

TRB COMMITTEE ON TRUCK & BUS SAFETY (ANB70)
MID-YEAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 30, 2013
9:00 AM – 12:30 PM Eastern

Attendees

Brenda Lantz, Chair	Mike Belzer
Erin Mabry, Secretary	Matthew Cahill
Bernardo Kleiner, TRB Staff	Jeff Hickman
Dan Murray	Gene Bergoffen
Ron Knipling	Tom Weakley
Joel Ticatch	Tom Yager
George Soodoo	Steve Vaughn
Abigail Morgan	Kun-Feng Wu
Steve Keppler	Charles Corder
Steven Smith	Jonas Brandt
Jeff Burns	Debbie Freund
Sal Hernandez	Karl Sieber

Agenda/Discussion

1. **Welcome & Introductions – All**
2. **Review of Annual Meeting 2013 Notes – Erin Mabry**
 - a. Posted at: <http://www.ugpti.org/trb/truckandbus/meetings/>
 - b. Reminder of **Action Item**: Gene Bergoffen, Pierre Thiffault, and Bob Scopatz volunteered to put a working group together to discuss an attempt to generate paper review guidelines that are specific to ANB70.
3. **Paper Review Summary and Discussion**
 - a. 2013 Papers Summary – Bob Scopatz and Brenda Lantz
 - i. 19 papers – 1 recommended for publication, 10 for re-review, and 14 for presentation (poster)
 - b. 2012 Awards – Bob Scopatz, Jerry Krueger, and Jeff Hickman
 - i. ANB70 Paper Award to: 13-1278: Investigating the Effect of Burnout on Accident Involvement in Occupational Drivers, by Yi-Shih Chung and Hui-Ling Wu
 - ii. **Action Item**: Bernardo Kleiner to create a paper award certificate to present at TRB meeting.
 - iii. **Action Item**: Brenda Lantz to circulate paper to Committee, once Bernardo checks on approval.

4. **Committee Membership**

- a. Welcome to new members – Brenda Lantz
 - i. Erin Mabry – Virginia Tech Transportation Institute
 - ii. John Woodrooffe – UMTRI
 - iii. Dan Murray – ATRI
 - iv. Sean McAlister – Orca Road Safety Consultants
 - v. Tom Yager – FMCSA
 - vi. Ian Noy – Liberty Mutual Research Institute for Safety
 - vii. Steve Smith – FMCSA
 - viii. Steve Vaughn – SJV Consulting
 - ix. Kun-Feng Wu – National Chiao Tung University
 - x. Brian Taylor – Intelligent Imaging Systems
 - xi. George Reagle – George L. Reagle and Associates
 - xii. Charles Corder – Coach USA & MegaBus
 - xiii. Jonas Brandt – SP Technical Research Institute of Sweden
 - 1. Currently we have 25 members, 5 international members, and 3 young members.
 - 2. **Action Item:** There is room for one (1) more young member (35 or younger), nominations welcome!

5. **Committee Communications – Brenda Lantz**

- a. Website / Communications Coordination
- b. Primary means of communication include email and website
- c. There is space and opportunity for subcommittees to post on the website.
- d. Ideas and suggestions for website welcome! Please send to Brenda and/or Erin.

6. **FMCSA Reports**

- a. Safety Research Initiatives – Steve Smith
 - i. FMCSA Forum at TRB meeting, 1/14, 8am-noon, Sessions 481 and 532
 - ii. Several reports out recently
 - iii. DOT research HUB - current projects - <http://ntlsearch.bts.gov/researchhub/index.do>
 - iv. Crash causation study is still in planning stages - input welcome
- b. Policy and Rulemaking Initiatives – Tom Yager
 - i. <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/rules-regulations/rules-regulations.htm>

- ii. Regulations are slow to pass. Two rules near final stages:
 - 1) ELD anticipated end of the year and 2) CDL drug and alcohol database/clearinghouse.
- iii. Unified Registration System.
- iv. Dan Murray asked about the ENS project, and Tom said that this is still in the queue.

7. NHTSA Report – George Soodoo and Abby Morgan

- a. PowerPoint - TRB_NHTSA Status Report_OCT2013_v2.pptx
- b. Abby highlighted the crash avoidance projects.
- c. Charles Corder noted a motor coach project.
- d. Steve Keppler inquired about the speed limiter rule update.

