

TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH BOARD
Committee on Historic and Archaeological Preservation in Transportation
(A1F05)

Meeting Minutes - January 9, 2001
Washington, D.C.

Attendance: See attached sign-in list.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kathleen (Kate) Quinn at 7:35 P.M. Myra Frank recorded the minutes.

Jon Williams (TRB liaison) reported there were 7500 persons pre-registered for this Annual Meeting, which compares to 6000 last year. Overall attendance is expected to be higher than last year. Next year's annual meeting will be held January 13-17, 2002. He thanked the committee for its participation in the summer meeting in Pittsburgh. The proceedings from the summer meeting have been drafted and are expected to be out in March. He reminded the committee that the Environmental Research Needs Conference will be held in March, 2002, and this is the time to put in research statements. Jon introduced Tom Weck who is the Section Chief for the A1 committees.

Tom Weck presented Kate Quinn with a certificate of appreciation from TRB for all that she has done to revitalize the A1F05 committee. Kate introduced Bev Chiarulli who will be the new chair of the committee beginning February 1, 2001.

All of the attendees introduced themselves. Howard Newland requested that a note be put in the minutes that the committee requested TRB not to schedule Transportation History Committee events in conflict with A1F05 activities.

The following Sub-committee reports were given:

Native American Issues - Ed Hall has proposed that this subcommittee become a committee. Letters of support for such an establishment were written by Kate Quinn, Cindy Burbank (TRB) and many others. TRB will consider approving committee status on January 10, 2001. In the meantime, the Native American Issues in Transportation Subcommittee of this committee will continue to function. The subcommittee/Committee is planning a meeting in August focused on strategic planning for research proposals.

Elaine Brouillard reported on the Albuquerque conference in October 2000. Over 120 people attended, and there were a number of cosponsors. The subcommittee is putting together the proceedings and will publish them in a non-peer-reviewed circular.

Elaine further identified hazardous waste issues as significant on tribal lands and recommended that the joint summer meeting in Key West with A1F07 include a session relative to Native Americans interest in hazardous waste.

Public Outreach - Beverly Chiarulli reported that John Hotopp has agreed to mail out notices of the web site. North Carolina will continue to host the web site. Myra Frank and Hope Luhman have agreed to update the web site. There will be alternating editors for the newsletter, which will be published in May and October. Articles are needed for the newsletter.

Kate Quinn distributed copies of a poster advertising the locations of the next three summer sessions. Suggestions were solicited as to how best to distribute the posters, e.g., SHPOs, the NCSHPO conference, state DOT offices, etc.

Bridges/Canals - Mary McCahon reported on the bridge session yesterday, which was very successful. She is continuing to reach out to civil engineers. She reminded committee members that session 398 (tomorrow) would address historic context issues.

Research - Kate Quinn - The \$400,000 NCHRP study on how information technology can be used to evaluate historic resources is underway. A consultant (URS) has been selected. Surveys have been distributed nationally and focus groups will be undertaken. A report on the results of the surveys is due in the fall of 2001.

Strategic Planning -- Kate Quinn reminded the Committee the Strategic Plan needs to be reviewed and revised within the next year. In addition, the Committee must try to meet its objectives in the Strategic Plan to hold a paper session. That paper session should occur next year.

Transit, Air and Rail - Henry Ward and Myra Frank reported that this had been building year. After the sessions last year, attention is focused on putting together presentations for next summer and next winter.

Program - The summer workshop in Pittsburgh was very successful. Seventy-five people attended the A1F05 committee meeting. The schedule for upcoming summer meetings is as follows:

2002 - Kansas City, hosted by the Topeka, Kansas MPO and Missouri DOT

2003 - Vancouver, Washington, hosted by the SHPO in Washington State and, hopefully, the Washington State DOT

2004 - Rhode Island, a joint meeting with the Landscape and Design (A2A05) Committee and Rhode Island DOT

2001 - Key West, Florida

This will be a joint meeting with A1F07 (waste management). The Committee reviewed the proposed preliminary program for the summer meeting and discussed additional topics. There is a possibility of a synthesis paper on hazardous practices in 50 states. Other topics suggested included restoration of railroad stations, the legal aspects of tort liability when transferring contaminated structures, and contaminated waste and borrow issues.

New Business:

Abba Lichtenstein asked the question: "How are we doing with historic bridges?" He is formulating a research problem statement and would like to know whether we are gaining or losing bridges. He invited comment from the committee.

Philip C. Pierce, P.E., presented an overview of a manual he is preparing about covered bridges. He is under contract to FHWA. There are over 800 covered bridges in the United States. He asked for committee

assistance in contacting people, topics for inclusion, special challenges, and examples. He can be contacted at Philsbridges.com.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Myra L. Frank
Secretary