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Attendance: See Sign-in list.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kate Quinn at 9:10 AM. Pam Stephenson recorded the minutes.

Directory of Cultural
Resource
Professionals in
Transportation

Kate Quinn announced that copies of the A1F05 January 12, 1999 Committee meeting minutes and notes from the July 1999 Committee meeting held in Madison Wisconsin are posted on the new Committee website. From now on, minutes will only be available on the website and paper copies will not be sent to members unless one does not have Internet access. This will cut down on the time and expense to copy and mail minutes. All Committee members present supported this approach. The A1F05 website is <http://www.itre.ncsu.edu/a1f05/A1F05.htm>

Directory of
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Jon Williams (TRB liaison) reported there were 8100 attendees at the 1999 Annual Meeting and at least that many are expected for this year. For the TRB 2000 meeting, "Millennium Papers" prepared by each Committee were handed out on CD-ROMs and will also be available on the TRB website. The move by TRB to a new location near Judiciary Square is on schedule. He also reminded everyone that the National Environmental Conference will be held in Pittsburgh on July 22-26.

Ron McCready (NCHRP) discussed the selection of the Committee's research problem statement on cultural resources databases submitted by PennDOT and WisDOT. It has been designated NCHRP 8-40. They will be setting up a panel of reviewers with diverse backgrounds to attend 2 meetings. The first meeting will be to write the RFP (2 days) and the second meeting would be to select the contractor (2 days). The panel would also provide oversight and review of the progress reports and product. Ron requested anyone who may like to participate on the panel to provide him a letter of interest and resume by January 19. Ron can be reached at phone (202) 334-3034, fax (202) 334-2006, or E-mail rmccread@nas.edu.

The following Sub-committee reports were given:

Native American Issues - Richard Rolland (for Ron Hall) - Richard reported on a joint conference being held in Albuquerque this fall on cross-cultural interaction and research for transportation projects. He passed around a preliminary call for papers. They would like to publish these papers in a conference proceedings, if anyone is interested in participating. He can be contacted through the Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP) at 800-583-3187. Kate stated that this Subcommittee has been very active and may become a full Committee. She requested that the A1F05 vote on this issue. The Committee gave its unanimous approval and support for the Native American Subcommittee to be made a full committee within TRB.

Program - Charles Scott - Charles stated that A1F05 will have four sessions at the July Conference in Pittsburgh and will continue with two of the popular sessions from last summer's Joint workshop: the Section 106/Section 4(f)/NEPA topic and Secondary and Cumulative Effects. He also requested topics for sessions at the TRB January 2001 Annual Meetings. Papers need to be in by June/July for Committee review prior to the call for papers by TRB by August. Both he and Kate stressed that holding a Paper session is within our Strategic Plan.

The Committee discussed the pros and cons of Workshops locations for the Years 2002 through 2003. The location for the meeting in Florida in 2001 was discussed and the Committee supported a meeting in Key West Florida if that ended up being the only location. Florida DOT will host and George Ballo is the contact. The 2002 Workshop in Kansas City, Kansas (the MPO, DOT and SHPO are being asked to host the meeting. Bob Beardsley will be the contact. The 2003 Workshop in Vancouver, Washington and Allison Brooks will be a contact. The state DOT as well as the SHPO and the MPO should be involved in hosting the meeting.

Research - Kate Quinn -The directory of Section 106 cultural resource persons for each state compiled by Tom Eisenhour, is waiting on new information related to the FHWA reorganization. It will be updated as needed.

Beverly Chiarulli is compiling "Best Practices in Public Education/Outreach" efforts by DOT's into a Committee publication. Five papers topics have been submitted to date and drafts are due April/May. Others can still be sent in, but she would like to have the publication out next fall. MaryAnn Naber has agreed to help in doing a similar Best Management Practices on Section 106 Memoranda of Agreement. Anyone interested in this endeavor should contact her.