8. NTSB Report – Barbara Czech was not available for this meeting.

9. CVSA Report – Steve Keppler

- a. Update from the CVSA Sept. annual meeting
- b. New president and secretary - Capt. Jay Thompson of the Arkansas Highway Police is CVSA Secretary; Capt. William "Bill" Reese of the Idaho State Police is CVSA Vice President; and Sgt. Tom Fuller of the New York State Police is CVSA President.
- c. Policy-49 action items
- d. E-log devices, educational product training, working with Canada for cross border standards
- e. Due process issues and citations-committee approved process on how to address. Working with FMCSA on this
- f. Driver disqualifications, decision to go out for vote, recommendation for disqualification only if safety based disqualification
- g. Electronic documents and compliance, credential items, medical cards
- h. Truck size and weight changes, field study, 8000 inspections collected, inspections and safety
- i. Enforcement disparity
- j. Driver fatigue, working with FMCSA to encourage current regulations, make more objective.-FMCSA open solicitation grant, due Nov. 15
- k. Alternative compliance pilot program –need academic component, ensuring design of program is sound
- l. Crash causation discussion-single vs. multiple cars, preventable vs. responsibility; important from insurance perspective too

10. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Truck and Bus Operator Health and Wellness – Jeff Hickman

- i. 8-9:45am Monday at TRB
 - ii. Two (2) presentations lined up - Telehealth, health monitoring (Betty Couture), and a carrier-driven H&W program case study (Erin Mabry).
 - iii. Jeff is looking for feedback from the committee on priorities.
- b. Truck and Bus Safety Data Needs – Bob Scopatz
 - i. Student presentations on research.
- c. Motorcoach Safety – Norm Littler
 - i. Replacement chair position to fill, send any TRB presentation ideas to Brenda.
- d. Alternative Compliance – Gene Bergoffen
 - i. Next steps: pilot test, Steve Keppler, Dan Murray, what is an appropriate pilot test and where would it go? Close work with FMCSA.
- e. Technology – George Reagle
 - i. Starting to put the committee together. Thus far, have John Woodrooffe (UMTRI), Ted Scott (ATA), Cem Hatipoglu (FMCSA), Karlyn Stanley (Rand) who is an expert on data privacy, Ann Wilson (MEMA), and Peter Kissinger (AAA Safety Foundation). Still working on representatives from CVSA, ABA, EMA, and NHTSA.
 - ii. Would like about 10 to 12 folks, and plan to have a conference call next month to write a broad charter and pick 2 to 3 priorities where we can get some results. Will then use the Jan (TRB) meeting to add specificity to those priorities and set dates etc.
 - iii. If the group has any thoughts/issues, would certainly appreciate input.
- f. Driver Training – Tom Weakley
 - i. Lots of info out and available, committee volunteers needed
- g. Mike Belzer suggested a possible new Economic Subcommittee
 - i. Add to the agenda to discuss more at the Annual Meeting

11. Research Coordination/Needs Statements – Ron Knipling

- a. PowerPoint - e ANB70 RNS Pres 10-30-13 v2.ppt
- b. Can search on TRB website (<http://rns.trb.org/>)
- c. RNS should state what/why/how
- d. There are five (5) new RNS
- e. Connect with universities who can put these RNS into action

- f. Idea for a possible joint long-term critical needs definition / research strategy meeting with FMCSA? – Gene Bergoffen
 - i. Relevance of RNS is a concern, interact with FMCSA, academic approach to FMCSA needs
 - ii. TRB meeting – suggest an overview by Steve smith, research needs and strategic plan

12. 2014 Annual Meeting Activities and Plans – All

- a. Sessions/workshops begin Sunday, sessions all day, every day, see TRB schedule for details
 - i. Committee and Subcommittee meetings
 - ii. FMCSA sessions and Poster session
 - iii. Truck & Bus Safety - Key Research - Past, Present, and Future Session
- b. Idea for Association briefings / potential research needs at Committee meeting? ATA, OOIDA, ABA, UMA, others? – Steve Keppler
 - i. The committee agreed this was a good idea.

13. Roundtable discussion – All

- a. Recent research projects / topics of interest

14. Additional Business – All

15. Announcements – All

- a. Reminder of the move in 2015 to the Convention Center for the Annual Meeting

16. Adjournment