



TRB LIST Committee Mid-Year Meeting - AGENDA

August 13, 2013

10:00 – 11:30 AM - Central

Moderator: Roberto A. Sarmiento

Recorder: Rita Evans

Members on the call: Sandra Brady, Paul Burley, John Cherney, Rita Evans, Sheila Hatchell, David Jared, Kendra K. Levine, Arlene Mathison, Mary Moulton, Roberto Sarmiento, Birgitta Sandstedt, Sue Sillick, Bob Sweet, Sandra Tucker, Ken Winter.

TRB Staff Representative: James Bryant

Guests: Katy Callon, Lisa Loyo

- 1) Welcome & Goals (Roberto)
- 2) Approval of April 9, 2013 meeting minutes. Minutes approved.
- 3) New TRB Staff Representative Introduction: Welcome James Bryant. James thanked the committee members for their time and commitment. James has an engineering degree as well as a PhD from Virginia Tech. He was with VDOT prior to TRB and has been involved in program management with structures and SHRP at TRB. He is very interested in having LIST as part of his portfolio.
- 4) Chair's Update (Roberto)
 - a. Research Guidelines Project – This project originated with MNDOT and Roberto put out a call for volunteers on how to conduct literature searches and what resources to use. Roberto will assemble three teams (how to search, where to search, and a review team). Another part of the research is to develop guidance/a specification on preparing a literature review; this part was contracted to CTC & Assoc. through MNDOT. Finally, the TRB LIST and COR committee's team identified related terms and developed definitions. These definitions have been submitted for possibly adding them to the TRT. The aim is to bring all of this information together to produce an eCircular. An RNS was entered under COR, with LIST identified as a co-sponsor.
Action item:
Roberto to assemble teams.

- b. Looking back/forward developments affecting your committee - TRB planning document (RAS) – Looking back: Transportation networks (i.e., LIST, TKNs and Pooled Fund); World Wide Web; Digitization of transportation information. Looking forward: Electronic formats surpassing paper, more and faster access, improved search algorithms. Merging of agency libraries with other units or merging several state libraries into a shared library may be issues further down the road.
- c. Inviting other stakeholders to annual meeting initiative – Roberto received a few suggestions for people to invite. Implementation of this good idea is difficult because there is no financial support for travel or registration for stakeholders.
- d. Request from TRB to move TRT subcommittee to B0002 Committee – Lisa clarified that the request for this change originated with TRT Subcommittee Chair Sandy Tucker. Since subcommittees are not under TRB’s formal committee structure the move could be easily implemented. Sandy said a discussion with Steve Godwin following a TRT Subcommittee which he attended prompted her to think about making a strategic move of the subcommittee to B0002. Rita supported the move, noting that the TRT’s current usage is tied to TRID. Kendra said this could be an excellent opportunity to look at controlled vocabularies in a larger way. If LIST had a Controlled Vocabulary Subcommittee, that group could focus on applications apart from TRID. Paul suggested consulting the policy documents such as NCHRP 450 which states that the TRT is specifically for TRID with other possible applications.

Committee members should email further comments to Roberto by next week and then a decision will be made.

Action items:

Committee members to send comment to Roberto.

Decision about the transfer of the subcommittee to be made through a survey that will be sent to members the week of Monday, August 19.

- e. Call for papers (Kendra) – Eight papers have been received on data curation, data management, financing data. Kendra has only been able to view abstracts. Reviews need to be done by September 15 and Kendra will recruit reviewers. One paper would be a good fit for the LIST committee meeting and the paper on data curation could be the basis for a program. A call for members to volunteer to be paper reviewers was made.

Action items:

James to provide authorization for Kendra to view papers.

Kendra to identify reviewers

Kendra to see that reviews completed by September 15.

5) TRB 2014 Programming – 50 minutes

- a. Introduction (Roberto) – Updated the list of running ideas. Report from Access to International Information has been delayed due to Jennifer Rosales’s departure. James is trying to figure out administratively how to move it forward. James provided marked-up copy of federal memo on increasing access to the results of Federally Funded Research and a brief discussion ensued.
- b. Poster Session – Demonstrating value to users/customers (John/Roberto) John and Roberto have discussed this idea which grew out of Pooled Fund study on demonstrating value of investments in libraries. Kendra and John will talk about logistics and will aim to get call for posters out this week. Libraries will be just one component of the program; the emphasis will be on demonstrating value.

Action items:

John and Kendra to discuss logistics.

John to issue call for posters.

