

The RAC Region I teleconference was held on Thursday 10/5/17.

The following individuals participated.

Brad Overturf	Conn. DOT
Flavia Pereira	Conn. DOT
Stephanie Dock	District of Columbia
Stefanie Brodie	District of Columbia
Dale Peabody	Maine DOT
Allison Hardt	Maryland DOT
Hau Xiang	Maryland DOT
Don Streeter	NYS DOT
Lisa Tarson	Penn DOT
Emily Parkany	VTrans
Chris Jolly (Secretary)	FHWA- Vermont

Minutes from 9/7/17 call were posted, reviewed and adopted.

Old Business:

Minutes from the September 2017 Leadership call were briefly reviewed. Complete minutes post on RPPM site. Highlights include: Draft letter prepared for Research & Innovation (R&I) Chairman to send to each AASHTO's committee's leadership requesting that each committee consider how R&I and RAC can engage with each committee. R&I has formed 4 working groups. Each working group is expected to produce some recommendations at R&I's next meeting on 12/4. Lori Sundstrom has hired a NCHRP Implementation Program Manager- Sid Mohan who will start on 10/2. UTC Grant re-competition to re-compete three Regional UTC's. Proposals were due 8/18. Hoping for announcement at end of October.

RAC Task Forces/Announcements:

Administration- Want all Peer exchanges on RAC website. Let Natassja know about peer exchanges. There will be a big focus on the website. SCOR now R&I and a lot of updates. This will be discussed on the next leadership call. Mentoring guidelines were recently updated on the web site.

Coordination and Collaboration- Now having quarterly calls. Want the RPPM website updated. Will be reaching out to Universities to see how they make use of the RPPM website.

Program Management and Quality- There was a quarterly call last week. Updated the membership roster. Discussion on Montana peer exchange and an issue which was raised regarding use of SPR Research funds for implementation. The staffing level workgroup for "Ahead of the Curve" has been formalized.

Value of Research- Last call was on 9/13. Looking to get more participation in the sweet 16. Linda Taylor with MN. DOT has developed a process to evaluate/determine the benefits of their research projects.

Topic Presentation: Dale gave an update on the Research & Innovation (R&I) group. There will be a R&I retreat/ self-assessments with a large working group including TRB, FHWA, NCHRP and Chair of the AASHTO-AII. Focus on 4 areas – allocation of NCHRP \$, accelerating the research process, Return on Investment and how to incorporate innovation. Each group to report back in December.

New Business:

Don Streeter from NYSDOT introduced himself. Don will be representing NYSDOT on the Region 1 RAC. Debra Nelson is no longer with the Research Program in NYSDOT.

PA will be hosting a peer exchange in 2019.

Emily discussed Vermont's recent inaugural Research Symposium. Very successful and well attended by VTrans, universities and other transportation representatives. Was combined with the VTrans annual STIC meeting and TRB rep. visit.

CT. -Busy with their 2019/2020 Work Program, U. Conn. Invoking, automonus vehicle summit.

DC- Discussed changes in the FHWA DC Division.

Maine- Gearing up for their new Work program on a 2 year cycle. Maine will be taking the lead on the NETC pooled funded project.

MD- Looking at new projects/proposals with FY 2018. Waiting on Regional UTC decision.

Since there have recently been several Peer Exchanges a suggestion was made for November presentation that there be a general presentation on takeaways from peer exchanges.

Next Call 11/2/17