Draft

Library and Information Science in Transportation Committee Meeting
Minutes, St. Pete Beach, FL

August 1 8:00AM to Noon.
August 2 8:00AM to 10AM

Called to order by Chair Sandy Tucker, 8:20AM, Aug 1st.

Present on August 1.

Barbara Post,   TRB
Joyce Koeneman,  RITA
Nelda Bravo,   FHWA
Sarah                   FHWA
Bob Cullen,   AASHTO
Arlene Mathison,  CTS, U. Minn.
Jerry Baldwin,  MinnDOT
John McCracken,   FHWA
Beckie Oliva,   Alaska DOT
Calvin   MichDOT

Minutes of the previous meeting, January 23, 2006 were approved.

Report on NCHRP 20-70.  Barbara Post reported.  Approved March 2005, the 3 tasks ere to

1. Create a TRB Technical application to support the TRT.  No Panel was required.  It was funded October, 2005.  Work has been completed.
2. Put together a panel consisting of Sandy Tucker, Andy Everette, Susan Dresley, Ken Winters, Seyem Petrites.
3. Contract was let to Michael Kleiber to support the TRT content and provide for new system.

In April 26 new terms were entered, 96 RT2 (related) terms were entered, 37 Use For terms, 7 Scope Notes, 3 Revisions.

Worked on an ITRD Term Conversion and Training of TRB staff.

New term list was sent to the Thesaurus Committee.  Website provides information on additions.  Updates are noted in 24 hours.  XML download is available.

Guide to Use of the TRT will be reposted by Barbara Post.

Sandy Tucker suggested there be a form for submission of terms.
Distribution Lists for Reports. John McCracken said we have 16 different lists at USDOT. John raised issue of collection of FHWA reports. He stated he has hired a full time librarian. His Turner Fairbanks Highway Research Center Library budget did not get cut, but he is asked why he needs to keep 50,000 physical copies of documents.

There was discussion of distribution and UTC requirements, TRIS, NTL, NTIS, GPO, NTL, other libraries, TRISNet, etc.

It was stated that LIST is not in a position to tell DOT to develop a plan for distribution and collaboration for collecting, but RITA would be a good place to start.

SR-284. Implementation of SR-284 got $200,000 funding. Panel formed as of August 3rd. Chris Hedges will have that information. September 14 is the first meeting. The panel has to let a contract  There will be an RFP due November 16th. Nelda expects to be FHWA representative. There might be workshops with part of the money.

Marc Norman, TRB, arrived and reported.

M. Norman reported TRB Strategic plan draft to be presented in January. Question on the agenda. This Committee is to respond by August 13th.

TRR on web through subscription services. EBSCO, Ingenta, etc for fee. By January they want to have them all on the web available by subscription for a fee. It was suggested TRB information needs to be part of large bundles of journals available to libraries.

TRB RIP. Additions to be made to the RIP database. TRB is putting together a database to upload research problem statements and keep it up to date.

What does TRB do best?
- Committee Meetings tie into issues important to practitioners.
- NCHRP projects. Good process management.
- Annual Meeting.

Do you feel your sector is well represented? Are all modes represented?
- Discussion of Transit Libraries participation. Joyce K will check on status of Directory updates.

Discussion of OCLC North American Title Count.

Taxonomy. TTI Taxonomy could become a standard. It reduces the 8K thesaurus terms to 21 categories that reflect TTI research.

Break:

Triennial Self Evaluation.
**OAI.** Article for TR News with and explanation of NTL Open Archive Initiative Protocol for Metadata Harvesting compliance to be prepared by Joyce Koeneman.

**Session Plan:**
- Google Tools
- OCLC
- Open Archive Standard
- Open Access


Wes Lum Arrived:

Wes Lum said research can’t be done without information on the state of the practice. Especially since RITA has a charge to coordinate research. One express purpose was to break through stovepipes, but the strategic plan does not do that.

Wes Lum: “Is the plan strategic?” How do you coordinate research. FED DOT level without infrastructure on access?

**POG report by Wes Lum.** Section Chair has responsibility to assist the Committee and others.

- Looking at critical issues to create cross cutting list. Action Plan: Sandy has copy. Someone to track research that is needed.
- Encourage Geographic Diversity.
- Committee needs younger members.
- Exec Committee met in June to describe 21st Century transitioning.
- All TLCat libraries together? FAA

1) Outside drivers are significant now.
2) Education and Training.

