

Minutes

Research Advisory Committee, Region 4 Meeting

Sunday, January 8, 2017

8:00 p.m. (ET)

Gallaudet University Room-Marriott Marquis Hotel-Washington, DC

Roll Call

Present	Name	Organization
	Keith Platte	AASHTO
	Maina Tran	TRB
X	Carolyn Morehouse	Alaska DOT
	Jean Nehme	Arizona DOT
	Anne Ellis	Arizona DOT
X	Dianne Kresich	Arizona DOT
X	Jim Appleton	California DOT
	Pete Zaniewski	California DOT
X	Joe Horton – Chair	California DOT
	Aziz Khan	Colorado DOT
X	Amanullah Mommandi	Colorado DOT
	Mary Huie	FHWA
	Wayne Kawahara	Hawaii DOT
X	Ned Parrish	Idaho TD
	Sue Sillick	Montana DOT
	Mostafa Jamshidi	Nebraska DOR
X	Ken Chambers – Vice Chair	Nevada DOT
	Randall Soderquist	New Mexico DOT
X	David Hadwiger	New Mexico DOT
X	Ray Chavez	New Mexico DOT
	Amy Estelle	New Mexico DOT
	Ron Horner	North Dakota DOT
	Clayton Schumaker	North Dakota DOT
X	Gary Hook	Oklahoma DOT
X	Teresa Stephens - Secretary	Oklahoma DOT
	Bryan Cooper	Oklahoma DOT
X	David Ooten	Oklahoma DOT
	Michael Bufalino	Oregon DOT
X	Darin Hodges for Dave Huft	South Dakota DOT
	Sonya Badgley	Texas DOT
	Patti Dathe	Texas DOT
X	Rocio Perez	Texas DOT
	Kevin Pete	Texas DOT
X	Wade Odell	Texas DOT
X	Cameron Kergaye	Utah DOT
	David Stevens	Utah DOT
	Rhonda Brooks	Washington DOT
X	Tim McDowell	Wyoming DOT
	Enid White	Wyoming DOT

Welcome & Introductions –

Joe Horton, RAC 4 Chair, led the introductions around the room. It was noted that new faces were in attendance for their usual designee.

Discuss RAC 4 Survey Results –

The Chairman shared findings from survey responses. It was decided by a vote of attendees to amend the current meeting schedule from monthly to **every other month**. The third option was quarterly. This decision will begin next month, February 2017.

Region IV RAC meetings will be held on the even months. The date (third Thursday of even months), time (Noon PT) and duration (one hour) of the RAC 4 meeting will stay the same.

In addition, if special sessions are warranted for important topic discussion, such as High Value Research topics, the Chairman has the ability to call said meeting.

Confirm Attendance for RAC 4 Dinner –

Teresa Stephens received a head count for the meal at Old Ebbitt's Grill near the White House.

Short meet and greet for the new RAC 4 Members –

This was facilitated after the adjournment...current members welcomed new attendees by inviting them to dinner immediately following the regional meeting.

Additional topics for Discussion

Ken Chambers of Nevada highlighted the State Rep Luncheon at TRB and the NCHRP Ballots. Each state is encouraged to review each submission and rank them 1-5 with constructive comments supporting the rank in order to assist others in making final choices of support.

Amanullah Mommandi of Colorado inquired about the State Transportation Innovation Council that was discussed at the previous meeting for the National RAC. He asked who manages the STIC. Response differs based upon each state and FHWA Division Office. Mr. Mommandi also asked about the best way to approach the NCHRP Ballot Scoring. Answer varies depending on the needs of each state and where they need support in research.

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