



The RAC Region I teleconference was held on Thursday 12/7/17.

The following individuals participated.

Brad Overturf	Conn. DOT
Flavia Pereira	Conn. DOT
Stephanie Dock (Chair)	District of Columbia
Stefanie Brodie	District of Columbia
Ann Scholz	NH DOT
Bob Bollinger	NH DOT
Kimbrali Davis	NJ DOT
Lisa Tarson	Penn DOT
Mike Sock	RI DOT
Emily Parkany (Vice Chair)	VTrans
Ian Anderson	VTrans
Chris Jolly (Secretary)	FHWA- Vermont

Minutes from 11/2/17 call were with edits to be received by COB on 12/8/17

Old Business:

- a. Leadership Update- Minutes from the November 2017 Leadership call will be posted on the RPPM site within the next couple of days. Brief summary of highlights was provided by those on the call and include: There was a Research & Innovation (R&I) meeting this week which Ann attended. AASHTO committees are working on charters and strategic plans. Action plans and Accomplishment plans will need to be developed. Actions have been prioritized. Received 95 NCHRP statements this year and committees are now ranking. Discussed winter RAC meeting at TRB. It was noted that the “Ahead of the Curve” training conflicts with Turner Fairbanks tour. Please reference the posted minutes from the Leadership call for additional details.
- b. E-publications from AASHTO- - follow up from last call. This came up on a TKN call. Additional discussion on issues with number of licenses. Issues vary from State to State depending on who in the state is interacting with AASHTO. TKN has drafted a letter for AASHTO. Any thoughts/comments/questions should be directed to Cameron Kergaye.

RAC Task Forces/Announcements:

Administration- Bob Bollinger from NH is a new committee member. Scheduled 12/11 meeting will discuss governance documents. Preparing for “On Boarding” for new members at TRB. This will provide information and guidance on navigating through the TRB meeting. Everyone should have received an e-mail on 11/30/17 seeking suggestions for agenda for the winter RAC meeting.



Coordination and Collaboration- There was a call last week. No one was available for an update. Update will be provided once the minutes are posted.

Program Management and Quality- Next call is scheduled for 12/14/17. Will be discussing subgroup activities.

Value of Research- There was a call in December. Managing Research Programs 20-05 and 49-07 have been awarded. Discussed the Sweet 16 poster session which will be on Monday of TRB. Have been working on the Strategic Plan. Almost finished and will soon be posted on the Task force website. Next call is in March.

Topic Presentation: No Topic presentation on this call.

New Business:

- a. Region 1 Dinner at TRB is tentatively scheduled for Monday at 6:00pm. Stephanie will send out e-mail with possible locations. It was noted that the “Ahead of the Curve” subcommittee meeting is scheduled for 7:30 on Monday.
- b. Topic presentations- Always looking for new ideas and topics. Let Stephanie know.
- c. Round Robin- Had lengthy discussion on SPR work programs. Time frame of approved Work programs- annual or multiyear basis, obligation and carryover of funds. Time frame of approved SPR Work Programs vary from State to State. Per FHWA regs. 23 cfr 420.103 Work Programs are defined as “... a periodic statement of work covering no less than one year....”

It was noted that the response to Cynthia Jones e-mail was due today 12/7.

Discussed “hackathon” as it relates to Research

Question came up on how to quantify the benefits of attending the annual TRB meeting. Has anyone looked at cost savings that may result from implementing an idea/process/procedure which was brought back from the TRB meeting? It was mentioned that Utah may have looked at this.

The mentor program was discussed at its value. Using mentors outside of the Region seems to provide a lot of value. Bob Bollinger and Ian Anderson will both be matched up with mentors.

Next Call: Feb 1, 2018. Jan. call being skipped due to TRB.