

TRB Committee Meeting 2017 Annual Meeting

January 10, 2016

Introduction & Acknowledgements – Emily Pettis

- Introduction of committee members, friends, and meeting invitees. Sign-in sheet circulated.
- Reminder, to be an official friend go to MyTRB.org and register, go to website (www.adc50.org) and register for the listserv.
- Thank you to long term committee members who have hit their 9-year limit or retirement (will be rotating again in 2017). Following committee members were not present, but will receive certificates for their service: Lisa Hart, Carol LeGard, Anne Bruder, Stephanie Stoermer, Craig Holstein, Linda Harvey-Opitek.
- Recognition to Jennifer Elsen for help with 2016 mid-year meeting, sending certificate.

Research Needs and NCHRP Update – Tony Opperman

- Update on Research Needs Subcommittee Meeting – “weeded the garden” but will put several questions back into the system.
- Everyone is encouraged to submit research ideas to Tony.
- Four NCHRP 25/25 projects are starting this spring:
 - National Synthesis of Highway Noise Effects on Historic Properties and Effective Mitigation Practices
 - Synthesis of Best Practices for the Development and Implementation of Section 106 Delegation Programmatic Agreements
 - Successful Practices for Environmental Commitments in Public/Private Partnerships (P-3) and Design-Build (D-B) Contracts
 - National synthesis of Successful Strategies for Managing Post-World War II Resources in Historic Property Identification Surveys
- We currently have several discrete problem statements for managing historic bridges; the reaction from SCOE and AASHTO is that there should be a larger study. Will work to consolidate statements and get into system by September. Helen Blackmore will assist.
- State DOTs should find out who their RAC member is and help with lobbying effort to get studies funded.

Communications Subcommittee Update – Hope Luhman

- Website enforcer is Carl Shields; will help get content and promised information.
- ADC50 LinkedIn presence is going strong under Mandy Ranslow.
- Committee blog is up and running but it doesn't have any content yet – DelDOT staff are working with Bob Newbery to get history of the committee and begin posting on the blog.
- TRB is focusing on MyTRB – should be in the system if registered for the Annual Meeting; use this to identify committees of interest.
- The Listserv is hosted by NCSU, but that will end in 2017; the website is now standalone.
- Communications Subcommittee determined we want to keep listserv, will find outside vendor. A standalone listserv will cost about \$200 a year for about the 200 subscribers (current).
 - Discussion: Tony Opperman asked about the functionality of constant contact in place of a listserv. Hope explained there is no ability for discussion and Yahoo/Google groups don't have functionality we are looking for.
- Committee member vote to pay for continued listserv service for approximately \$200/year:
 - Yes: 8 members; Opposed: 0 members.
 - Hope will automatically sign everyone up.
- Tony reminded everyone that you can submit research needs via the website.

FHWA Update – David Clarke, new Federal Preservation Officer

- Stressed relationship with MaryAnn Naber at ACHP; they talk regularly.
- There are changes to FHWA website (<https://www.environment.fhwa.dot.gov/histpres/index.asp>), please check it out, new updates, Fast Act, new FAQs.
- Contact David with questions regarding the Fast Act.
- Provided copies of AASTOs Practitioner's Handbook 06, *Consulting Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act* – much of it has been updated.
- FHWA will continue to support ACD50.
- PAs are really big and David and MaryAnn are working together.
- Potential for ARRA-type projects, FHWA is considering this and Republican congress pushes public/private partnership.

ACHP Update – MaryAnn Naber

- Mentioned terrific presentations on rail exemption; ACHP awaits the draft from FRA.
- Sarah Stokely will be FHWA point-of-contact for states A to M, will be working with MaryAnn.
- Looking at statewide PAs – several are out of date or will be soon, others don't have PAs.
- Looking at potential for increasing caseloads with new administration – emphasis on infrastructure – touting heritage tourism, tax credits, private/public partnerships.
- ACHP still looking for Section 106 success stories to highlight; they are posted on the website – pass ideas on to MaryAnn.
- Highlighted several good cultural resource newsletters that we could consider as examples:
 - FHWA Successes in Stewardship: <https://www.environment.fhwa.dot.gov/strmlng/es4newsltrs.asp>.
 - The Historic Bridge Bulletin: <http://historicbridgefoundation.com/hbulletin/>.
 - Maryland Cultural Resources Bulletin (CRaB): <https://sites.google.com/site/themdshacrab/>.