- c. Discussion (All) – See enclosed Programming Options List Document
 - **Transportation-specific app for DOTs** (Ken) – VDOT wants to expand access to library content and have been very effective at promoting desktop delivery of electronic content. VDOT employees are very mobile and more telecommuting means there is a need to offer ready access to premium content on mobile devices. Problem: Only devices behind firewall can be used and technology is old (Blackberry). Ken has been working with a consultant and VDOT Public Affairs and Learning Center on app development. It allows VDOT employees to authenticate and then access premium content as well as digitized material from collection. It will also allow users to ask reference questions and request documents, so this isn’t just mobile access to catalog.

Ken would like to find some other innovative examples of delivering information to the mobile workforce; could be devices, apps, wireless networking. Iowa DOT released an interesting app that’s an app container for their other apps and perhaps someone from Iowa could address that. Bob asked if the VDOT app is a “discovery service” but Ken said no, it’s more access. Discovery services tend to be more behind the scenes indexing, next generation federated search.

Roberto said that LIST member Derek Hyde who is part of the team working on the development of the VDOT app could potentially be speaker. Sheila noted that it could be considered forward looking but is actually something we should be doing now since younger engineers don’t view this as new and innovative but as a standard part of work. Committee agreed this is a good topic for a program. Roberto will help organize session by contacting Derek and another potential speaker.

Action items:

Ken to be speaker at session.

Roberto to contact Derek and another potential speaker.

- **E-Books experience in transportation** (Ken) – VDOT in 2012 did a trial of EBSCO ebooks and followed up with a user satisfaction survey and review of metrics. Ken compiled this information and submitted the paper to LIST. Survey showed many interested users and much use but it's difficult to access transportation related material. Users consider ebooks just one more flavor of online "stuff" and want to access it via their mobile devices. What publishers do they want? Professional development materials that address core competencies have proved to be very popular – how to manage, how to deal with change, how to deal with ambiguity. Heavy usage by IT professionals. The Knovel database includes AASHTO manuals and is one of the most heavily used. Ken noted possibility of inviting a speaker from ASCE which publishes lots of electronic content. Ken noted two issues – what devices are agencies making available, and what content are agencies making available?

MNDOT did some research on the use of ebooks. Sheila said their experience is that they need practitioner material (manuals, standards, etc.) and licensing and other issues have been major obstacles.

Kendra said a program could feature the VDOT and MNDOT experiences with ebooks, and the publisher side from AASHTO and ASCE so those publishers can hear what it is their users need. Ken suggested inviting EBSCO because they do have a model that involves patron-initiated acquisitions. Sheila and Rita volunteered to work with Ken and Roberto to solidify program idea.

Action item:

Rita and Sheila to work with Ken and Roberto on program.

- **Data Curation** (Kendra) – Kendra would like to develop a program on data curation based on papers received so far. She can contact other the data committees for input. She asked Mary to participate in planning and will follow up with Roberto.

Action item:

Kendra to develop program and contact data committees.

6) Research Needs Statement (Roberto and Sue) – 15 minutes

- a. No results – This research topic is on-hold. Sue asked if anyone would be interested in developing an RNS on this topic; no volunteers were identified. This topic will continue to remain on hold.
- b. Data access and preservation – This topic is on hold. Sue asked if anyone would be interested in developing an RNS for either of these topics. No response. This topic will continue to remain on hold.

- c. Grey literature – Sandy said someone from a state DOT should speak on research reports. Kendra said Tech Transfer Committee would probably be interested as they generate and use grey literature. Conduct of Research is another potential cosponsor. Committee agreed that grey literature as a program topic will be discussed at the LIST meeting in January. Since the topic is so broad and nebulous, Rita and Kendra will develop questions to focus this discussion by the end of September.

Action items:

Rita and Kendra to develop grey literature questions.
Roberto to add to LIST agenda for January.

- d. Data management competencies for transportation agencies (Arlene) – Transportation librarians are getting involved in data management but it is not clear whether they have the necessary skills. Arlene discussed a Synthesis proposal with Sue, David and Ken on what competencies are needed (Syntheses comprise a literature review and state of the practice review). Sue suggested approaching data committees for co-sponsorship. Next step will be to send the draft RNS document to LIST members for review, then to other committees for possible co-sponsorship. This will need to be completed by the February deadline.

Action item:

Sue to send draft RNS to committee for comment.

- 7) Wrap up & Future meeting – Roberto said it is not likely that we'll meet again before the Annual Meeting in January. Rita encouraged Roberto to try to schedule a meeting for late October.