

**ADC50 Committee meeting minutes
September 2005**

- I. Introduction – Beverly (committee chair)
- II. General Introductions
- III. Overview of the summer meeting from Terry Klein
 - a. 210 registrants. Hoping for 220.
 - b. Somewhat different format – utilizing group sessions with trained facilitators
 - c. Final session will contain group reports.
 - d. Looking for feedback on the conference and the new format

Thank you to Terry

- IV. Brief overview of TRB format by Beverly. Kate Quinn and Kim Fisher will be attending later on.

We are one of the environmental committee group, etc...

- V. Overview of the committee format
 - a. members vs. friends
 - One of only differences is that members can vote, friends can not.
 - Need geographic distribution of members (TRB requirement)
 - b. Committee chair makes new appointments
 - Every 9 years members rotate
 - This spring was a rotation. Bob Newberry was kicked off after 14 years.
 - c. 25 members, including the chair. At least 7 must rotate off each rotation.
 - d. Other categories – emeritus, young members, international members
 - Abba Lichtenstein is our emeritus
 - We have no young members –
 - Ari is our international member
 - e. Members need to be active – more so than friends.

- VI. Summer meeting – Greece
 - Issues for travel, esp. for DOT and state employees needs to be looked into
 - Suggestion – poll attendees to see how many normally pay their own way
 - Cost for Greece – how much more is it than a US conference?

- VII. Upcoming summer meetings
 - a. 2006 – Williamsburg
 - b. 2007 – Texas?
 - Issues with new structure at DOT
 - Still a possibility, but not necessarily
 - Arizona? Johna pushing for this and ADOT is possibly on board.
 - c. 2008 – Greece? New York?
 - d. 2009 – Texas? Minnesota?

- VII. Take a vote – for
- a. 2006 – Williamsburg (July)
 - b. 2007 – Arizona (Johna taking the lead)
 - c. 2008 – Greece (Mary/Hope/Johna/Amy S. to coordinate)
 - d. 2009 – Minnesota (Joe H.)

Keep summer meetings in the summer – i.e. July
better for families, better for planning for annual meeting

- VIII. Williamsburg update – Tony Opperman
- a. Procurement underway
 - b. RFP to hotels in a few weeks
 - a. Two hotels that he's interested in. Areas are very walkable. Near historic center. Both can accommodate us. Some issues with hotel rooms and their availability
 - c. Dates still not identified - Depends on hotels availability
is there a time preference from the committee?
Mid-June to mid-August – is any particular time better? Or do we leave it to Tony to negotiate to with the hotels.
Avoid August is good.
Avoid July due to weather
Late June would be good in terms of weather and for scheduling.
How important is walkability?

Alllyson moves “That the hotel be within walk-able distance of the historic district”

Margaret seconded

Carries unanimously.

Tony is actively looking for volunteers who will work on the organization, structure. Johna, Hope, Margaret

- d. History committee – joint meeting; also approached Mark Cross's committee (Environmental); ABD80;
- e. Program ideas
Concept ideas:
Working meeting to scope out the next 10 years as a research workshop.
Helps annual meeting programs to fall into place
We're good at presentation, not as good at research and paper sessions
How is the business of historic preservation being done? I.e.
programmatic agreements (use Margaret's session focus as a starting point.)
Historic contexts as a theme.

Is Tony totally overloaded with summer meeting and annual meeting?
Need someone to take over for this years annual meeting and for 2007

- IX. Annual meeting notes:
- a. Ideas to date may add up to 2 ½ sessions:

Poster Session (Mary)

Cultural Resource GIS applications in Transportation – was Tony and Kevin Cunningham. Need someone to take over. Joe Baker? Ira? (PENNDOT). Have them coordinate with the GIS session to see if they're interested.

Caltrans would present.

Minnesota

Vermont – Giovanna (Hope to email)

Henry Ward

Oral History Study of Engineering Practices on Metal Truss Bridges

– practical things that field engineers and maintenance would know.