**8 Issues of POG: POG Critical Cross Cutting Issues:**
2. Institutions: Katy Turnbull
3. Finance: M.L. Ticher
4. Data and Information; Johanna Zmud, Palmerlee
5. Sustainability: Palmerlee
6. Changing Demographics: Tischer
7. Global Competition
8. Emergency Preparedness. Jeff Western

Access to GIS Data Files: Joyce to ask Carol Brandt if any are appropriate for NTL. Document management.

National Collection Development Policy.
- Bring together major libraries and discuss how to collaborate.
- What are needs
- Redundant collections
- How many are needed?
- OCLC participation.
- TLCat as start? Bring all TLCat Libraries together? Who would fund it? FHWA, RITA, Grant, OCLC?
- Write a statement of purpose. Talk to UTC’s, CUTC.
- Is this part of SR 284?
- Work on a users meeting for TLCat members to discuss collection development policy. At SLA?

Adjourn until Wednesday.

Wednesday, August 02, 2006

8:00AM

Sandy Tucker call to order.

Present

Joyce Koeneman
Sandy Tucker
Laura Whayne
Kathryn Harrington-Hughes
Jerry Baldwin
Bonnie Osif
Barbara Post
Arlene Mathison
Susan Barker

Announcement: The Mid Year 2007 meeting will be in Chicago.

Strategic Plan
- Long Term Issues:
- Cross Cutting Issues

Metadata Subcommittee: Joyce K. reported working on a panel on metadata applications in place outside transportation. Boeing and Microsoft were suggested.
Long Term Committee Issues
- Digital Archives and Preservation
- Digital Preservation and Access
- Internet Information Perceptions and Access
- Value of Information Services
  - User Understanding, Cost Effectiveness and Marketing
- Electronic Publishing

Preservation of Knowledge is proposed program for Conduct of Research. We should cosponsor. Bonnie will investigate.

Session Proposal: Pooled Fund Group asked us to participate in program on networking of libraries. Discussed scope of possible program. Creating the simple point and click does not reveal the infrastructure that makes it happen and therefore support for that infrastructure does not manifest.

Circular. Kathryn Harrison Hughes suggested we do a new circular. Research problem statements to go into a research-problem database, not a circular. Database to be done by TRB in January.

Value of Information Study Update. The original was done by FHWA. It would appropriate for RITA to update it. We could look at research that would look at information infrastructure.

Institutional Memory Report will be out soon and can contribute to infrastructure problem statement. Critical issue is at top of the information library. Electronic docs library, JPO.

Wes Lum stated these might be a series of problem statements. Barbara Post suggested an article for TR News on the Pooled Fund Study. What’s happening with Google.

AASHTO RAC is a supporter of library services, but RAC does not understand library terminology. User thinks of issues like KM.

Comment: All libraries are embedded in organizations, and they need to reflect the organizational goals.

NCHRP added a project on value of research to get a mainstream PR firm to develop a marketing plan.

JPO has asked John McCracken for a white paper on what is the difference between what we do and what you do? NTL needs to talk to JPO.

Sandy will follow up on writing problem statements. Deadline for NCHRP is Sept. 15.
2008. Wes noted that govt. today wants to be more like the private sector and asked if we could get CEO’s to speak on the value of information. Discussion of John Horsley on a panel. Discussion of having Bill Gates as a luncheon speaker in 2008 and following with a CEO panel, possibly with TAMU President or UC President presiding.

UTC’s are being asked to step in and grab a proposal and do it all. Library services provide needed information.

Jerry will work with Christi Powers on a speaker set to meet the Pooled-Fund request.

**TRT Glossary** proposal discussed. Joyce Koeneman presented a draft for a proposal to provide definitions and scope notes for the TRT as requested by members of the Metadata Subcommittee. Possibly begin with the AASHTO Glossary. Bob Cullen will ask for permission.

Problem Statement: Develop a Collection Development Policy for Transportation

**Inventory of Document Repositories.** Commitment, policies, ownership, identify gaps, scope and strengths. Nelda and Arlene will work on this. Bonnie Osif will comment.

**What have we accomplished in the last 20 years?** Librarians are on more committees. We have a place at the table now. There has been a lot of progress.

**RITA.** Barbara clarified that SR 284 wanted RITA to take ownership of the proposals.

**Pooled Fund.** Sandy: Can we set up a pooled fund study for UTC’s to contribute funding? Yes.

Adjourned 10AM.