

Meeting Minutes

Date	5/13/14	Time	2:30 pm (Eastern)
Facilitator	Amy Schutzbach	Secretary	Michael Townley
Subject	RAC Region 3 Meeting		
Attendees	<p>Member states attending: Illinois – Amy Schutzbach, Megan Swanson Indiana – Tommy Nantung Iowa – Linda Narigon Michigan – Michael Townley Missouri – Jennifer Harper Ohio – Cynthia Gerst Wisconsin – Daniel Yeh, Jacqueline Kamin Kansas - Rick Kreider</p> <p>Member states not attending: Minnesota</p>		

Key Points Discussed		
No.	Topic	Highlights
1.	Review agenda / roll call	Agenda approved. Roll call 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	<p>Action items were reviewed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Daniel Yeh developed summer RAC meeting invitations to Wisconsin's, Iowa's, Arizona's, and Michigan's DOT Directors. Skip Paul mailed them out. Directors from Wisconsin, Arizona, and Michigan confirmed they will attend. Iowa it still outstanding. Linda will check on this. 2. Amy sent out the latest annual meeting agenda to RAC Region 3 members. 3. Tommy invited the 2014 summer RAC meeting speakers. All session coordinators have been contacted. Most speakers have been contacted. Tommy now has rooms for the speakers 4. The 2014 summer RAC meeting website is active. Wisconsin sent out a RAC listserve notice when the website opened for registration. 5. High Value Research project submittals were submitted. (See notes below on the results of voting) 6. RAC Region 3 SCOR representatives, Tommy Nantung and Amy Schutzbach took part in the 2015 NCHRP project ballot. (see notes below on next steps)
3b.	2014 Summer RAC Meeting	<p>Daniel provided the following update: Host arrangements are going well.</p> <p>The RAC Region 3 dinner will be at Coopers Tavern. WisDOT has received many gift items from various region 3</p>

		<p>states for the summer meeting guests.</p> <p>Cheese boards will be a gift for the conference. They have been ordered.</p> <p>Tommy provided the following update: Much of the program planning is complete. Many speakers have been contacted. Tommy needs information on two sessions. Mark Norman is expected to provide information on the TRB section by early June.</p> <p>Sweet sixteen award printing, signing, framing, and shipping will be planned out during the next summer meeting planning call.</p> <p>Amy will reach out to Skip, Dale, and Chris Jenkins to discuss plans to honor Bob Skinner's retirement.</p>
3c.	High Value Research	<p>Amy reported on the following results from the high value research competition:</p> <p>1st place – INDOT 5: Costs And Revenues Associated With Overweight Trucks In Indiana</p> <p>2nd place (tie) – IADOT1: Western Iowa Missouri River Flooding - Geo-Infrastructure Damage Assessment, Repair, and Mitigation Strategies</p> <p>2nd place (tie) – MODOT: Live Load Effect in Reinforced Concrete Box Culverts Under Soil Fill</p> <p>4th place – KDOT4: Evaluation of Innovative Traffic Safety Devices at Short-Term Work Zones</p> <p>Mark Morvant will be contacting winners to coordinate Sweet 16 presentations for the AASHTO RAC July Meeting.</p> <p>There is a concern that some states outside of Region 3 may not be participating.</p>
3d	FY2015 NCHRP ballot	<p>RAC Region 3 SCOR representatives, Tommy Nantung and Amy Schutzbach took part in the 2015 NCHRP project ballot. The AASHTO board of directors is now voting on the slate of projects and the major annual focus area for AASHTO. Marty Vitale sent an email describing the process.</p>
4a	RAC Roster	<p>A letter from the department of transportation CEO needs to be submitted for any changes to the RAC roster. The roster was reviewed.</p>
4b	SHRP 2	<p>Daniel noted that a pending transportation funding bill includes a continuation of SHRP2 funding in fiscal year 15. It has been proposed that this funding be taken out before funds are distributed to the states. (After the meeting it was determined that continuation funding would not be included in fiscal year 15.)</p>

4c	<p>Recently Completed Research Highlights – IN, IA, MI, MN</p>	<p>The following recently completed research was presented by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Tommy Nantung of Indiana <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Research was completed on optimum limestone content in cement. It was determined that up to 15 percent limestone in cement is acceptable. This will reduce the carbon foot print, by reducing the amount of cement in the concrete. Industry may not accept this change. This project was submitted as part of Indiana’s high value research submittal. 2) Indiana also completed an operations research project, looking at the number of pavement striping trucks needed per district. This is a new area of research for the state. – Linda Narigon of Iowa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Iowa DOT staff was surveyed to find out how many pooled fund projects resulted in valuable findings. There was a high success rate. 2) Iowa has been looking into working with other states to address the following national issues with pooled fund projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Performance measures b. Asset management c. Peer exchanges on performance measures. 3) A pooled fund project on pavement joint deterioration is wrapping up. A workshop is planned for June 12 in Minnesota to discuss next steps. Materials research and the tracking and measurement of joints are proposed for future research. 4) A new ridged pavement foundations pooled fund project just started. – Michael Townley of Michigan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) A speed limit research project that will be published soon was summarized. The project is titled, <i>Evaluating Differential and Non-Differential Freeway Truck and Bus Speed Limits & Outcomes of Raising All Vehicle Speed Limits</i>. It is expected that the report will be published and announced through TRB news in late June. Speed data was collected in Indiana and Ohio along with policy on crash data from across the nation. This report noted that increasing speed limits on rural freeways is directly related to increased fatalities.
4d	<p>Additional Items</p>	<p>The following items were discussed before the meeting was adjourned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) There will be a RAC 101 Webinar on June 30, 2014 from 2:00 to 3:30 eastern time 2) FHWA started the Research and Development 101 project with a consultant to develop web-based learning tools. 3) A new pooled fund coordinator, David Pamplin, has been named. 4) The next RAC Region 3 meeting is Wednesday, July 23, 2014 (at the annual meeting) 3:00 – 5:30 pm CST 5) Collaboration opportunities may be an item for future

		agendas. It was suggested that we share information on research efforts we are just beginning to see if others are interested.
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Action Items			
No.	Action Item	Owner	Target Date
1	Summer RAC meeting invitations to Wisconsin's, Iowa's, Arizona's, and Michigan's DOT Directors. Directors from Wisconsin, Arizona, and Michigan confirmed they will attend. Linda will check if Iowa's Director will attend the summer RAC meeting.	Linda Narigon	June
2	Amy will reach out to Skip, Dale, and Chris Jenkins to discuss plans to honor Bob Skinner's retirement.	Amy Schutzbach	June