

AASHTO – RAC Value of Research Taskforce
March Meeting
Wednesday, March 13, 2019
11 a.m. – 12 noon CDT

Welcome – Introductions & Roll Call

Anne Freeman called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. CDT and called the roll.

Attendees:

Anne Freeman	Tim McDowell	Michelle Owens
Pat Casey	Brian Hirt	Kevin Pete
Enid White	Amy Kosanovic	Amanda Gendek
Sue Sillick	Ken Chambers	David Sherman

Review & Approval of November Meeting Minutes & Action Items

Amy put the meeting minutes up on the screen to view. Anne quickly went through the items from the minutes. She asked for questions and there were none.

Motion - Pat Casey Second - Tim McDowell

Update of VoR Task Force Members

Amy briefly reviewed the process of registering as a member of the VoR Task Force. Anne mentioned that later this year we will verify our membership list again.

Performance Metrics

Anne led this discussion. She mentioned Emily thought it would be housed in the VoR Task Force. Some mention of the metrics happened back to 2016. What was decided? Anne doesn't have a problem with it being with us. What was the action plan? Enid thinks it is in PM&Q, as a sub-group. This is from memory. They're looking at forming a subgroup now. Everyone seemed it would be okay, so they would take it on.

HVR submissions

Anne sent an email reminder. So far there are 22 submissions. Last year the final count was around 99. Four or five states have submitted. Anne was talking with Natassja. She is addressing technical issues. She wants to make sure the server can handle all the uploads. Anne will send another email next week. Kevin Pete with Texas also confirmed they would submit. Anne and Amy confirmed WSDOT and TDOT would submit. Anne will take a snapshot and send to Amy to forward to the group. There were no other questions.

VoR Secretary

Amy is still serving as the secretary and said she would continue. Anne thanked Amy for her efforts.

Presentations

Anne made a solicitation for future presenters.

Strategic Plan

Anne asked Enid about this. She will follow up with Ann Scholz and Enid to discuss where we are. Enid thinks they were close to finalizing the plan. Bill Stone wanted an ad hoc meeting, most likely related to HVR topics.

Meeting Time

Anne asked if this time still worked and everyone said yes.

Other Questions

Pat Casey asked if Research Makes a Difference brochure would be produced? Anne said someone reached out about the budget. Amy will follow up with Renee McHenry about the budget. Anne will dig deeper as well about the budget and will follow up with Pat.

Sue S. mentioned if there were any funds left in 20-111, we could pay from there. If not, we could use 20-123. Tim suggested to also talk with Dale Peabody if these other funds weren't available. Sue affirmed both potential pots of money. Sid Mohan at TRB might also be able to help with the brochures. Lori Sundstrom also could help. Sue definitely thinks they're still needed. Tim also confirmed the brochures were valuable.

Enid asked if Anne had set up a meeting time in Santa Fe? Anne affirmed that we would need a meeting to Michael Bufalino. She will touch base with him again. That meeting should be at least two hours. Anne would like a presentation at that meeting. Anne asked who handled the agenda? Enid suggested reaching out to Bill again.

Wrap Up & Close

Anne asked for any other business. There was none. Anne asked for a motion to close.

Motion - Tim McDowell Second - Kevin Pete

We adjourned at 11:30 a.m. CDT. Conference Calls are bi-monthly on the second Wednesday at 11 am to noon CST. The next conference call will be held on May 8, 2019.