

Minutes from January 2006

I. Introductions

II. Abba Lichtenstein – speaking tonight.

III. Terry Klein – overview of NCHRP publications; also AASHTO website updates – recently updated bridge information section of website

- a. Can we link to these from our committee website?
- b. There is a current synthesis topic – geophysical investigations in archaeology
- c. Beverly – overview of NCHRP and Synthesis topics: as part of the “new” bill some amount funding is available for research programs.
- d. Kate – more information on funding opportunities. Some of the research money is earmarked already (part of SAFETEA-LU) and some will be reduced. Waiting to hear details.
TRB Synthesis Program
Different time frames and schedules and different approaches to getting topics funded.

HANDOUT on NCHRP (National Cooperative highway research Program) and TCRP (Transit Cooperative Research Program) Synthesis Study Topics:

<http://www.4.nas.edu/trb/synthrep.nsf>

Two ways that research topics are funded:

1. Environmental needs conference
2. We can propose topics – as can states

IV. Kate Quinn – TRB Section Chair

- a. Overview of the Section (Environment and Energy)
- b. Strategic Plan – TRB is revising their Strategic Plan (every 3 years). They will be soliciting input from committees. Also revising the Section Strategic Plan. TRB would like to see all three (including committee’s strategic plan) integrated in some manner
 - a. Performance measures integrated within the Strategic Plan.
 - b. Kate will be looking for the performance measures and to have them implemented within the committee
 - c. Stressing actions which market the committee outside of the committee (i.e. liaisons)
 - d. Already have the joint-subcommittee (Native American Issues)
- c. Diversity within TRB and the committee
 - a. Young Members – the need to recruit them (Kegger?)
 - i. Waste management Committee suggested – that with the state (VA) hosting the summer meeting the committee reach out to the local universities to get them involved.
 - ii. Who will fill in the spaces when committee members retire?
 - iii. Need to keep TRB vital and productive

- iv. Possibility of raising the age for Young Members
 - v. New and Young Members Reception.
 - 1. Kate had requested that the committee send someone.
No one showed up from any Environmental committee.
 - d. Environmental Needs Conference – next one?
 - e. Changing transportation: finance, institutions, workforce needs – TRB Annual Meeting theme for 2007
 - a. Plan for sessions that incorporate this theme
 - b. Ideas for the Section to do to integrate us more
 - f. Christine Gerencher – replacing Kim Fisher as TRB liaison
- V. Postponing Strategic Plan report for now.
- VI. Tony Opperman – Summer Meeting update
 - a. Dates: July 23-26, 2006 at the conference facility at the College of William and Mary. Hotel contract is signed: Williamsburg hospitality House. 125 rooms have been set aside. \$101.00 a night. No reservations yet – but should occur shortly. Program planning is good; tours being looked into; discount passes to Colonial Williamsburg; contacted College of William and Mary Anthropology department to encourage the students to attend (free of charge). Sunday night (7/23/06) reception. BBQ lunch one day.
 - b. Action Items:
 - a. Signing contract with College of William and Mary in the next few weeks. (Tony and VDOT)
 - i. Has to lock into the space and release rooms that we're not going to need. Have a couple of months to release rooms.
 - b. lock down the program within the next 2 months
 - c. Issued a call for presentations/sessions. Have about 9 at this point. Needs help pulling these together.
 - i. Margaret Buss – Historic Contexts as Streamlining
 - ii. Charlie LeeDecker– Battlefields and Transportation
 - iii. Hope Luhman – Working Science back into Archaeology
 - 1. Eric Voigt assisting
 - iv. Mary McCahon – 40th anniversary of National Historic Preservation Act and if we fell off the track.
 - 1. can also see this going into next January
 - v. Mary Ann Naber – Interstate Study summary
 - vi. Tony Opperman/Hope Luhman – interactive poster session
 - 1. Production of videos – Tony looking into have one of VDOT's videographers give a lecture on the needs and issues of the producer/director of the videos (as opposed to the content and topic)
 - vii. Reid Nelson – Historic Preservation Issues in Maintenance Level Projects
 - viii. Field excursion – Jamestown to the Colonial Parkway (as a Park Service engineered road)

1. Christopher Marston? Or local national park service?
 2. also 75th anniversary of the parkway
- c. Marketing for summer meeting
 - a. Handouts at tomorrow's poster session
 - b. Mass mailing – postcards
 - d. Action Items:
 - a. Marketing
 - b. Details of Program
 - e. Program Details
 - a. All day Monday, Tuesday morning, Wednesday morning
 - b. Concurrent sessions? Or single track?
 - i. Ira: depends on the sessions (i.e. a “killer” session would be for a single track)
 - ii. Tony's preference is to not do concurrent sessions
 - iii. Joe Baker – concurrent sessions will promote attendance
 - f. Bev - 100th anniversary of VDOT – will that be integrated in any way?
 - a. Including history committee in this.
 - b. Perhaps a dinner speaker? Or separate session?
 - g. are we teaming with a second committee for the summer meeting
 - a. the noise committee had to back out due to the space limitations
 - i. explore for future conferences/sessions
 - b. history committee may partner with us for the 2006 summer meeting