Also underway is a publication on archaeology sponsored by Kevin Cunningham that resulted from a symposium presented by the Association of Transportation Archaeologists at the 1998 Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology (SAA).

Linda McClelland, National Register Section of the NPS, updated the Committee on the follow-up activities at the National Register from the "National Forum on Assessing Historic Significance for Transportation Programs" co-sponsored last May by the Committee. The National Register Section has applied for a grant to put multi-property historic contexts on their website.

Education, Outreach and Liaison - Beverly Chiarulli - Kate recognized Beverly for her hard work and efforts. Beverly asked for volunteers for the Subcommittee and passed around a sign-up sheet. She introduced Lois Widmer from CTE to discuss the Committee's website which will be a link to committee members as well as the public. Lois stated that CTE will maintain the website and will put on information submitted by the Committee. She asked for other URLs to be links. There was agreement that committee members names and work addresses would be included on the site. There could also be separate links to each subcommittee, if there was interest. Beverly will be the contact person for information to be out on the website.

Bob Beardsley is still working on the Committee marketing brochure and will send it out for comments. Beverly announced she would like to have a Poster to advertize the next three summer workshops (2001-2003), with the target date to hand out at the July conference. Please contact her if interested in the poster design.

Bridges, Canals and Roadways - Mary McCahon - Mary reported that she is interested in putting together a session on how to conserve historic structures. She is continuing to work with the Committee on Geometric Design and its new chairperson. She expressed an interest in having the Subcommittee as a website link to the Committee and other committees as well. Mary requested that any one interested in being on her "working" subcommittee to sign up on the sheet.

Rails and Aviation - Henry Ward and Myra Frank - Kate commended this Subcommittee for its very active participation in organizing sessions for the Committee's workshops and Annual Meetings. Henry requested ideas on sessions and Kate noted that this topic, because of its wide audience and interest, could be targeted for a paper session at the TRB 2001 Annual Meeting.

Newsletter - Johna Hutira - Johna announced the next newsletter should be out in May and she will be soliciting articles from members and Friends throughout the year. She would like to prepare "theme" newsletters, but will accept any contributions.

Strategic Planning - Paula Spero - Paula discussed how well the Strategic Plan has been implemented to date with successful workshops and sessions, research problems accepted by NCHRP and a website, among other items. She expressed a desire to hold another strategic planning working group to start thinking about how to revise or update the plan and suggested a September time

frame for a possible two-day commitment. Paula asked those interested in this brainstorming activity to sign up in a sheet passed around.

Tom Weck, A1F00 Section Chair, stated he was pleased with the vitality of the Committee and reported that the Tri-Annual Review of TRB committees had just been completed. The A1F00 was rated one of the top sections overall. He recommended the Committee collect data on the 14 points included in the review and focus on the comments for improvement. He suggested the Committee time its Strategic Plan update to fit into the next Tri-Annual Review in 2002.

New Business:

Alan Slaughter gave a presentation on the restoration of the Georgian Court Bridge, Georgian Court College (former George J. Gould Estate) in Lakewood, New Jersey.

Bruce Eberle provided an update on FHWA contracts concerning cultural resources. Two contracts concerning (1) Techniques to Rehabilitate Historic Bridges and (2) Techniques to Rehabilitate Historic Roads are near completion. Another contract concerns a synthesis of Section 106 compliance reports by state. He also noted that there is a Covered Bridge Program under TEA-21 to look at rehabilitation and conservation of these resources. Application criteria for funding will be sent out this Spring to the state DOTs.

Dan Marriott handed out brochures for the Historic Roads Conference in New Jersey this April.

Howard Newland stated that the former "Task Force on Transportation History" has now received regular Committee status as the "History of Transportation Committee". The Committee is seeking liaisons within each state DOT and other transportation agencies to provide information on the history of its organization. They conducted a survey of state DOTs on whether there were designated historians and received very few positive responses. He requested that we look at ways to jointly sponsor sessions or activities because of common issues and goals.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela S. Stephenson