

NEBPP Conference Call

February 4, 2020 - Meeting Minutes

1. Roll Call:

- Ben Foster, Chris Keegan, Lorella Angelini, Darlene Lane, Ed Welch, John Hooks, Jason Arndt, Rod Thornton, Bob Pavia, Seth Burgess, Scott Snyder, Tom Pechillo, Kretsch Kristofer, Tripp Shenton, Jeremy Salvatori, Tim Boodey, Chris Keegan, Paul Schwartz, David Heilman, Raj Ailaney

2. Approval of Previous Teleconference Minutes:

- Approved & will be posted

3. Next Regional Meeting Development:

- Hotel/facility secured for October 5-7, 2020 at Hilton Harrisburg. Contract has been signed. Starting to work on meeting and breakout room arrangements.
- Technical Tour to be determined, Scott is investigating possible tours and availability.
- A save the date flyer to be sent out in next month or so.
- John is reviewing and synthesizing results of the survey on potential presentation topics. John will narrow down and group the topics and request presentations on these topics.

4. Topic of the Month:

- Rod inquired about short 15-20 minute discussions or presentations to convey to other members issues that can be learned from or built upon experiences to accelerate possible solutions. Requested input from attendees to assist with ideas that can be broadcasted monthly.

5. Working Group Report Outs:

- **Bridge Management Systems** – John updated that survey that was sent out in December received approximately 37 responses. A presentation will be had in SEBPP to discuss these results.
- **Preservation Construction Quality** - 41 survey responses were received. A presentation will be had in SEBPP to discuss these results.
- **Deck** - Continuing to work on matrix to populate database for patching materials as well as Latex modified overlay groups. Ed indicated group is open to ideas for the future direction of the working group.
- Raj informed that Federal Highway has paired with Iowa DOT to develop a deck preservation portal. WJE was hired to finish the report which should be discussed later this month. A national webinar is being developed and looking to lock in all the specifics. This will be published when completed. Tentatively scheduled for 12-2pm on 3/19/2020

6. Research:

- TRB occurred last month, Chris reported informed that discussions of load testing be conducted in lieu of just posting to assist with determining structural capacities.
- TRB has a webinar on 2/11/2020 from 1-3pm to assist if and when to conduct load testing
- Tripp updated on the partnership possibly setting up a research project and discussed with the other three academic directors. One idea was to figure out the best way for Partnerships

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to sponsor. It was determined that the most crucial part is picking research topics. Tripp informed that the members need to send one or two topics to the academic directors. These will be compared with the other regions to look for commonalities to then determine what route would be most effective. The directors will report back on the March calls with a list of potential topics and the recommended funding mechanism (NCHRP, FHWA, TSP2 sponsorship, etc).

7. Training:

- Need to promote training opportunities for local agencies at annual meetings. Need to get local agencies to attend annual meetings.

8. Treasury:

- The current balance of the treasury stands at \$75,819.09.

9. Volunteer Contributions (Last months):

- No update from last meeting, still showing 6 states have paid as of 10/28/19.

10. TSP2 Website Development:

- No new report outs

11. Local Agency Involvement:

- Rod noted previous conversations from NEBPP Agenda Planning call about getting local involvement in the upcoming meeting. Recommended utilizing funds to allow more local agencies attendance at the conference in PA.
- Scott Snyder from PA recommended allowing attendees from each District to get individuals from all over the state
- Need to determine how many additional local agencies should be covered by Partnership funds. Discussion continued in regards to registration costs, travel costs, stay, etc.
- Tom Pechillo made a motion that the Partnership would cover up to 10 local agency registration costs which was seconded accordingly. Motion was approved.
- Scott requested additional funding for PennDOT employees to attend but will reach out to both State and Local agencies to determine specific interest.

12. MaC Report & Upcoming Related Meetings:

- Next meeting will be Denver, Colorado. Need to determine attendees from Partnership.

13. Other Business & List of Action items:

- TRB Annual Meeting was held January 12-16th, 2020 in Washington, DC.

Schedule Next Meeting & Adjourn:

- Next agenda meeting is scheduled for **March 2, 2020 at 2PM**
- Next monthly conference meeting scheduled on **March 3, 2020 at 10AM**