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Meeting Minutes - January 12, 1999**Washington D.C.****CONFERENCES**Future Events
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Attendance: See Attached Sign-in list (not included).

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kate Quinn at 9:15 AM. Pam Stephenson recorded the minutes.

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Presentations

Kate Quinn passed out copies of the A1F05 Annual Status Report 1998-1999 which she prepared based on the Committee's Strategic Plan. Also passed out were copies of the January 12, 1998 Committee meeting minutes approved at the July 1998 Workshop and the draft minutes from the July 26, 1998 Committee meeting held at the Workshop.

Directory of Cultural
Resource
Professionals in
Transportation

Tom Grasso, representing the Canal Society of New York State, made a presentation with slides on the history of the construction of the Erie Canal. His presentation focused on the geological features encountered during construction and engineering techniques used to overcome barriers.

Directory of
DOT/FHWA
Environmental
Officials

Jon Williams (TRB liaison) addressed the Committee and congratulated it on the successful July Workshop in San Diego. He was impressed with the attendance and quality of the workshop as well as the increasingly active agenda of the Committee in the last 3 years. John reported there were 8000 attendees at this Annual Meeting. Within the year, TRB will be moving to a building near Judiciary Square and therefore will be more accessible by transit than its present location. He stated the following items were requested from the Committee: (1) A Self-evaluation Report due March 1st and (2) A Millennium White Paper on the "state-of-the art" current and future directions of archaeology and historic structures in transportation. This paper is due May 1st to Tom Weck. Tom will be taking over as Section A1F00 Chair because Wayne Kober is resigning from the position. The Committee recognized Jon's excellent work and support.

Links

The following Subcommittee reports were given:

Research - Kate Quinn - There are several publications proposed by the Committee. The first is a compilation of a survey taken by George Ballo, Florida DOT, of state DOT's cultural resource management programs. This report has been sent to the states for review. It will then be revised and submitted to the Committee for review before it is submitted to TRB for publication and distribution. The report will be published as a Committee document.

Second, the directory of Section 106 cultural resource persons for each state compiled by Tom Eisenhour, Texas DOT, is ready for publication and will be distributed by TRB. The cover letter will note that the directory will be updated every 2 years and will ask for the states to notify the Committee of corrections/updates. The directory could be put on a Web page when one is developed for the Committee. (CTE will not develop the Committee's Web page.) The current Home Page is only available to TRB members so it is not suitable.

Third, Beverly Chiarulli is interested in compiling "Best Practices in Public Education/Outreach" efforts by DOT's into a Committee publication. She spoke with participants of the poster session sponsored by the Committee at the January 1999 meetings and asked for others who were interested to contact her. Mary McCahon noted that the FLDOT survey also had a question related to

public outreach, which could be used. Kate asked the publication show a full range of options of across the board costs and to emphasize the benefits gained through a good public education/outreach program. A motion was made for the Committee to sponsor this publication effort. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Fourth, Kevin Cunningham passed out a proposal for a Committee publication. The proposal was based on a symposium presented by the Association of Transportation Archaeologists at the 1998 Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology (SAA). Kevin emphasized that other papers and topic on historic preservation were welcomed for inclusion in the publication. A motion was made that Committee sponsor this publication effort. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Kate recognized Aristides Karlaftis and Ute Vieting as two presenters from the Committee sponsored session on international transportation planning and historic and archaeological preservation held at the January 1999 TRB meeting. Copies of their papers were distributed. She reported that the Committee is not limited in the number of international members and was seeking interest from the international community. Therefore, she proposed the Committee consider holding a Workshop in Europe. She will set up a Steering Committee to look into possible sites and years. A motion was made that the Committee pursue a meeting overseas (preferable Greece). The motion was seconded and passed.

Kate updated the Committee on the progress of the workshop the Committee will be holding with the National Register, National Park Service called "National Forum on Assessing Historic Significance for Transportation Programs" May 23-25, Washington D.C. A copy of the advanced notice was handed out. The Forum received funding >from the NPS and FHWA (\$15, 000 apiece) based on a proposal prepared by Lauralee Rappley-Marsett, with help from Mary McCahon. The Steering Committee has set up a preliminary program consisting of a plenary session with USDOT Secretary Rodney Slater and USDO Secretary Bruce Babbitt as invited speakers. There will also be 6 papers by leaders within other agencies (e.g., FHWA, NPS, ACHP, NCSHPO, Inter-tribal Transportation Association). The participants will then be divided into groups where they will discuss key issues and make recommendations for topics identified through the initial survey. The outcome of the workgroups will be reported to the entire audience on the last day. The Steering Committee will be responsible for trying to implement these recommendations. Linda McClelland, National Register Section of the NPS, stated the National Register is very interested in getting feedback from the transportation community and sees the Forum as a basis for establishing an ongoing dialogue. Outcomes of the Forum could include new guidance and technical bulletins and revised processed by the Register.

The Forum will have a registration fee of \$100-200 and a block of room will be reserved at the Holiday Inn hotel next to the TRB building. It was noted that it will be easier for states to participate if the training aspect of the Forum is emphasized, as there is more funding available for "training" versus "conferences". Linda indicated that it will be listed by the NPS as a training course. The number of participants will be limited to 150-200 because of its working format and will try to reflect a good representation geographically and professionally. Multiple attendance from a single organization may not be possible. Deborah Suci Smith suggested that general assembly for the recommendations (last day) be open to other interested parties beyond the workshop participants. This will be considered as it is important to reach all levels within each agency.

