

Meeting Minutes
TRB Committee on Library and Information Science for Transportation (ABG40)
Conference Call Meeting, Friday, December 4, 2009 @ 2:00 Eastern

1. Welcome and thanks from the Chair (Winter, 5 min.)

Ken Winter (Chair), Tom Palmerlee (TRB Staff Liaison), Jennifer Boteler, Bob Cullen, Sue Dressley, Rita Evans (Recorder), Kathryn Harrington-Hughes, Sheila Hatchell, Kendra Levine, Arlene Mathison, Andrew Meier, Steven Pepin, Roberto Sarmiento, Sue Sillick, Ann Sweeney, Sandy Tucker

2. Roll Call and Discuss Goals of Meeting (Winter, 5 min.)

Special thanks to Andrew Meier, who is attending at 6am Saturday local time in Melbourne, Australia.

3. Announcements from Participants (Open mic., 5-10 min.)

Steven Pepin – Massachusetts now has a Department of Transportation.

Sheila Hatchell – The MNDot Library will have wifi and access to social networking tools. Sheila enlisted support from upper managers interested in innovative approaches and noted that other states were using these tools.

Andrew Meier – ARRB has a contract for secure portal for railroad information (research information, shareable content) using InMagic software. Funding is in place for two years. ARRB is discussing participation from European agencies which would allow the portal to develop into an international resource.

4. Approval of Minutes, Summer LIST Meeting in Seattle (Winter, 5 min.)

A motion to approve minutes from the July 21, 2009 mid-year meeting was seconded and approved.

5. TRB Annual Meeting Announcements (Winter/Palmerlee, 5 min.)

Hilton Hotel renovations mean fewer meeting rooms are available. Committee meeting time has been cut in half and session time reduced 17%. TRB received 3700 papers, an increase from the 3400 received last year. Tom commended LIST for sponsoring poster sessions in 2009 and 2010.

TRB will hold a Spotlight Session on “Transportation Systems for Livable Communities” in October 2010 at the Keck Center in DC. Spotlights are held through US DOT RITA, the sponsor of the University Transportation Centers program. They are opportunities for UTCs to present research, and for US DOT to describe its research interests and themes. Previous Spotlights focused on using RFID in freight systems and transportation infrastructure renewal.

A call for participation, not papers, will be issued in March or April. How can LIST support the knowledge transfer involved and move away from silos of knowledge? We could show how various information tools (TRIS, TRT, etc.) could be used to address the issue of transportation systems in livable communities. Can we also identify something outside of our regular tools? Tom said the best response may not be to fill out formal proposal but rather to communicate directly with planning committee members.

6. Agenda for LIST Meeting at TRB Annual in January (Winter, 10 min.)

Agenda items were discussed.

Roberto mentioned a big digital initiative, with CIC (Big 10 and Northwestern University) in partnership with Google to digitize collections. NUTL's entire collection is slated for scanning, and everything out of copyright will be available.

Andrew asked if something could be done to identify how members are interacting on an international level. Our limited time may mean we'll have to focus on how to do such an assessment. Sandy asked that the new LIST website have a link to LIST's Online International Transport Sources database.

John Cherney is webmaster for LIST's new website at <http://sites.google.com/site/trblist/Home>.

The *Directory of Transportation Libraries and Information Centers*, an SLA Transportation Division project, has been developed into a searchable database hosted by NTL by NCHRP 20-75A. International libraries and centers need to be better represented.

Ken has a contact at Google if the committee interested in having a Google rep at the 2011 mid-year meeting for workshop on finding transportation information.

Programs suggestions from the July 21 LIST meeting are appended to these minutes.

7. Need for LIST Task Groups (Winter, 10-15 min.)

1. Membership – to respond to people interested in joining as Members or Friends
2. Annual Conference Program Planning
3. Posters/Papers – Poster Session has worked well this year and last, want to continue it
4. Research Needs Statements – want to capture research needs arising from discussions
5. Others

Ken is looking for volunteers to lead task groups to provide continuity and momentum for committee initiatives.

8. Committee Conference Call March 2010

Participants agreed to hold a call in March.

9. Final Questions, Comments, Observations

Ken has proposed alternating LIST's mid-year meeting between the RAC annual meeting and SLA's Annual Conference. LIST's 2010 mid-year meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, June 15, in conjunction with the SLA conference in New Orleans. RAC's 2011 meeting will be in Kansas City. Sheila asked if there will be an option to phone in to the LIST meeting in January, but Tom said it is too expensive and difficult technically.

Tom noted that GoTo Meeting is available for meetings between the Annual Meeting and Mid-Year sessions. It's useful not only for committee administrative matters, but for substantive program content. Committees also have the option of providing webinars for instruction (e.g., searching) or communicating with stakeholders.

Andrew – Thanks for Ken for his first year as chair, really appreciated opportunity to attend 2009 TRB

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned.

Appendix 1

From the LIST Mid-Year Meeting, July 21, 2009

Program Ideas for TRB Annual 2010 (Open Discussion)

Leni – How about an overarching theme of how we improve and add value to information? This could appeal to Data Section members. Data Section had much interest for a joint meeting on knowledge management, but only six topics could be chosen and this one ranked seventh.

Could LIST help augment *Funding Sources for Transportation Research*?

<http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/dva/researchfunding//fulltext3.pdf>

Demonstrate tools by showing how to solve problems. For example, if you're trying to do X (what's your objective), here's a tool you may want to use. Show that you need to define your problem and objective, and then choose your tool, not the other way around. Don't find yourself asking, "OK, now I have a Facebook account, what am I going to do with it?"

Ken – Potential ideas: partner with Public Involvement, librarians as analysts, creating highly customized products on topics of interest which could feature visualization, etc.

Could we do a follow-up session to the 2005/2006 session on podcasts, RSS, etc.? How about *10 Tips and Tricks for Finding Your Own Information*?

Tom Palmerlee – Data committees are interested in a better delivery of their results. Many agencies used to have data analyst positions; can librarians fill some of that void? Librarians' roles could be different for different projects, and could be viewed as part of a good decision-making process

Matthew – How about training videos and using YouTube, really focusing on practical tips and how to get started.

How about a session on some new visually oriented technologies – Flickr, YouTube, Mashups? How do these tools build community and promote collaboration? Who is the target audience?

Bill Carr – four emphasis areas for programs:

- Data for decision-making (performance measurement)
- Cyber security (emergency management, e-discovery)
- Climate change (sustainability)
- Reauthorization, getting most appropriate financial information for developing effective strategies

Frances Harrison – How about a poster session to highlight examples of topical reports, or really good literature reviews.

Alexandra Fox – Look at how we manage information using tools such as SharePoint; can this be a complement to managing our own information?