



NEBPP Conference Call Minutes

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- **Maine:** Generally, just say no due to issues with inspection and undue stress to bridge railing but there are two engineering instructions as policy with the Chief Engineer being able to approve.
- **Rhode Island:** No standard operating procedures.
- **Maryland:** Difficulty coming up with policy, but traffic people have requirements which limits things.
- **Graffiti:** Consensus is that most states do not do much unless profane or calls from public. Paint over it if anything. Rhode Island had coated (Rain Guard) so some could be washed off. New Hampshire used trial product (elephant snot) but comes at expense.

6. Treasury:

- Current treasury balance unchanged **\$75,319.09.**
- Sending a 3rd person: Maine, Massachusetts, Maryland, Delaware, Connecticut
 - Contact Ben Foster at ben.foster@maine.gov if interested.
- Tom Pechillo presented scholarship proposal; original proposal five (5) yearly \$1,000 scholarships; discussion of scholarship or possibility of inviting them to meetings

7. Volunteer Contributions:

8. Partnership Business Topics/List of Action items:

- Any other items/issues that someone would like to discuss?

9. Working Group Report Outs:

10. Possible Future Presentations or Discussion Topics:

- Date TBD - Paul Schwartz, NYC DOT, and Gerald Oliveto, NJ DOT, - **Use of Space Under Bridge Spans**
- Issues with Performing Inspections over Amtrak
- How are States dealing with MASH requirements?
- States managing budget cuts due to COVID-19.
- Depth of Shear Key in concrete planks
- Discuss the revisions to the standards for the NBIS.
- What evaluation process do States use to determine which decks to selected for replacement?
- Policies/procedures for repairing impact damage to bridges.
- Share experiences with the usage of Unmanned Aircraft Systems for inspection.
- Discuss the new FHWA Interim Final Rule for Indefinite Delivery and Indefinite Quantity contraction for Federal-Aid Construction
- Stimulus Funding – May Discussion



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- Inspection hands-on and other policies – April Discussion
- Brian Mintz talk about ITD – Regional Meeting or July Discussion

11. Next Meetings Presentation or Discussion:

- Policies and Practices on bridge attachments, murals, flower baskets, etc.

Next Meeting & Adjourn:

- Next Planning Meeting conference call is tentatively scheduled for **Monday, March 7th at 2:00 PM.**
- Next monthly conference call is tentatively scheduled for **Tuesday, April 5th at 10:00 AM.**