

The RAC Region I teleconference was held on Thursday 8/6/15. The following individuals participated.

Brad Overturf	Conn DOT
Soumya Dey	DC DOT
Stephanie Dock	DC DOT
Curtis Bradley	Mass DOT
Gary Frederick	NYS DOT
Dale Peabody	Maine DOT
Ann Scholz (Chair)	New Hampshire DOT
Beth Klemann	New Hampshire DOT
Lisa Parson	Penn DOT
Mike Sock	RI DOT
George Colgrove	Vermont AOT

Minutes from 6/4/15 call were approved.

The Region will use the RPPM website to conduct our monthly business meetings. The meetings are events on the RPPM Calendar and will have agenda, monthly notes and other pertinent documents. NOTE: Please download any documents that you wish to save since each month the old documents will be deleted and new documents added.

4. Old Business/Announcements

a. Region 1 Vacancy and Leadership – Ann will be our new chair pending any procedural issues that need to occur. We are in need of a vice chair nominee.

ACTION ITEM: Please send your nominations to Ann and Dale.

b. National RAC Meeting 2015 – Regional Report (attachment in RPPM) – Getting input from Region 1 states prior to the summer meeting worked well. One of our regional goals for the next year is more participation in the High Value Research submittals.

c. Survey for National RAC Meeting 2015 – Portland, OR – The survey is ready to go out. It was agreed that Stephanie will use Google document for the survey instead of Survey Monkey.

ACTION ITEM: Stephanie will coordinate with Michael Bufalino to get survey out to RAC listserv and all those that attended the Portland OR meeting.

d. National RAC Meeting 2016 – Providence, RI – no updates from Mike Sock regarding the hotel contract. AASHTO planners are negotiating terms. We have scheduled monthly planning calls, 3rd Thursday of the month at 1:30 pm.

Invitation has gone out to Region 1 listserv, Skip, Michael Bufalino.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Dale will set up events in RPPM.
- Curtis will help with Go To Meeting application.
- For the first call scheduled for 8/20, Stephanie and Soumya will prepare strawman 2016 agenda to include re-occurring summer

meeting items such as Regional and Task Force business meetings and report outs, Welcome session, etc.

- **Dale will invite AASHTO Planner, Karen Crawford.**

5. New Business

a. Topic assignment for Regional meetings – During Regional calls there's opportunity to have states briefly present some efforts that will be of interest to all. Examples are NJ's Research Showcase process, Peer Exchange reports (MA), How states track their research projects (CT).

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Curtis will present some information from MassDOT's Peer Exchange during the September call.**
- **All – identify topics for future calls.**

b. There will be no Leadership Call in August - *Issues for August 13th RAC Leadership Call*

6. Adjournment - Next meeting: September 3, 2015 1:30 pm