



The RAC Region I teleconference was held on Thursday 9/6/18.

The following individuals participated.

Stephanie Dock (Chair)	District of Columbia
Flavia Pereira	Conn. DOT
Dale Peabody	Maine DOT
Allison Hardt	Maryland DOT
Hua Xiang	Maryland DOT
Lily Oliver	Mass. DOT
Gabriel Oliver	Mass. DOT
Ann Scholz	NHDOT
Deirdre Nash	NH DOT
Don Streeter	NYSDOT
Mike Sock	RI DOT
Emily Parkany (Vice Chair)	VTrans
Ian Anderson	VTrans
Chris Jolly (Secretary)	FHWA- Vermont

Minutes from 8/2/18 call were approved.

Old Business/Announcements

- a. Leadership Update- No Leadership call last month. Next call is scheduled for the week of 9/10. It was noted that Anna Bosin sent out a revised draft AASHTO RAC reauthorization white paper on 9/6/18. All should have a copy. Let Stephanie know if you did not get a copy. This is an initial paper which will be built upon with additional content and opportunity to provide additional input.

RAC Task Forces/Announcements:

Administration- No call in August. Allison noted the web site working group did have a call. Discussed RAC surveys in general and what should be included. Trying to determine how far to expand. Goal is to include all RAC surveys on the website. Looking at how to include those states with libraries who send out RAC surveys.

Coordination and Collaboration- Have not meet since the summer meeting. They are meeting bi-monthly.

Program Management and Quality- No meeting since last call. Next meeting scheduled for 9/20.

Value of Research- No call since summer meeting. Dale mentioned to be on the watch for TRB poster sessions and attendance announcement. Who will be attending. The



DOT Secretaries will be getting certificates for the Sweet 16 selected projects at the fall AASHTO meeting. Good promo for those Research programs.

New Business:

- a. Winter meeting agenda. Note much happening yet. Survey will be put out to help develop agenda. More to come.
- b. RAC Summer 2020 meeting which Region 1 will host. Mass. To host. AASHTO has been contacted and will be assigning a Planner. Questions came up on how to fill out the planning form that AASHTO requires. Region 1 will check with AASHTO on how to complete form this early in the process. Will check with Region 4 as they are hosting the Summer 2019 meeting. It was decided to add the 2020 meeting as a standing item to our monthly Region 1 calls.
- c. Mentoring- Doug Zimmerman, PA is new to RAC and will be participating in the mentoring program. Had a general discussion on whether the mentor should be from within Region 1 or from another Region. It was noted that the mentoring Guidelines are on the SCOR website. It was decided that Region 1 will reach out to other Regions to find mentor for Doug.
- d. Contracting with Universities- in state preferences ? Discussed the responses to the questions that Emily sent out regarding state's preferences/restrictions in contracting with in state universities/public universities vs going out of state. Good responses from the states. Generally there do not seem to be any restrictions to contract with Universities in other states provided state procurement policies are followed.

Possible topic for future discussion is indirect cost rate for Universities.

Possible Topic presentation of future call is NCHRP 20-24 project lead by Mass.

Next Call: October 4, 2018.