

TAC conference call
July 16, 2018

Minutes

Attendees

Colorado DOT: John Lorme	New York State DOT: Joe Thompson
Connecticut DOT: Eoin McClure	North Dakota DOT: Les Noehre
Florida DOT: Kris McCrary	South Carolina DOT: Jeff Terry
Louisiana DOTD: Steven Sibley	Virginia DOT: Bill Collier
Maine DOT: Randy Geaumont	Washington State DOT: Jay Wells
Michigan DOT: Todd Rowley	Wisconsin DOT: Scott Bush
Minnesota DOT: Clark Moe	CTC: Brian Hirt, Kirsten Seeber
Mississippi DOT: Heath Patterson	DW Clonch: Diana Clonch, Diane Watkins
Missouri DOT: Mike Shea	

Membership

- Steve McNeely retired from Virginia DOT. Bill Collier is now the TAC representative for Virginia going forward.
- Kirsten Seeber reviewed states' commitments and fund transfers.

Seattle meeting review

- The Seattle meeting minutes were accepted with minor revisions.
- The cost of the Seattle meeting was higher than previous meetings. Austin should be less expensive because the hotel room rates are more reasonable, and we are holding the meeting at TxDOT, which will save a significant amount on food costs.

Progress and next steps for the No Boundaries lectern and poster sessions at the 2019 TRB meeting

- A working committee has been formed.
- Diana Clonch and Diane Watkins are canvassing members for information. Diana sent an email to every member to ask about their innovation programs. The intention is to get as much information as possible from the members, summarize it in a report, and present the findings at the TRB lectern session.
- Lectern session will be focused on innovation programs. Will feature 2-3 state programs and a snapshot across No Boundaries members.
- **Action: Brian Hirt to work on securing presenters and providing TRB with requested information:**
 - Session title
 - Session outline

Planning and setting a draft agenda for the October 16-18 meeting in Austin

- Logistics update:
 - Facilities: The meeting will be held at TxDOT facilities.

- Lodging: Staybridge Suites, 5.5 miles south of the DOT/downtown. This is a newer hotel with light traffic to TxDOT. An airport shuttle is available.
- **Action: Kirsten Seeber to send the travel memo with a draft agenda to the group again.**
- Planned tours – Dennis Markwardt was unavailable for an update. Original ideas were the fleet shop where TxDOT builds its maintenance-related vehicles and a demonstration of a pavement management system.
- Brainstorming:
 - Format: Same as previous: 2 day meeting (with tours); business meeting in the morning of day 3.)
 - Round table topics:
 - UAVs for maintenance (Jay) – WSDOT just bought two UAVs. Would like to hear an update on what's going on in MI or MN (No Boundaries did this in Ann Arbor). Several people agreed that this is a good idea.
 - Training/apprenticeship programs (Stephanie) – The different ways that agencies approach this related to their maintenance programs. The group decided to include this as presentations from South Carolina and Colorado rather than as a round table.
 - Curve sign placement (Joe) – 2019 deadline for curve sign relocations. This is a federal requirement, so each state should be able to report on where they are. General agreement on this.
 - Session on innovations (standing topic)
 - MO – JAWS (won an award).
 - WA – had its showcase and have 3-5 award winners to share.
 - LA – just finished its second round of innovations, with several award winners to share.
 - Please let us know of others.
 - National Maintenance peer exchange – Heath Patterson is attending and will report back.
 - New member presentations – We have funds to invite potential new members to Austin.
 - IL Tollway Authority (Joe Dragovich) might be interested in joining.
Action: Brian Hirt reach out to ODOT to see if the Tollway joining would be a possibility.
 - Asset management – revisit with updates from Louisiana and Maine
 - **Action: Brian Hirt to follow-up with Dennis to see if he has any TxDOT guests in mind to present**

Presentations and member outreach (attached)

- Heath, Doug and Jeff will be presenting at the upcoming AASHTO Maintenance Committee meeting.
 - **Action: Brian Hirt to revise/finalize presentation and handout and post on No Boundaries website.**
- Pacific Northwest Snowfighters – Jay Wells put out No Boundaries literature
- APWA Snow Conference – Diana Clonch talked to folks about No Boundaries. She also talked directly with WV. They do not have the funds right now, but we should keep in contact with them.

Next TAC Call

- Another call before the Texas meeting may or may not be necessary.

Attachment: 2018 Conferences and Outreach Opportunities

Western Snow Conference in (April 16-19 | Albuquerque, New Mexico)

<https://westernsnowconference.org/meeting/2018>

Clear Roads Spring Meeting (April 24-26 | Phoenix, Arizona)

www.clearroads.org

APWA North American Snow Conference (May 6-9 | Indianapolis, Indiana) – **Diana Clonch**

<https://snow.apwa.net/>

AASHTO Spring Meeting (May 22-24 | Franklin, Tennessee)

<http://www.cvent.com/events/aashto-2018-spring-meeting>

Pacific Northwest Snowfighters 2018 Snow Conference (June 5-6 | Spokane, WA) — **Jay Wells**

<http://pnsassociation.org/conference/>

WASHTO Standing Committee on Maintenance (June 10-13 | Rapid City, South Dakota) – **Tony Tavares. CA will host in 2019. Use the opportunity to promote No Boundaries.**

<https://www.washto2018.com/>

NASTO Annual Conference (July 19-11 | National Harbor, Maryland)

<http://nasto.org/2018-nasto-conference/>

National Conference on Transportation Asset Management (July 14-17 | San Diego, California)

<http://www.trb.org/Calendar/Blurbs/174677.aspx>

AASHTO Committee on Maintenance (July 21-26 | Charlotte, North Carolina)

<https://maintenance.transportation.org/>

MAASTO Annual Meeting (August 27-29 | Traverse City, Michigan)

<https://www.dot.state.oh.us/MAASTO2017/Pages/default.aspx>

SASHTO Annual Conference (August 4-8 | Houston, Texas) – **Dennis Markwardt**

<http://sashto.org/annual-meetings.html>

National Roadside Vegetation Managers Association (NRVMA) Conference (September 11-13 | Chattanooga, Tennessee) – **Todd Rowley, Dennis Markwardt**

<http://www.nrvma.org/>

National Rest Area Conference (September | Ft. Worth, Texas) — **Dennis Markwardt, Stephanie Dobbs**

Midwestern Pavement Preservation Conference (November 6-8 | Madison, Wisconsin) — **Mike Shea**

<https://tsp2pavement.pavementpreservation.org/midwestern-mppp/annual-meetings/2018-2/>