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National Safety Council
ATSIP Conference Call

AGENDA

Wednesday, April 15, 2009

1:00 pm EST

1. Call to Order, Attendance/Quorum, Introduction (Bob Rasmussen)

1:10 EST, R. Robert Rasmussen called the meeting to order

Attendees:

Officers (Voting)

Florey, Martha

Rasmussen, R. Robert

Scopatz, Bob

Shirazi, Hadi

Board Members (Voting):

Carpenter, Ken

Cook, Larry – by Proxy to Bob Scopatz

Domenico, Rocco

Falb, Scott

Gonder, Carl – by Proxy to Martha Florey

Kerns, Tim – by Proxy to Bob Scopatz

King, Nils

Madill, Chris

Pollock, Marty

Rich, Steve

Simpler, Jana

Parliamentarians (non-voting):

Davis, Jim

Zimmer, Ralph

Other attendees (non-voting):

Beatty, Jackie

Burch, Cindy – listening in for Tim Kerns

D'Oronzio, Pete

Emery, Joyce

McCarroll, Joel for AASHTO

Pain, Richard

Scott, Karen

Thompson, Bob

Bob Scopatz announced a quorum of voting members

2. Review and Approval of March 18' 2009 Minutes (Bob Scopatz)

Jim Davis said to move his name to “non-voting” status.

Bob Scopatz said he would make that change in the minutes.

Hadi Shirazi Moved to approve the March 18, 2009 minutes with corrections
Scott Falb Seconded
Motion passed

3. NSC (Jackie Beatty)

Jackie Beatty reported:

Registration numbers for 2009 to date: 42 people have registered online.
9 exhibit booths have been contracted. 5 have paid and 4 are comped.
CARFAX has a verbal agreement for sponsorship at \$2,500.
30 hotel reservations have been made online.

A reminder: you must call the Arizona Biltmore to get the special rate. You cannot register through the registration form or going through NSC.

Jackie has received all the changes for the registration brochure. The revised version should be ready early next week and she will send it out again. They are trying to go to print with this on May 1st. Please get changes back to Jackie very quickly.

The final program will be the next step after finalizing the registration brochure.

4. 1st Vice President's Report (Hadi Shirazi)

The financial report is not yet available from NSC.
No other report.

5. Liaison Reports

TIRF: Bob Rasmussen reported for Ward Vanlaar on the I-95 corridor projects that TIRF is working on. There were 4 states that provided data but they are asking ATSIP to help them get data from the other I-95 corridor states. The following report was submitted by Ward:

I-95 Ten percenters project

This project focuses on small groups of persistent traffic violators – i.e., the so-called ten percenters -- who are responsible for a significant portion of the serious injury and fatal collisions on the highways. The primary goal of the project is to identify effective means for addressing the ten percenters to improve safety for the motoring public across the I-95 corridor.

The actual percent represented by this group in a particular traffic safety problem – e.g., drinking and driving, speeding, non-use of seat belts – varies somewhat but the proportion is not sufficiently different to justify changing the highly communicative phrase “ten percenter”.

The project tasks are systematically and strategically organized to answer a set of key questions:

- Who are the ten percenters and to what extent do they contribute to traffic safety problems?
- Are there differences in the extent and characteristics of the problem across member states in the I-95 corridor?
- What safety strategies and programs are currently in place to deal with them, both within coalition states as well as other states and countries?
- What are best practices for dealing effectively with these persistent offenders?

One task's objective is to provide better estimates of the magnitude of the problem created by persistent offenders and to provide more refined profiles to help set priorities, improve enforcement and sanctioning. Using the most viable data sets, a comprehensive analysis of crash files and driver record files will be undertaken to determine the extent of the problem caused by the ten percenters, to illuminate their characteristics and the extent to which the various high risk behaviours are independent or linked.