“Ancient Engineers History Project”

Need a bridge committee to co-sponsor. Need to be in Marriot or Shoreham.

Ideal is to have a joint presentation.

Hope to get a contact for a bridge committee. Also talk to Mary McCahon.

Interstate System Study – Mary Ann Naber

Joint session with the AGB50 – History in Transportation Committee

Mary Ann following up and taking charge of this session.

- X. Reid Nelson – update on the Native American sub-committee
- a. Doesn't have very many people pushing things forward for his committee.
 - b. Any chance of having something for the annual meeting?
Issues of consultation brought up
Working toward developing something for a summer program for either us or the Native American issues committee.
Arizona summer meeting might be good. Reid could help with that summer meeting.
NEPA delegation (in new transportation bill)
Not pulling anything together for Jan. 2006
Complete mission statements and goals. Put out for review.
Also have a number of people who would like to do posters.
Had 10-11 people at session.
Renaming Issue for the sub committee. Embarking on discussion of new name.
- XI. Henry Ward – some discussion of paper session, etc... still figuring out where to fit an additional session in.
- XII. Mark Edwards – Tony talked to him. Talked about moving the programs more towards research, rather than just presentation sessions.
- XIII. Conversation regarding the “research” needs of the committee.
Some sessions need to switch from presentation sessions to paper sessions.
We had one paper this year.
Need more for visibility of the committee
Goal in Jan. 2006 to produce one call for papers for Jan. 2007
Yearly deadline is August 1.
Do we start planning in summer for a year and half later?
Continued discussion of how to solicit papers.

- XIV. Kate Quinn arrived with additional TRB news...
- a. Research Needs Conference? Plan is for 2007.
Brief history.
Some question as to if a conference is needed to develop research needs.
No one knows what is really being done.
AASHTO suggestion was to create a database of research that is out there. Including problem statements, proposals, etc...
Concern is if there should be a conference prior to database being prepared?
Conference could relook at what was done. Look into gaps.
Prioritize issues for research money.
FHWA money for research topics.

Kate looking for a liaison from ADC50. \$16m available for all environmental research needs. According to MaryAnn, most of this money is earmarked ... so perhaps alternate sources need to be found.

What is the follow up to research that has been done?
 - b. Ari is interested in 2008 meeting. Am. Society of Civil Engineers is also meeting and possibly TRB.
Global environmental session.
 - c. Discussion about having a mega-environmental summer meeting.
- XV. Kim Fisher arrived. Kim's announcements
- a. Annual meeting
One paper
 - b. Sessions
Three and one poster session
We have lead on all of them.
Email Kim if access to the system is a problem
October 1st deadline.
 - c. Annual meeting planning – teleconference linked to a webpage.
 - d. Peer exchange on environmental data. Volunteers needed to help plan and run peer exchange. Looking for a volunteer from our committee.
Committee will work together to figure out an approach for a peer exchange. Where they bring individuals in from around the country. With this one they are hoping to focus on one issue/topic for each exchange.
Meet for a day in the fall in DC to kick-off
Series of teleconference to identify practices and people
Attendance at exchange.
Email Kim if interested in being our volunteer. TRB pays expenses.
George Ballo might have someone.
Mark Edwards?

- XVI. Discussion of a recent meeting on the Cost effectiveness of Section 106 sponsored by FHWA in conjunction with AASHTO
AASHTO meeting last Thursday on the house committee on resources
To help create language for 106
Possibly a result of the Santa Fe 2004 meeting
Also mentioned that that transportation people came out looking good at the end of the meeting, especially as compared to mining and telecommunications.
How can the committee be involved?
In February, after annual meeting, deadline to submit synthesis topics.
Could this be one of them – how do you put a dollar value on section 106? Synthesize what has already been done.
A second idea would be to identify the constituents who we coordinate with and work with.
What are the social and economic benefits of doing Section 106?
How many jobs do we as an industry generate?

Take back to Mark Edwards as a possible synthesis topic.

- XVII. Strategic plan - Margaret will email to the listserv.