VII Kim Fisher (TRB)

- a. last year with Kim as liaison
 - a. all Environmental committee are going to Christine Gerencher starting next year
- b. Kim sent an email with handouts. There are limited copies in the poster session room with copies of the handouts
- c. Poster session – reorganized.
 - a. Looking for feedback on the session
- d. help with marketing for summer meeting
 - a. E-Newsletter
 - b. Conference and workshop webpage
 - i. Kim or Christine can link to our website
- e. certificates
 - a. Terry Klein
 - b. Tony Opperman
 - c. Howard Newlin – emeritus member
 - i. History of the committee (Paula Spero)

VIII General Announcements

- a. Mary Ann Naber – 5th Bi-Annual National Roads Conference in Boston this April
- b. Sessions this year
 - a. GIS session tonight from 7:30-9:30pm. Thoroughbred Room

- b. Poster session Tuesday morning at 9:30am
- c. Mary McCahon and Paul Graham working on sessions for next year
 - a. Environmental Maintenance – Mary McCahon speaking to them on Tuesday
- d. Schedule for TRB sessions
 - a. Need to plan ahead for 2007 annual meeting
 - b. Need to co-sponsor sessions so that we can have more and be involved in more
 - c. Every committee gets 2 sessions plus one poster session
 - i. Joint sponsorship equals ½ a session (or a quarter if there are 4 committees involved)

IX Liaisons to other committees

- a. Karen VanCitters – Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) Taskforce
 - a. 14 papers; eight presented; 4 published
 - b. Multiple sessions sponsored and co-sponsored this year
 - c. Tuesday AM from 8:00-12:00 at the Omni
 - d. Potential topics:
 - i. Area of interest – Maintenance issues and following them through from planning to post-construction
 - ii. Is History being included in CSS? Potential session....
 - 1. Potential training?
 - iii. Enhancements, Mitigation and CSS and how do they work together on the same project?
- b. ADC40 – Noise Committee
- c. Mary McCahon
 - a. Bridge Security Committee (AE_35)
 - b. Other bridge committees
- d. Bob Newberry
 - a. ADG50 – History Committee
 - i. How can we better network?
 - ii. They don't do large summer meetings – they're tend towards DC for events
 - iii. “pure” research as opposed to “applied” research
 - iv. Concern about modal equity – what about rail, waterway, air?
 - 1. would like to outreach to things besides roads
 - v. Native American trails – and how they became our current roads
- e. Reid Nelson
 - a. Native American Issues Committee
 - i. Joint sub-committee
 - ii. Possible co-sponsored session on Maintenance
 - iii. This summer meeting not a good time to co-sponsor a session or a meeting. Next winter or next summer would be good to sponsor a session together.
 - iv. Capacity Building

1. ability to deal with transportation projects and/or cultural resources
2. how to tribes become meaningful participants
- v. National Tribal Transportation Conference (every November). CA in 2006. Looking at having a presence at the conference

X. Public Involvement Sub-Committee

- a. Kristen Beckman – Skelly & Loy
 - i. Produced draft brochure for the committee to review
 - ii. 20 day review period (February 9th)
 - iii. Email version being sent to the committee list-serve for review
- b. Kevin Cunningham sent out status sheet for the Public Involvement Sub-Committee

XII General

- a. Tony – emphasized use of TRB conference calls
- b. TRB deadlines are coming up
 - a. Calls for papers
 - i. Send out call for papers in May
 - b. Synthesis Topic
 - i. Deadline is February 10, 2006
 - c. Assign to one committee
 - i. Research Committee
- b. Lessons to be learned from the Gulf Coast
 - a. Can we do something with this as a session?
 - b. Mary McCahon and Mark Edwards – will brainstorm
 - i. Best practices/protocols
- c. Howard Newlin
 - a. Topic suggestion: Interstates and Native American Paths and Trails
 - i. Worked on documentation of Native American Paths in Eastern Maryland. Have other states done the same?
 1. Possible synthesis topic?
- d. List-serve – Hope Luhman
 - a. Everyone is required to add themselves to the list-serve. You are not automatically put on the list-serve.
 - b. Also updates to the mailing list and the members/friend list

XIII Strategic Plan

- a. Brief overview (Bev)
- b. Working to update the plan
- c. This will help to make the new name official
- d. Will allow the committee to have a “plan” and goals for the next 3 years

XIV Interstate Survey Schedule

- a. final list by end of July
- b. end of February for states to get information in

- XV Future Summer Meetings
 - a. 2007 – Arizona (Johna). Probably in Flagstaff or Sedona
 - b. 2008 – Greece – Aristedes
 - a. New York possible alternative
 - c. 2009 – New York?