

**TRB Committee on Truck & Bus Safety (ANB70)
Annual Meeting
January 25, 2011
Marriot, Harding
1:30 pm – 5:30 pm**

Members in Attendance:

**Joel Ticatch, Chair
Richard Pain, TRB Staff Liaison
Jeff Hickman
Rebecca Brewster
Michael Belzer
Karl Sieber
Gerald Krueger
Ron Knipling
Lori Mooren
Jeffrey Burns
Brenda Lantz
Steve Keppler
Norm Littler
Barbara Czech
Tom Weakley
Andrea Sequin
Pierre Thiffault
Anne McCartt
Dave Melton
Deborah Freund
George Soodoo
Bob Scopatz
Martin Walker
David Goettee
Rebecca Olson
Dan Blower**

Others in Attendance:

**David Rayburn
Tom Barth
Steve Vaughn
David Kraft
Bill Knee
Tom Walsh
Stephanie Pratt
Chris Flanigan
Imran Inamdar
Keara Sauber
Mike Kutsak
Bryan Breslov
Mike Mollenhauer
Mike Joyce
Rob Discristoforo
Tom Yager
Ed Watt
Julie Perrot
Elisa Braver
Charlie Vits
Shawn Allen
Rafael Marshall
Jennifer Lincoln
Robin Gillespie**

**Greg Ferrara
Olu Ajayi
Daniel Filiatrault
Deborah Bruce
Jana Price
Betsy Benkowski
Bill Bannister
Allen Parrish
Beau Elliott
Matt Camden
Jeff Muttart
Bob Kreeb
Greg Fitch
Norm Lindgren
Geni Bahar
Cem Hatipoglu
Luke Brennen
Henry Jasný
David Madsen
Cynthia Robinson
Damon Tofte
Robert Clarke**

OPENING DISCUSSION

At 1:30 pm, Joel Ticatch called the meeting to order, welcomed members and guests, and opened the floor for self-introductions. A sign in sheet and copies of committee sponsored events for the annual meeting were passed around to members and others in attendance.

2010 PAPER SUBMISSIONS

Joel discussed important points to consider when writing papers for submission at TRB:

- Topics should make contributions to research
- Papers must be well organized, well written, and well edited
- Authors should be thorough in literature reviews
- Authors must use statistics appropriately

Some best papers will be presented at the Truck and Bus Safety Research poster session Wednesday morning from 9:30am to 12:00pm. A small number will be published in the journal later this year. Some reviewers still need to go back and re-review (final review) some papers. This will need to be done by February 4th.

Ron Knipling suggested that an award for best paper be nominated. Members interested in being a part of this procedure should contact Ron directly.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Young Members category is now defined as those 35 years of age or under at time of appointment. Currently there are two young member positions available. Please let Rebecca Brewster know of any potentially interested individuals for these positions.

ANB70 COMMITTEE WEBSITE

The committee website is being constantly updated with new events, handouts, and other information that members may find useful. If anyone has any suggestions for modifications or improvements, please contact Brenda Lantz or Andy Schaudt. Also, stay tuned for a new ANB70 LinkedIn site coming soon. This will allow for easier posting of links and communication within the committee membership.

FMCSA UPDATES

The next point of order in the meeting was to hear from the two Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) committee members. The first to report was Martin Walker, who highlighted key projects recently completed (see the FMCSA Research Handout attached to these minutes [*FMCSA Handout_January 2011.pdf*]).

The next FMCSA delegate to report was Deborah Freund from the Office of Policy. For further detailed information on policy issues, please visit <http://www.federalregister.gov> or www.gpo.gov/fdsys (or contact Deborah directly).

NHTSA REPORT

George Soodoo from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) provided a summary of proposed NHTSA rulemaking. For further details, see the NHTSA Handout attached to these minutes (*NHTSA Handout_January 2011.pdf*).

NTSB ACTIVITIES

Barbara Czech, Deputy Director, Investigations, Office of Highway Safety, National Transportation Safety Board, gave an update on recent truck and bus accident investigations. For further details, see the NTSB Handout attached to these minutes (*NTSB Handout_January 2011.pdf*).

SUBCOMMITTEE/TASK FORCE REPORTS

Brief reports from a representative of each subcommittee were provided. For further information regarding these reports, contact the appropriate representative for the following subcommittees:

- **Motorcoach Safety Organizational Subcommittee** – Norm Littler
- **Truck and Bus Data Subcommittee** – Brenda Lantz
- **Alternative Compliance Subcommittee** – Gene Bergoffen
 - This year's subcommittee meeting will contain updates on all related activities which include projects from Australia, USA-ATRI, Canadian PIC, and FMCSA. The most immediate goal of the subcommittee is to update the synthesis relating to ongoing programs. Assignments will be made for program monitoring and updates. (*Alternative Compliance Report_January 2011.pdf*)
- **Truck and Bus Operator Health and Wellness Subcommittee** – Gerald Krueger
 - This subcommittee met and covered many topics and presentations. Please see slides attached (*Health Wellness Report_January 2011.pdf*)

RESEARCH NEEDS STATEMENTS

The committee has various Research Needs Statements up on TRB's website. In addition, Roger Clarke has assigned a few new statements to members for review. According to TRB procedures, the committee will need to revalidate these statements every 3 years or they will be automatically removed.

COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

Just as many other TRB committees have recently done, ANB70 has appointed a communications coordinator. The communications coordinator will be Rebecca Olson from the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute. In this role, she will continue to make changes and additions to our current website as needed, and investigate new avenues for committee communications and outreach.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PRESENTATIONS

Towards a Strategy to Address Human Errors in the Motor Carrier Industry in Canada – Pierre Thiffault, Transport Canada (*Thiffault_Human Error_January 2011.pdf*)

Heavy Vehicle Stability Control: NHTSA Policy Issues – George Soodoo, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (*Soodoo_HV Stability_January 2011.pdf*)

Update on the North America Fatigue Management Program – Rebecca Brewster, American Transportation Research Institute

Hours of Service: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking – Thomas Yager, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Measuring Safety Culture in Large Truck Companies – David Melton, Liberty Mutual Research Institute for Safety (*Melton_Safety Attitudes_January 2011.pdf*)

TRB Synthesis Projects on Driver Selection and Risk Avoidance – Ronald Knipling, Traffic Safety and Human Factors (*Knipling_Synthesis Projects_January 2011.pdf*)

Adjournment @ 5:30pm