

## MINUTES

### WMPST-SICOP Conference Call

November 15, 2013 - 8:00 PST, 11:00 EST

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Conference ID: 4074195 followed by the # key.

#### 1) *Introductions*

On the call were:

Rick Nelson	Wilf Nixon	Lee Smithson
Greg Parker	Ben Dow	Mark DeVries
Steve Lund	Paul Pisano	Gabe Guevara
Gummada Murthy		

#### 2) *Briefings on meetings since the PEER Exchange*

*Brief report on any relevant meetings since the PEER Exchange last September  
Aurora, Clear Roads, NACE, APWA, PIARC*

Clear Roads will have their meeting in March. The Research Needs Statements are on the agenda. They will blend the RNS into their research program.

AURORA hasn't done anything with the Peer Exchange RNS yet.

#### 3) *Review the Research Needs Statements assigned to SICOP and discuss possible champions – Rick & Lee*

- We discussed the RNS assigned to SICOP with particular emphasis on number 1 – Maintenance consideration as part of context sensitive design. There was agreement that the creation of a Supplemental Design Guide is the right approach to this topic and that making inroads into the design community will be slow. Based on the discussion it was evident that, even among the WMPST, there is a lack of clarity regarding the scope of this RNS. It was determined that Mark, Ben, and Greg would collaborate in the creation of a brief document that would chart a path and define our intentions. Once they have a straw man they agreed to share their work with the WMPST for input and comments. The goal is to have a document prior to our next conference call, probably in February 2014.

- Number 2 – True costs of a level of service: we will ask Mike Lashmet to coordinate with Clear Roads

- Number 3 – Information availability and delivery: we will ask Max Perchanok to coordinate with AURORA

- Number 4 – National standards for traction control devices: we will ask Mike Fitch to consider championing this.
- Number 5 and 6 were not discussed.

4) *Preparations for TRB – Wilf & Max*

*Brief report on papers and sessions*

Wilf reported that there are 8 sessions planned for the Surface Transportation Weather sub committee this year. There are also considerations underway to select a successor to chair this subcommittee as Wilf is reaching the end of his term.

Max was unable to participate in the call so no report on the Sub Committee on Winter Maintenance.

5) *Preparations for the PIARC World Road Congress in February 2014*

*Brief report on papers and sessions*

Wilf, Max, and Rick are planning to attend the Winter Road Congress in Andorra. They are planning on attending the PIARC TC2.4 Winter Service committee meeting as well. Since the North American participation will most likely be limited, there was a suggestion that particularly good sessions may be redelivered through a series of webinars hosted by the WMPST or some other body to expand the technology transfer opportunities.

6) *Top 10 list – progress and next steps – Wilf & Rick*

*Progress on the work to date*

*What have we missed?*

*Review of the topics submitted*

*Next steps and schedule*

Wilf and Rick discussed the progress to date on identifying the top 10 things necessary for a world class winter maintenance program. This initial list was gathered from winter maintenance professionals and compiled into the list. It was mentioned that this list is not a set of research needs but topics that are in practice today. It is also important that when we transmit this topics we stress why these

7) Next meetings

- a. TRB: January 2014
- b. PIARC SIRWEC & WRC Andorra: February 2014
- c. WMPST Conference call: (possibly end of February to discuss 4 year plan)
- d. AASHTO Subcommittee on Maintenance July 2014

Attachments: SICOP PEER review RNS  
Top 10 summary list of topics