

## **TKN Working Group Update 1/31/18**

### **TKN member list**

1/31: Natassja has updated member information on the website except for those members who do not have AASHTO e-affiliate accounts so I will follow up.

### **AASHTO E-Pubs update**

#### **Board letter**

1/9/2018: Renée made last revisions; prioritized issues. Will still need to verify if an NTKN representative wants to co-sign the letter.

1/12/14: Jen and Renée were asked by Cameron to report on the Board letter status during the RAC meeting call.

12/12: According to Keith Platte (AASHTO), the bylaws language change from 2015 to 2017 was an error. The language regarding the dissemination of complimentary publications has not changed from 2015.

12/5: Cameron Kergaye (CCTF) and Keith suggested that the letter should come from the new chair of the Special Committee on Research and Innovation, Brian Ness.

#### **LibGuide**

1/31: Although the current website is still live, Renée has migrated the content to the NTL LibGuide site (that page is not live yet). This is part of a larger project to migrate the Pooled Fund LibGuides to the NTL site.

1/3: Updated transmittal/release list.

#### **Emails from Erin Grady (Publications Dept.)**

12/18: The back-end infrastructure enhancement for our Bookstore has been completed (completely transparent to the user). The front-facing interface will be completed by June. They are testing a new vendor on an upcoming launch to offer separate subject books for the Materials book categories to be purchased in smaller print or PDF options, available in early-to-mid-January. Things are going well so far with our new vendor, as they are doing short runs for us on these subject books. If things continue down this path with them, we will assess each new book that we produce to see if we want to offer the document in a print-on-demand format on a case-by-case basis.

1/3: AASHTO Bookstore announced availability of [print and PDF subject compilations of the Materials Book](#). Since this content was already transmitted with the web licenses earlier in the year, this is just a different format option to purchase for convenience.

1/3: The Publications Dept. is hoping to hire a replacement administrative assistant (p/t) by late January. This is the person who handles the transmittal letters.

### **State DOT publication editors meeting**

Bill Stone will be sending out a survey shortly to the RAC list looking for contact information for publication editors. I created a [list of guideline, standard and template links](#) from state DOTs, regional UTCs, FHWA and TRB which has been posted to RPPM.

## **Other News**

### **AASHTO KM Committee**

Jen and I heard back from one of the MoDOT committee members. As far as they know, the leadership hasn't yet been finalized and the committee hasn't convened yet.

### **NCHRP projects**

The [NCHRP 20-110 project](#) has developed draft guidance for states to meet the requirement of the USDOT policy on public access to data and reports from federally funded transportation research. They have reached out to state agencies to obtain feedback on the first four chapters of the draft guidance to ensure that the guidance is clear and addresses states' specific challenges, as well as the big picture.

### **NTL**

NTL shut down public access to its digital public repository on Friday December 29th. Users should use the [ROSAP](#) repository instead.