ADC50 Business Items – Emily Pettis

- Blue ribbon status update – we did not qualify for Blue Ribbon status in 2016 but are passionate about getting a blue ribbon in 2017.
- TRB is looking for committees that go above and beyond and add value to TRB; ADC50 is doing a great job but need to showcase how we shine.
- See the Communications factor as our strongest potential – webinars, website, LinkedIn, history/blog, TRNews articles to get us there.
- David Clarke agreed to write an article and Carl Shields and Brennan Dolan are working on LiDAR article.
- Asked to establish an ad hoc committee to champion this initiative and work to develop. Volunteers for this effort: Tony, Helen, Jeani Borchert, and Emily.

TRB Business Items – Christy Gerencher

- ADC50 is due for committee rotation; Emily will ask 1/3 of membership to step down to bring in new members – selection to be complete by February. Benefits to being a member: discount to annual meeting registration, network connections, discounts to paper publications, looks great on resume.
- Christy is now editor of TRNews – magazine format, looking for articles, you can start by submitting a paragraph for approval, potential for thematic issue.
- 2021 marks 100 years of TRB Annual Meeting – potential for thematic TRNews edition; consider this in meeting planning.
- Make sure your TRB profile is up to date (MyTRB.org).

Planning Subcommittee Update – Mary Alfson Tinsman

- 2016 mid-year meeting in Salt Lake City was great!
- 2017 mid-year meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota (July 16-19); registration is \$195, hotel is Aloft. Details will be out soon. The program is coming along; will follow standard Sunday-Wednesday format and include tour.
- Call for papers will come out at end of January; Jessica Feldman will be recipient of abstracts this year.
- Decided on 2018 Annual Meeting Workshop: Environmental Compliance for Private Public Partnerships.
- Still looking for two sessions for 2018 Annual Meeting.
- 2018 poster session will not have a theme in hopes of getting more participation.
- Upcoming mid-year meetings:
 - 2018, Montana.
 - 2019, Ohio.
 - 2020, Oklahoma.
 - Looking for other locations beyond 2020.
 - Potential for 2020 mega meeting with Energy and Environment Section (happens every 10 years). ADC50 committee members voted in Salt Lake City; it was unanimous that we do not want to participate – reasons for declining include limited number of sessions, increased registration cost, and we lose momentum.

Committee Liaison Updates

- Bob Newbery, ABG50 Transportation History – committee wants to penetrate into TRB, idea to develop short contexts to tie into other committee's presentations.
- Ron Hall, ABE80 Native American Transportation Issues – committee meeting Wednesday, looking into sessions on consultation and Section 106.
- Erica Schneider, ADC10 Environmental Analysis – could not participate but provided update to Emily in advance. Recapped joint Salt Lake City meeting, regular newsletters, 2017 mid-year meeting as part of ICOET.

Other Business

Shelia Duwadi – FHWA Historic Covered Bridge Preservation Program

- Ongoing studies will be done end of the year, rehabilitation guidelines for historic covered bridges coming out soon. Program sunsets 9/30/17.
- Sheila will facilitate session on covered bridges at 2018 Annual Meeting.

Christopher Marston

- Check out new book *National Park Roads*.
- 2018 Preserving the Historic Road conference in Colorado, CDOT is hosting, date and announcement forthcoming.

Bob Newbery, Committee History

- Bob handed out his outline, discussed survey as attempt to solicit input from current and previous members.
- Push to have information available on blog and 2018 mid-year meeting.