



The RAC Region I teleconference was held on Thursday 5/3/18.

The following individuals participated.

Stephanie Dock (Chair)	District of Columbia
Flavia Pereira	Conn. DOT
Bradley Overturf	Conn DOT
Dale Peabody	Maine DOT
Allison Hardt	Maryland DOT
Ann Scholz	NHDOT
Deirdre Nash	NH DOT
Amanda Gendek	NJ DOT
Don Streeter	NYSDOT
Lisa Tarson	PENN DOT
Mark Felag	RI DOT
Emily Parkany (Vice Chair)	VTrans
Chris Jolly (Secretary)	FHWA- Vermont

Minutes from 4/5/18 call were approved.

Old Business:

- a. Leadership Update- No minutes from the last leadership call were available. Emily was on call and mentioned the following. To many issues at this time to hold a joint meeting with CUTC during the 2019 Annual meeting. There needs to be more discussion before we can commit to a joint meeting. A decision for the Region 3 UTC awards have not yet been made. Another panel was put together as the and the solicitation re-competed. Expect a decision to be made shortly.
- b. High Value Research- Good participation for Region 1. Top 4 were from MD, CT, PA, and NH. There seemed to be some confusion in what constituted a safety and/or pavement project. Two safety projects will be moving forward along with two paving projects.
- c. Had a brief discussion on covering travel costs for the folks attending the “Ahead of the Curve” session prior to the annual meeting. TRB not paying for the travel on Sunday. Folks are having trouble securing travel funds. Please let Steph know if you plan on attending.

RAC Task Forces/Announcements:

Administration- No call recently but a few updates. Updated RAC mentoring guidelines will be posted to the website soon along with National meeting guidelines.

Coordination and Collaboration- No minutes from the last call were available. Dale mentioned that the knowledge networks subgroup which is made up of librarians is looking at issues and trying to improve the e-publication process.



Program Management and Quality- No updates available

Value of Research- No updates. No call since our last Region 1 call. Next call will be soon.

Topic Presentation: Estimating the Value of Research. Chris Glancy with Texas DOT presented the process that they use to evaluate potential research projects. 19 Qualitative and Economic benefit areas are looked at to evaluate the potential of a project. Texas has been using this comprehensive process for about 3 years on 20-30 projects per year and has found it to be very successful. It was noted that the NETC has a RFP out on this topic.

New Business: Looking for feedback on the best way to host our Region 1 calls with minimal technical issues.

Hoping to have MN DOT on next call to give Topic Presentation on the value research projects.

Next Call: June 6, 2018.