

January 2003, Annual TRB A1F05 Committee Meeting  
Minutes

**Beverly Chiarulli, Chair**

Beverly began with a brief introduction and welcome to everyone. A brief explanation of the confusion over the listing in the program was given, and then the meeting began. Also an explanation of the joint sub-committee with Native Americans.

**Bob Newberry** -Bob asked a question regarding a joint committee on context sensitive design and why we were not a part of this joint committee. Beverly was going to look into it.

**Tom Weck - Section Chair**

1. The All Chairs meeting was on Sunday. Beverly was not able to attend, so Bob had the updates.

A – Despite TRB’s concern over attendance, a record high was set again for the annual meeting

B – National Academy of Sciences wants to be more prominent within TRB so the letterhead, etc. will be changed. And TRB will be titled “National Academies – Transportation Research Board.”

C – There is going to be a reorganization of the various groups within TRB group A. This should not effect us too much. Division A will now be six groups (instead of 2). There is going to be a matrix format with modal committees. This will effect us in that some issue will overlap. This will help with TRB’s balancing hard engineering with planning and management issues.

D – in 2005 there will be a groups summer workshop sponsored by TRB.

--This raised the issue of if we (A1F05) was going to participate in the joint summer meeting. This would mean shifting Albuquerque to 2006. Some in favor, others against. Tabled for later in meeting.

E – The shifting of the format for Group A raised the issue that papers might not be submitted under the proper committee. It was stated that it is very important that if a paper is submitted to TRB that the author specify which committee the paper is for. Otherwise TRB will assign the paper.

F – there is a movement to form a new Natural Resources Committee under A1F00. Possibly through A1F02

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## II. Publications:

A – There was a paper submitted to TRB on 4f. It was reviewed and recommended to TRB for publication. It should be on the CD that was handed out. The author is continuing to do research and will hopefully submit a follow up paper.

B – Tribal Consultation Book – this has been printed. It is also located on the TRB website.

C – Forum on Significance Publication. This is in the final review stages and should be out as a publication soon.

D – It was suggested that information on publications be added to the next addition of the newsletter and put on the website.

## III. Summer Meetings

### A – Vancouver

The preliminary agenda was finished. The dates are the 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at the Red Lion Inn in Vancouver, Washington. The rate will be about \$56/night. The theme is “Lewis and Clark.”. Allyson Brooks was unable to attend this meeting, however, she is progressing with the conference and has a lot of preliminary work done.

The cost of the conference is not set yet, but it should be less than last years. Volunteers were needed for the papers and sessions. Tony Opperman and Amy Squiteri volunteered.

George Ballo – GIS

Tony Opperman – Historic Transportation Features

Hope was going to post a call for papers on the website, after she received the information on who the paper proposal should go to.

Beverly sent around the summer meeting agenda for comments.

### **Tony Opperman –**

Brought up the issue that we need National Register staff at the summer meetings and asked if we had any way to help subsidize their travel expenses. There was a profit from Kansas City Summer Meeting, so we could maybe waive the registration fee or offer ½ price. Tony also raised the point that the committee should send a letter to Carol Scull emphasizing the need to have NR staff at the summer meeting. Tony was going to draft a letter to send to Beverly to get out to the National Register.

### **Mary McCahon –**

Raised the suggestion of having a Historic Highway session at both the summer meeting and again in January.

**Dan Johnson –**

Questioned the tour of the scenic gorge as part of the summer meeting, specifically the additional cost. Oregon DOT has done this previously as an all day event. Is ours all day or a half day. Do we have to pre-register for it? When is it on the schedule?

The consensus was to have it as an optional event. **Tony Opperman** said he would be sure to convey that to the summer meeting committee.

**George Ballo –**

George questioned the Topic “Traditional Use Areas...”

**Beverly –**

Issue of publicizing the summer meeting. Evelyn Tidlow (URS) offered to help, as did Lorilee (NJ DOT) and Dave Bibler (KCI).

B – There is a Joint Meeting in 2002 (this was mentioned earlier) that Kim Fisher had an update on (Kim replaced John Williams). Should we have a session at this Joint Meeting even if we don't attend as a committee? Should we send representatives? Who all is involved?

C – Poster for summer meetings is out of date. Can/should we update it?

The consensus seemed to be to use a postcard as early advertising, similar to that of PENNDOT (for their Byways Conference). **Ira Beckerman** had examples. Ira offered to aid in working on the post cards for the 2004 meeting in Rhode Island. These will be sent out after the 2004 January meeting.

D – 2004 – Rhode Island. Mary McCahon pointed out that the SIA meeting is also in Rhode Island in late May/early June and that there could be overlap.

E – 2005 Albuquerque, NM

F – 2006 Williamsburg, VA

**IV. AASHTO – Wayne Kober**

A – The center for environmental excellence is launching a plan to send experts to various states to assist with strategic environmental issues. Website will have information and there was a handout.

**V. January 2004 meeting – Beverly Chiarulli**

We are barely started with planning. Need to begin planning earlier in order to get things on the TRB schedule and to get papers submitted. There was a discussion as to the pros and cons of

having a standing program committee and what their role should be. It was decided that they should focus on the annual meeting and not the summer meeting. Summer meeting staff should focus on their own programs. Although the issue was raised that continuity was necessary and that follow up sessions were often needed. The end result was that that Vancouver meeting would be planned by the people already involved. The standing committee for programs would focus on the annual meeting in 2004 and would then assist with future summer meetings. The volunteers were:

**Bob Newberry**  
**Mary McCahon,**  
**Mary Ivey,**  
**Tony Opperman,**  
**Tim Harrill,**  
**Linda Harvey-Opitek**

This group was to meet at lunch the day after the committee meeting to plan.

The issue was also raised as to how we bring in younger members.

The question was also raised regarding what we want the annual meeting to be? And what we want it to do for us?

## **VI. Kim Fisher's report**

Kim took over for John Williams in April 2002.

- A. TRB has a new location (offices have moved)
- B. There is a Cooperative Research Program with TRB  
They are looking for research statements that are for both practical projects that can immediately be put to use as well as continuing projects. Anyone can submit a research statement.
- C. NCHRP statements are due in September. Transit Cooperative Research Program projects are due June 13<sup>th</sup>.
- D. 2005 – a large multiple committee summer meeting put on by TRB (discovered previously as well).

## **VII. Miscellaneous – Beverly Chiarulli**

- A. TSE (Tri-annual Self Evaluation) is due March, 2003.
- B. Deadlines for annual meeting
  - a. June 15<sup>th</sup> for workshops
  - b. October 1<sup>st</sup> for sessions
- C. we have a list serve now. The link is on the website so that people can join.
- D. Website –

- a. Hope is still waiting for papers from the Kansas City summer meeting to post on the website. She would also like additional information on interesting projects, etc.. from people to put on the website.