I-95 Corridor-wide Safety Data Analysis and Identification of Existing Successful Safety Programs

The ultimate goal of this project is to provide an inventory of effective traffic safety programs that can be implemented across the I-95 Coalition states and the District of Columbia to improve safety for the motoring public. The ultimate objective is to produce a set of best practices for state DOTs, criminal justice agencies and other safety organizations for dealing effectively with the major causes of fatal and serious injury crashes. The rationale for this is that significant reductions in deaths, injuries, and traffic infractions will result, thus protecting the public and improving the efficient flow of transportation within the I-95 corridor.

To achieve this will involve a series of steps. First, available and accurate data on fatal and serious crashes in the 16 Coalition states and the District of Columbia will be analyzed, where feasible, to identify the prevalence and characteristics of major categories of serious crashes. Second, information will be gathered from the Coalition states on highway safety/road user programs and policies that target these major categories of serious crashes. The programs and policies will be reviewed to determine their success and cost-effectiveness. This will lead to the development of a "best practices" approach for addressing the top safety issues identified through the data analysis and information gathering process.

Status of both projects regarding access to data

We obtained data from a few states, including Virginia (Thanks to Bob!), Florida and Maryland. We will also use FARS and are trying to obtain access to CODES.

Any help to gain access to driver records data and crash data, or insight into the strengths/limitations associated with data systems in these states would be appreciated.

TRB: Rick Pain said that the Highway Safety Manual is finished. It is in the hands of AASHTO for voting. There's a TRB circular out that previews the data requirements for the crash prediction models.

The voting in AASHTO goes through 4 subcommittees and the executive board. The Exec board meets in October. They are hoping that final approval vote will be at that meeting.

6. Committee Reports

Best Practices (Tim Kerns)

Cindy Burch said that there was another web application and one best practice application today. There are now two applications in each category.

Bob Rasmussen asked Jackie to add a one-month extension to the submissions and make note of that on the ATSIP website.

Certification & Professionalism (Larry Holestine)

No report

ATSIP Strategic Planning (Jana Sampler)

No report

Data Quality & Improvement (Scott Falb)

No report

Policy/Positions & Resolutions (Ken Carpenter)

None at this time – we are in limbo until the organization's future is straightened out.

Other Reports

Bob Thompson. The Guide to Crash Facts is in a holding pattern. It could be resurrected. It's in draft form from the last work that was done on it. They have a good template.

Bob Rasmussen suggested that Bob Thompson send it out to everyone.

Bob Thompson said that he could put it in completed form and have Joyce Emery finalize the formatting and then send it out to the members.

7. 2009-2010 Nominating Committee (Bob Rasmussen)

Bob Rasmussen reported that the nominating committee has completed its work. The slate of candidates has been sent out via e-mail to everyone on the member list. The balloting is the next step.

It is also on the ATSIP website.

8. New Business (Bob Rasmussen)

There is one new application – Michael Tantala from Pennsylvania. Ida Williams sent an e-mail endorsing him. He has an engineering and GIS background.

MOTION:

Bob Scopatz moved to accept Michael Tantala for membership – grade to be determined.

Martha Florey Seconded.

Motion Passed.

Change in next month's meeting (May 20th)

9. 2009 Forum Update (Martha Florey)

The program is basically complete. There is one more presentation that was sent in early but to an incorrect address. This is going to cause a small change in the program.

We are still trying to figure out what to do on Thursday.

If we have a close-out session on “Where do we go from here” on Wednesday afternoon, then we could use the Thursday session to talk about some items like policy and maybe the National Agenda.

The ATSIP TRCC workgroup is considering taking on the Tuesday morning plenary session.

We also need an organizer for the law enforcement plenary session, but we have 5 or 6 speakers lined up for it.

Martha would be willing to send out the information to the entire mailing list if people want it.

Bob Rasmussen said yes, go ahead and send it.

On the opening session: we have a speaker from Arizona DOT. We need to tell them exactly how much time they have. It turns out that the Highway Safety Office wants some time as well. Martha hasn't heard for certain who is speaking from the state yet. She was hoping that the AZ TRCC would be willing to come in for the Tuesday plenary TRCC session. Martha said that Bob Rasmussen should tell the AZ DOT they have 15 minutes to speak. The Highway Safety Office will also get 15 minutes as well.