Kate reported that the Committee research problem statement on databases has been selected for funding by the NCHRP, although a panel has not been put together as yet. She would like to push the next two research problem statements for next year's funding round.

The Millennium White Paper requested by TRB will need to be developed very soon as it is due on May 1st. Kate will be contacting Committee members within the next two months to help with its preparation. Mark Kross reported that A1F02 asked a Core Group to prepare its paper to be distributed to Committee members for comment via e-mail. It was agreed to follow a similar process for the A1F05 Committee.

Education and Outreach - Bob Newbery - Bob suggested that the newsletter efforts be removed from the Subcommittee and made into it's own subcommittee because of the effort required. He noted that Bob Beardsley is finalizing a brochure to "market" the A1F05 committee. He also asked for information on state DOTs internal newsletters that include archaeology and historic resources articles and showed the Wisconsin DOT example. Kate asked for a memo to be sent to all DOTs asking them about their internal newsletters and requesting that cultural resources be included.

Bridges/Canals - Abba Lichtenstein - Abba noted that the January session had a "full house" and thanked Kate for her help. He then announced he was resigning as chair of the Subcommittee and asked that Mary McCahon be appointed. Mary requested that any one interested in being on her "working" subcommittee to please contact her.

Strategic Planning - Paula Spero (absent)- Kate Quinn reported that the Strategic Plan is still valid and no changes are needed at this time. The Committee must try to meet its objectives (e.g., hold a paper session).

Legislative - Dan Marriott (absent) - No report at this meeting.

Native American Issues - Ed Hall - Ed reported that the San Diego meeting was very successful and there was much positive feedback from the Native American community. It was a good example of how TRB could work with tribal communities and present local issues within a national framework. Ed announced he is stepping down a chair of the Subcommittee and recommended that Ron Hall be appointed. He announced a proposed workshop on public involvement aimed at tribal audiences and asked for the Committee's support. It would include some training topics, such as "How to conduct a Public Meeting". A motion was made and it passed unanimously to support the workshop.

Program - Charles Scott - Charles stated that CalTrans and the Inter-tribal Transportation Association were critical to the success of the San Diego summer workshop. Margaret Buss, CalTrans, was especially recognized for her efforts. MaryAnn Naber was thanked for running the Committee meeting. The workshop had a total of 223 attendees and net surplus of \$3215. The treasury has a balance of \$4395 and all expenses from previous workshops have been paid. Thirty-four states, plus D.C., Puerto Rico and Canada were represented. Weakest attendance was from Midwest area. Breakdown by profession was 27% State DOTs, 27% consultants, 23% tribal representatives, 10% local agencies, 7% SHPOs and 5% FHWA/Federal agencies. The 1999 A1F05/A1F02 Joint Summer Workshop will be held in Madison, Wisconsin July 27-31 at the Concourse Hotel. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation is the sponsor. Hotel rates are \$87/per night. The Committee distributed fliers announcing the workshop. There will also be a reception at the Monona Terrace Convention Center, a building designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.

Section A1F00 wants a combined meeting of all committees in Pittsburgh in the summer of 2000, with an expected attendance of 600. The theme will be "Re-thinking Environmental Analyses to Respond to the 21st Century" and will look at trends to see how the discipline is able to respond to changes. Kate will check into whether teleconferencing will be an option.

Summer Workshops for Years 2001 and 2002 have tentatively been set for Florida and in the Midwest, respectively. Kate suggested that the Northwest

should be targeted for Year 2003 (Washington). MaryAnn Naber suggested the mountain west (Denver) as a site.

June 1st is the deadline for suggested topics to the January 2000 TRB Annual meeting. Information should include session name/speakers/titles. Please provide Charles Scott this information.

New Business:

Howard Newland asked that there be more interaction with the Task Force on Transportation History. He noted that there were several conflicts between sessions offered by the two groups. Jon Williams said he would try to improve the scheduling of sessions and look at the overlap. Charles Scott said he would meet with Howard to look at common issues and goals.

Kate Quinn said that the 3-year cycle for committee membership was approaching and members would be receiving letters noting terms have expired. She will work with TRB in selecting the new committee members. Everyone receiving an invitation to be on the committee must fill out the TRB form accepting the assignment.

The following motions were made, seconded and approved:

Change the Legislative Subcommittee to a "Ad hoc" basis;

Add an "Aviation Subcommittee";

Create a new "Newsletter Subcommittee" (Bob Newbery and Pam Stephenson were thanked for their past efforts on the newsletter); Include "Highways/roads" under the Canal Subcommittee;

Pam Stephenson updated the Committee on implementation of the concepts from the national "Thinking Beyond the Pavement" Workshop held in May 1998. She announced that 5 pilot states (Minnesota, Kentucky, Connecticut, Maryland and Utah) are working on internal training programs on how to approach project planning and design that meets safety and social/natural environmental needs. She will be the liaison with the Committee on this national initiative. Other liaisons named were Deborah Suci Smith to the legal TRB committees looking at flexibility/tort liability and Mary McCahon to work with low-volume roads. Kate asked for others interested in being a liaison with TRB committees to contact her.

Ira Beckerman, PennDOT requested states that have used Transportation Enhancement funds for GIS to contact him with information on the success of their programs.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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