cynthia Gerst will serve as RAC Region Three’s new chairperson and Rick Kreider will serve as vice chair. They were elected at a previous meeting.
4f.	Recently Completed Research Highlights and/or Research Needs	<p>Ohio – Cynthia Gerst The strengths of region 3 were discussed.</p> <p>Illinois – Amy Schutzbach The following projects were discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improvement of Driven Pile Installation and Design in Illinois 2. Data Analysis for Local Roadway Safety Assessments 3. Testing of Portland Cement with Limestone and Process Addition <p>Indiana – Tommy Nantung Tommy sent a link with all the finished projects from his state to the region members.</p> <p>Iowa – Linda Narigon Linda sent a list of projects and links and encourages us to look at them. The following projects were highlighted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Drilled shaft foundation research 2. Optimizing base and sub base pavements for pavement performance. 3. A synthesis of rural crashes was developed with a web based tool for users to follow links from crash type to mitigation techniques. <p>Kansas –Rick Kreider The following projects were discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Steel girder weld study on fatigue sensitive elements 2. New precipitation frequency table update <p>Michigan – Steve Bower Summaries of the following projects were emailed in advance of the meeting and discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cable Guard Rail 2. Carbon Fiber in Bridges 3. Pile Driving Vibrations 4. Speed Limits Research 5. University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute Test Track <p>A list of Michigan’s NCHRP project submittals was circulated:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. G-14: Performance Management and Signal Optimization Strategies 2. G-15: Understanding the Relationship Between Operating, Posted, Design Speeds and Safety in the Setting of Speed Limits. 3. D-05: Identify Construction Staffing Strategies for Effective

		<p>Program Oversight</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. A-04: Studying Worker Safety and Health Programs With Worker's Compensation Programs 5. B-09: Development of Differential Criteria for Determining Appropriateness of "Side-path" Applications for Bicycle Use <p>Minnesota – Linda Taylor</p> <p>MnRoad and the National Center for Asphalt Technology (NCAT) pavement study are partnering on advanced pavement research. Sharing resources and expertise will improve coordination of experiments and expand evaluation of pavement performance in both northern and southern climates, providing cost-effective solutions that can be implemented nationwide. Information was provided on this study. There was a discussion about how states could participate. Steve Bower is interested in hearing from other states on how much interest there is in this program.</p> <p>The following projects were discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The manual on optimal material methods for partial depth pavement repair has been published 2. Bridge deck deterioration rates study was conducted. 3. Bridge monitoring and modeling study has recently been completed. 4. Concrete bridge girder study on post tensioning systems with a MnDOT beam end design was conducted. <p>Copies of MnDOT's 2014 At-A-Glance annual report were provided.</p> <p>Missouri – Bill Stone</p> <p>The following project was described:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quantifying and evaluating the benefits of rail projects <p>Wisconsin – Diana Gurtner</p> <p>The following items were discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wisconsin is updating their website and URLs will be changing. 2. Three people are now part of the research program and a fourth position will be filled soon for national research programs. 3. A NCHRP research problem statement was submitted on Implements of Husbandry. 4. The Wisconsin highway research program strategic plan is being developed.
	Next meeting	Kansas will host the next meeting.

Action Items			
No.	Action Item	Owner	Target Date
1	Submit high value research projects by March 31 through the RPM software.	All members	March 31, 2015
2	Complete the NCHRP ballot. Send projects that your state supports, with supporting commentary, to Tommy and Amy so that they can share your comments at the SCOR meeting.	All members	February 22, 2015
3	Submit comments on the Research Office Specification Sheet to Allison Hardt and Natassja Linzau	All members	February 15, 2015

