

Minutes of Trucking Industry Research Committee, TRB Summer Meeting
Seaport Hotel, Boston
Tuesday, July 12, 2011

Call to order: 10am

Members present: Michael Belzer, Randal Mullet, Ann Purdue, Jeffrey Short, Stephen Burks, Dan Murray, Kristen Monaco, Paul Bingham

Non members: Deborah Freund

Approve minutes from January 2011

- Ann Purdue stated that minor updates to Trucking 101 can be sent to her.
- Need paper proposals (200 word abstracts) for the Transportation Business and Management special issue
- Minutes approved

Reports

A. Cooperative research projects

- a. Discussion of NCFRP review including the charge of the program, whether the mandate is being met, and, if a disconnect exists, what is driving it?
- b. Discussion of potential proposals for NCFRP from this committee
 - i. Need for data to replace the VIUS
 - ii. Will relocation of intermodal rail yards increase total annual miles as truck transportation restructures around the location of these hubs?
 - iii. Costing and GAO studies, with an eye towards reexamining "Paying Our Way"
 - iv. Trends in ton-miles
 - v. Size and weight debate: perhaps this would require us to reach out to the pavement committee
 - vi. How are compensation and safety related?
 1. Large Truck Causation study failed to get much of value
 2. Collected engineering data, but not industry and human factors data
 - vii. Panama Canal diversion impact on trucking
 - viii. NAFTA trucking
- c. A template for these problem statements exists and the due date is August 31.
- d. Mike Belzer tasks people with initiating this in the afternoon session, with goal of finishing and submitting by the deadline.

B. Randy Mullet discussed the issue of the joint subcommittee on pricing and freight having low attendance and recommends elimination. The alternative would be for the three parent committees to jointly meet for 2 hours during the annual meeting. The motion to discontinue was approved.

Adjournment: 11:50am

Afternoon meeting (Kevin Neels and Garland Chow (telephone) in attendance)

- a. Problem statements prioritized with eye towards preparing proposals for NCFRP. Priorities are VIUS replacement, costing, and Panama Canal
- b. There is a discussion of creating research needs statements (RNS) from the other proposal topics
- c. Garland will provide support of global shipping patterns impacts on truck flows and also the modal allocation shift.
- d. Update on Google site (William McDonald). The committee webpage is moving from UGPTI to Google server: will be mirrored through fall and winter and exclusive to Google after spring 2012.
 - o Easier to transfer ownership
 - o Easier to modify
 - o Move listserv to Google groups email listserv (in the next month or two), while also maintaining existing listserv over same span.
- e. Mike Conyngham has indicated will take lead on Trucking 101 revisions. Goals of major revisions will be discussed at the annual meeting.

Adjourn at 3pm.