Martha has still not been able to contact Mr. Corbet from the Intertribal Council for the welcoming ceremony. She's still going to try to pursue that.

Bob Thompson asked about the Tuesday plenary on Law enforcement – is she just looking for someone to organize it, but the speakers are already lined up? Martha said yes. She listed several speakers and needs someone with law enforcement background to review and organize the session.

Bob Thompson said that he could talk to the Iowa law enforcement folks to see if he can

cover their travel costs.

Marty Pollock offered to help as well. Tennessee is very active in many of the initiatives that are being discussed.

Martha will send all the current information on that session to Bob Thompson and Marty Pollock. Bob Thompson also said that he thought it would work great to have Marty Pollock take the lead since he's on the board.

10. Transition Update (Bob Scopatz)

Bob Scopatz presented the Incorporation Proposal in 3 parts. Bob Rasmussen presided over the voting

Part A:

The Board authorizes R. Robert Rasmussen to take the lead in incorporating ATSIP as a non-profit corporation in a state of his choice with low overall costs. The other signatories on the form will be whichever of the officers R. Robert Rasmussen needs in order to complete the paper work. Should there be insufficient numbers of officers available for the chosen state's paperwork, we authorize R. Robert Rasmussen to choose others from among the Board.

The wording in the articles of incorporation will explicitly state that the corporation's board will change at our next annual meeting.

If needed, R. Robert Rasmussen may also negotiate with and select a lawyer or other professional to assist with the paperwork and act as our "agent" to the state where we incorporate.

The fee authorized for the agent's service is set at no more than \$1000.

MOTION:

Martha Florey moved that Part A of the Incorporation Proposal as read by the Secretary be accepted.

Marty Pollock Seconded

Motion Passed

Part B:

The Board authorizes R. Robert Rasmussen or his assignees from the Board, and/or the selected agent, to establish all necessary tax identification numbers with the state and US Government, in the name of ATSIP, and to complete any other necessary paperwork in addition to the incorporation application, as required to establish ATSIP as a legal entity capable of doing business throughout the US, to legally collect and disburse money as required.

MOTION:

Martha Florey moved that Part B of the Incorporation Proposal as read by the Secretary be accepted.

Hadi Shirazi Seconded

Motion Passed

Part C:

The Board authorizes the 1st Vice President (currently Hadi Shirazi), to establish checking and savings accounts in the name of ATSIP for the purpose of collecting monies and paying any expenses incurred by ATSIP.

Checks of \$250 or less may be signed by either the 1st Vice President (currently Hadi Shirazi) or the President (currently R. Robert Rasmussen).

Checks in amounts greater than \$250 require two signatures from among the current officers (in alphabetical order):

Florey, Martha, 2nd Vice President

Rasmussen, R. Robert, President

Scopatz, Robert, Secretary

Shirazi, Hadi, 1st Vice President

Vecchi, Joan, Past President

MOTION:

Martha Florey moved that Part C of the Incorporation Proposal as read by the Secretary be accepted.

Ken Carpenter Seconded

Motion Passed

2010 Forum Update (Hadi Shirazi)

The RFP is undergoing final revisions and they expect to have the results from hotels in New Orleans. They offered a selection of dates in July for the hotels to respond to, purposefully avoiding the dates of the ITE conference in August.

The Louisiana TRCC has approved the motion to authorize up to \$25,000 for the 2010 Forum in New Orleans

TRCC Outreach (Marty Pollock)

Marty Pollock – part of the TRCC outreach. He sent a breakdown structure of the ATSIP liaisons to each of the regions. The questionnaire is in electronic format. We can send a link to everyone and they can go to the link to answer their questions. It goes into a database as they input their answers. It hasn't gone out yet.

Pete d'Oronzio said they are using the Survey Monkey website. He has asked us to go out to the site and put in some responses to test it. Pete will send that link out again to everyone to get more responses.

11. Next Meetings – May 20th, June 17th

12. Adjourn

MOTION:

Motion to Adjourn: Hadi Shirazi

Marty Pollock Seconded

Meeting adjourned at 2:36 pm EST

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