



The RAC Region I teleconference was held on Thursday 11/01/18.

The following individuals participated.

Stephanie Dock	DC DOT
Dale Peabody	Maine DOT
Allison Hardt	Maryland DOT
Ann Scholz	NHDOT
Deirdre Nash	NH DOT
Don Streeter	NYSDOT
Doug Zimmerman	Penn DOT
Emily Parkany (Vice Chair)	VTrans
Ian Anderson	VTrans
Sid Mohan	TRB
Chris Jolly (Secretary)	FHWA- Vermont

Minutes from 10/04/18 call were approved.

Old Business/Announcements

- a. **New members-** Want to make sure the list serve is updated so all new members are getting the RAC e-mails. It was noted that Deb Nelson from NYSDOT should be removed. Will look at bypassing need to get CEO sign offs to add folks to the national RAC list serve.
- b. **Leadership Update-** Last Call was on 10/11/18 and notes have been posted on the RPPM site. A few of the highlights include- NCHRP 20-123 “Support for AASHTO Committees and Councils”. AASHTO is looking to identify folks to serve on a 5 person panel to administer the funds for this project; The FY 18 Omnibus Appropriations bill funded 2 new National UTC’s. Anticipate selections to be made in February 2019; FHWA will again be offering a tour of the Turner Fairbank facilities during TRB on January 17 from 9am-noon. Invites have been sent out. FHWA HQ Research Office is scheduling visits to all FHWA Division offices in an effort to get the Divisions more involved in the Research program; It was suggested by Mr. Peabody that the Task Forces should review the R&I Strategic Plan and consider taking responsibility for some of the action items. This is consistent with what has been done in the past with RAC taking the lead on implementing elements of the SCOR strategic Plan; CUTC MOU- A new MOU is under review. Want to make the MOU more actionable as opposed to being a simple statement of collaboration.

Efforts are underway by AASHTO make changes and improve how e-publications are being sent out and handled.

**RAC Task Forces/Announcements:****General note- Looking to get new RAC members to participate in Task Forces**

Administration- Top two topics identified from the survey for “On Boarding” topics were Research Program Administration and Research Manual Update. Will be trying to set up a session for Program Administration in early December. Possible dates 12/3, 12/7, 12/11. Looking at an open format no specific agenda. Work off an open discussion with questions and answers. All are invited- not just new members. Would help if some of the more experienced research folks could participate and share that experience. Hoping to have On Boarding sessions on a quarterly basis.

Coordination and Collaboration- No update available. Believe group is meeting quarterly.

Program Management and Quality- There was no call this past month. This Task force has multiple sub committees. Working on updating their 2012 Action Plan.

Value of Research- Some states still need to get information into Bill for the Sweet 16 TRB poster sessions. RAC region 1 is in good shape. Poster sessions will be on the lower floor at TRB next to the Marriott tunnel this year.

New Business:

- a. Allison has updated our RAC 1 2012 Operating Guidelines. No significant changes. Updated links and names. Draft has been posted on RPPM site. Draft Guidelines adopted on this call. Allison will forward to my TRB for posting. Thank you, Allison.
- b. RAC Winter meeting- Will use the results of the survey sent out on 10/29/18 asking for topics. The survey results were reviewed and discussed and it was noted that 5 topics stood out- NCHRP Implementation Program, 2018 Peer Exchange Reports, NCHRP-20-108, FAST Act Reauthorization and Update on the R&I Task Forces. Stephanie will be working a draft agenda to share.

Had a discussion on the October draft NCHRP “Impact Report 2018”. The draft has been circulated and anticipate additional discussion.

- c. Summer Meeting 2020- Will be in Mass. Due to time restrictions discussion was postponed to next call.

Presentation:

Sid Mohan gave a presentation on NCHRP 20-44 the NCHRP Implementation Support Program. Gave comprehensive overview of the program including products and activities eligible for funding, who can apply, limits of funding, application process and what happens if you have a successful application.

Next Call: December 6, 2018.

