

NEBPP Conference Call

March 2, 2017 Meeting Minutes

1. Roll Call:

- Ed Welch, Darlene Lane, Ben Foster, John Hooks, Mike Stenko, Jeremy Salvatori, Tripp Shenton, Jen Hawkins, Karim Naji, Richard Dunne, Rod Thornton

2. Approval of Previous Teleconference Minutes:

- Karim pointed out a correction to last month's meeting minutes. Dr. Erin Bell from UNH will be presenting some of the ongoing research on the Memorial Bridge in Portsmouth, NH at the next NEBPP meeting in New Jersey. The previous minutes were approved as written and will be posted online.

3. Working Group Report Outs:

- Rod reported on the progress made by the Bridge Washing Working Group. The resolution to this discussion was to compile a list of best/current practices for the states in the NEBPP. Ed will send a sample or template of a deliverable that could be used to create a document that will eventually be posted on the TSP2 website. John Hooks and Jeff Nome, from Maine, have volunteered to help with the review of the drafts.
- John Hooks noted the SEBPP is pushing to have bridge washing as one of their proposed research project.
- At one time, the FHWA's long term bridge study was considering including bridge washing, but it has been put on the back burner for now.
- John and Tripp are working on the proposed research topics for SEBPP and NEBPP.
- John indicated the Bridge Preservation Expert Task Group (BPETG) from FHWA is in the process of developing a pocket guide to bridge washing which should be finalized at their May 24 & 25, 2017 meeting.
- Ben suggests we keep in contact with the SEBPP regarding bridge washing so that we can work together and know each other's progress on this issue.

4. Research:

- John indicated the best practices for preservation of decks, which is one of the top five research topics chosen by the NEBPP, is also one of the SEBPP.

5. Training:

- Ed commented that training for local agencies is available. If anyone would like to have training done please contact him. Pete Weykamp is one of the presenters.

6. Treasury:

- Budget as of March 2, 2017 was reported (No change from last meeting.)

7. Volunteer Contributions (Last months):

- Ed stated the list of contributions nationally is still at #38 States.
- Ed will send to Ben a list of which States have made their voluntary contribution invoices. The list is also located on the website TSP2.org.

8. TSP2 Website Development:

- Improvements to the TSP2 website continue to be made, so gone and check the site out.

9. Local Agency Involvement:

- Ohio was to schedule but had to cancel due to funding issues. No other action to report.

10. Upcoming Regional/National Meeting Development:

- The 2017 Conference is scheduled for September 11-13, 2017 at the Hyatt in New Brunswick, N.J. Contract for hotel has been signed.

11. SCOM Report & Upcoming Related Meetings:

- Ed mentioned that the partnership could vote to extend Ben's stay out west for a couple of days in order to have him attend the SWBPP.
- Ben will send a notice out to see who would want to go to the upcoming SCOM meeting which is to be in Providence, RI. The meeting is to occur July 29th through August 3rd, 2017. The members on the call agreed to send five members to the SCOM meeting, four board members or their designate, and past chair.

12. Other New Business & List of Action items:

- 2018 National Conference will be held April 8th thru 13th in Orlando, Florida. Contract with hotel is signed.
- John Hooks indicated the nation conference will use the template from the prior conference. He is looking for volunteers to work on the committee to help setup the conference sessions - demos and technical sessions. Need to work on filling in speakers.
- Karim mentioned there are web base training courses thru the NHI web site for bridge preservation which cost \$50.00 per course.

Schedule Next Meeting & Adjourn:

- The next NEBPP Agenda Planning conference call is scheduled for 3/6/16 at 2:00pm.
- The next NEBPP Monthly conference call is scheduled for 4/6/17 at 10:30am.
- Call Adjourned: 11:30am