

MEETING NOTES

Research Advisory Committee, Region 4 Meeting

Thursday, October 19, 2017 1:00 p.m. (MT)

WebEx

Phone Information

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Roll Call

Present	Name	Organization
	Carolyn Morehouse	Alaska DOT
X	Dianne Kresich	Arizona DOT
	Jim Appleton	California DOT
X	Joe Horton – Chair	California DOT
	Pete Zaniewski	California DOT
	Aziz Khan	Colorado DOT
	Amanullah Mommandi	Colorado DOT
	Wayne Kawahara	Hawaii DOT
X	Ned Parrish	Idaho TD
X	Bobbi deMontigny for Sue Sillick	Montana DOT
	Mostafa Jamshidi	Nebraska DOR
X	Ken Chambers – Vice Chair	Nevada DOT
	Randall Soderquist	New Mexico DOT
	Clayton Schumaker	North Dakota DOT
	Ron Curb	Oklahoma DOT
X	David Ooten	Oklahoma DOT
X	Teresa Stephens - Secretary	Oklahoma DOT
X	Michael Bufalino	Oregon DOT
X	Dave Huft	South Dakota DOT
	Wade Odell	Texas DOT
X	Rocio Perez	Texas DOT
X	Kevin Pete	Texas DOT
X	Cameron Kergaye	Utah DOT
	David Stevens	Utah DOT
X	Rhonda Brooks	Washington DOT
X	Tim McDowell	Wyoming DOT
X	Enid White	Wyoming DOT

Welcome and introductions

- Ask for help reviewing minutes
- Thank you, Ken Chambers and Ned Parrish.

Meeting Administration

- Due to the Christmas holiday festivities, the December 21st meeting will be rescheduled to December 14th.
- A short meeting will be planned on Sunday evening after the National RAC meeting at TRB in January 2018.
- Joe will place a request regarding Business matters (who's new, NCHRP balloting, list of projects, dinner finalization) in the next agenda.
- The Region 4 Dinner will be held at Old Ebbitt Grill near the White House. Teresa will coordinate a happy hour at 5:00, dinner at 6:00. Reservation will be under Research – Region 4. *update* reservation already made!!!!
- For the new year, RAC 4 Meetings will continue to be held on usually the third Thursday, every other month. The current scheduled dates are:
 - Thursday, February 15, 2018, Noon Pacific
 - Thursday, April 19, 2018, Noon Pacific
 - Thursday, June 14, 2018, Noon Pacific (Moved due to IDEA conflict)
 - Insert July 2018 meeting for mid-year conference
 - Ken takes over as Chairman...
 - Thursday, August 16, 2018, Noon Pacific
 - Thursday, October 18, 2018, Noon Pacific
 - Thursday, December 13, 2018, Noon Pacific (Moved up from 20th)

RAC Winter Meeting Planning (January 2018)

- Region 4 is responsible for the RAC Meeting Agenda in January. David Ooten, soon to be an appointee from Oklahoma DOT, stated that he would help with that. He has been in touch with Allison Hardt, who composed (or knows who composed) the agenda last year.
- Video of Brian Ness discussing AASHTO R&I Committee work since RAC Summer Meeting Ned sitting in on leadership calls...discussion includes what R&I are doing. Talking about focus areas...winter meeting upcoming in early December...Mr. Ness is, unfortunately, unavailable at TRB meeting, it was suggested to have Dale Peabody or Lori Sundstrum speak at that meeting in his absence. If a video is produced, Brian Ness predicts a high level, big picture view about the special committee's future direction and focus areas. Draft proposed agenda and detailed information will be shared once received.

- Side note about how DOTs relationship with the STIC varies from state to state. Ness seems to be impressed with how RAC currently operates, message will likely be things are working well and will probably want to advance even further incrementally. R&I seems to wrestle with idea of innovation what does that mean how do we move forward with it...R&I members convinced these are good focus areas. Joe updated draft agenda during the meeting (update to be sent later)...Vice Chair of committee to complete this task? The question was raised as to how to engage AASHTO committees in research area? Have RAC member on each committee? This item may be part of the discussion at RAC meeting. Include under hot topics, perhaps. In addition, in recent years, FHWA has encouraged the establishment of STICs in the states and a number of state DOTs have established positions or work groups focusing on innovation. How should these innovation efforts be addressed/ supported by R&I?
- General Info. From Ned Parrish - The committee was previously called the Standing Committee on Research. Now, it's the Special Committee on Research and Innovation. As part of AASHTO's reorg, the AASHTO Innovation Initiative (AI) was moved under R&I.
- Awaiting National solicitation for interest in adding additional items to the agenda. This should occur in November or early-December.
- Add Ahead of the Curve to list of items...
- Request for comments to the agenda to David Ooten, OK and Rocio Perez, TX. By second week of November...
- Seems like a good idea to have the new FHWA research lead talk.

RAC Mid-year Meeting Planning for 2019 in New Mexico

- Keith Platte sent update...NM identified as host... AASHTO has yet to designate a meeting planner for the 2019 RAC Summer Meeting, hotel and city still on hold until an AASHTO planner can get in contact with Randall.
- Committee members – Volunteers

Joe Horton
Ned Parrish
Enid White
Rocio Perez

Dianne Kresich
Teresa Stephens
Ken Chambers

RAC 2018 – Wichita, KS

- Wichita 2018 meeting surveys issued and were discussed at leadership meeting...contract finalized for hotel.
- The leadership is looking at revamping the agenda; expect a different approach to the agenda.

- Rick Kreider is tightening down details...goal is to have info in draft form by TRB Annual Meeting...Kansas will provide info about upcoming meeting at RAC meeting during TRB week.
- AASHTO Update on reorganization was considered for inclusion on the agenda.

Action Items from Kentucky –if any

- Request for Chairs...solidify Ahead of the Curve Program (James Bryant initiative) → need discussion about what is it? What is the outcome???
- Lori Sundstrum has commented outside of this forum about how AOTC is owned by NCHRP → paid access, but used to promote and strengthen research initiatives.
- Utah chose to work with contractor to bring the training to the state through the procurement office.
- David Jared is the Chair of a work group that was set up to oversee the continued development and future operations of AOTC monitoring. David and Jason Bittner will teach a course in a day and a half. It seems as if the states have already paid for this service. The group does not appear to support a fee oriented approach. Joe asked Cameron what is the deliverable?
- The group asked if anything bigger than the course offering is realized. Ned responded that an introductory course, core courses, elective courses are offered. Not a license, but a completion certificate is earned. Some courses have already been offered...intro course will be offered at TRB Thursday morning. Four electives will be available between now and the Wichita meeting. If all are completed, then a certificate of completion is provided...
- Dave Huft requested that NCHRP provide a release to inform RAC of status, how is it available, options to our staff, what this concept is and what the outcome is.
- Joe will send email to Dale Peabody and David Jared regarding AOTC at leadership meeting...
- NCHRP scoring...Cameron will call Bill Stone about how our region does scoring...

Any updates from Peer Exchanges?

- No report

Discussion item:

- No time for discussion item in the meeting.

Wrap-up and next meeting

- Our next Region 4 meeting will be a WebEx on Thursday, December 14th from 12:00-1:00 p.m. PST.