



## **Northeast Bridge Preservation Partnership**

**Holiday Inn by the Bay – Portland, Maine  
25 September 2013**

### *2013 Business Meeting Minutes*

#### **Wednesday, 25 September 2013**

The business meeting was called to order with **Mr. Pete Weykamp (Retired New York State DOT)**, NEBPP Chair, recognizing the delegates and thanking them for their participation.

#### **Minutes**

**Mr. Weykamp** asked whether any board member had additions or changes to the minutes from the 2012 Annual Meeting. There were no changes and the minutes were adopted.

#### **AASHTO Subcommittee on Maintenance (SCOM)**

**Mr. Weykamp** gave a summary of the SCOM Meeting in Burlington, Vermont, noting that for the first time, all four TSP-2 partnership chairs were present. He felt that this would be an excellent precedent as it would generate continuity within TSP-2 and SCOM, a part of TSP-2's parent organization. **Mr.**

**Weykamp** also outlined initiatives being undertaken by the SCOM and its Bridge Technical Working Group (BTWG). The intent was to cross-link these initiatives with the activities of the TSP-2 Partnerships. The BTWG also submitted a resolution officially linking SCOM and TSP-2. AASHTO's Subcommittee on Bridges and Structures (SCOBS) and its Technical Committee on Bridge Preservation (T-9) indicated support for this or a similar initiative.

**Mr. Weykamp** also thanked the recorders and facilitators from the National Center for Pavement Preservation (NCPP), **Mses. Darlene Lane** and **Lisa Farley**, and **Messrs. Ed Welch** and **Aaron Algrim**. He mentioned that he was the acting chair pending the election of a new chair. The group was at the end of a three-year cycle when the entire board was to be rotated out and a new board elected.

#### **Election of Officers**

**Mr. Weykamp** told the Board that **Mr. Dave Fish (Rhode Island DOT)** preferred to remain as Vice-Chair for the coming year instead of rotating to the Chair. **Mr. Weykamp** also mentioned that **Mr. Richard Van Allen (Connecticut DOT)** wished to remain on the Board.

**Mr. Fish** nominated **Mr. Van Allen** for the position of Chair. **Mr. Fish** also seconded the nomination which was approved unanimously.

**Mr. Fish** was retained as Vice-Chair without objection.

**Mr. Mike Stenko (Transpo Industries)** nominated **Mr. Thomas Pechillo (Collins Engineers)** as Industry Representative. **Mr. John Buxton (Maine DOT)** seconded the nomination which was approved without dissent.

**Mr. Van Allen** nominated **Mr. Tony McCloskey (Pennsylvania DOT)** as Secretary. **Mr. Stenko** seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

**Mr. Richard Dunne (New Jersey DOT)** nominated **Mr. Stenko** as Industry Organization Director. **Mr. Pechillo** seconded the motion which was approved without objection.

**Mr. Dunne** was approved as Local Agency Director. He will promote further involvement with counties, cities and towns.

**Mr. Dennis O'Shea (FHWA)** was approved as Ex-Officio FHWA Regional Representative.

**Dr. Tripp Shenton (University of Delaware)** was approved to continue as Academic Director.

**Mr. McCloskey** nominated **Mr. Rod Thornton (Maryland SHA)** as Director. **Mr. Van Allen** seconded the motion which was approved without objection.

**Mr. Weykamp** rotated to become the Ex-Officio Past Chair.

### **Industry Participation**

The industry members held independent / concurrent one-hour meetings during the State Round Table Sessions to develop an industry group to support the TSP-2 Bridge initiative. They intended to organize and establish by-laws which would allow them to speak with a single voice and support specific initiatives, such as lobbying and research. The industry members had already suggested meeting improvements such as co-presenting case studies with the states.

### **Future Meeting Dates and Locations**

Following are dates and locations for future meetings.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Location</b>
2014-01-(12-16)	Transportation Research Board (TRB)	Washington, D.C.
2014-04-(21-25)	National Bridge Preservation Conference <sup>1</sup>	Orlando, Florida
2014-07	Subcommittee on Maintenance (SASHTO)	Charleston, West Virginia
2014-06-(22-26)	Subcommittee on Bridges and Structures	Columbus, Ohio

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<sup>1</sup> The bridge preservation partnerships will not hold their normal regional partnership meetings in 2014

2015-07	Subcommittee on Maintenance (MASHTO) <sup>2</sup>	Des Moines, Iowa
2015-09	NEBPP Annual Meeting	New Hampshire
2016	NEBPP Annual Meeting	Pennsylvania
2016-07	Subcommittee on Maintenance (WASHTO)	Omaha, Nebraska
2017	NEBPP Annual Meeting	Maryland
2017-07	Subcommittee on Maintenance	Rhode Island
2018	National Bridge Preservation Conference	To be determined
2018-07	Subcommittee on Maintenance	North Carolina
2019-07	Subcommittee on Maintenance	Michigan

The group was encouraged to promptly add these bridge preservation meetings to their calendars.

**Mr. Ed Welch (NCP)** noted that hosting an NEBPP Meeting can be of great benefit to the hosting state. Many attendees from the hosting state who would not normally be permitted to attend this type of meeting with regional counterpart networking could attend at reduced or free registration as a result of the “Services in Kind” their state provides for the meeting.

**National Conference**

Following are features of the 2014 National Bridge Preservation Conference to be held in Orlando, Florida.

- There will be more than 30 technical presentations,
- Panel discussions and workshops will be incorporated into three concurrent sessions,
- There will be approximately 20 vendor demonstrations outside on-site, and 5-6 inside demonstrations, all running concurrently,
- Regions should consider sponsoring additional attendees to best use this opportunity, and
- There will be additional meetings and break-out sessions.
- Vendors will be allowed 4 representatives.
- State agencies will be allowed 2 representatives.

**2013 NEBPP Meeting Feedback**

There was general agreement that the Peer Exchange tables were beneficial. There was also further discussion about how to take full advantage of them and the presentations.

**Treasurer’s Report**

**Mr. Van Allen** reported that the NEBPP’s balance prior to the meeting was \$26,767.52

Some funding will be used for the University of Delaware Joint Research Project to finance research being undertaken by Micah Milner, a graduate student working under the supervision of **Dr. Tripp Shenton, Professor of Engineering**.

**Mr. Weykamp** encouraged the Partnership to sponsor further research, citing that activity as an excellent use of funds that would benefit the entire Partnership.

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<sup>2</sup> Joint TRB Meeting

It was also mentioned that local agencies and states were doing similar small research projects and that those projects should be documented and shared within the Partnership.

### **Working Groups**

The Partnership made the following decisions:

1. **Deck Overlays & Protection** – Membranes be added to the working group's list of topics.
2. **Deck Joint Repair** – This group will be retained and deal with pending research.
3. **Beam End Treatments** – This group will be disbanded after posting its deliverables on the TSP website.
4. **Bridge Washing** – This group will be disbanded after posting its deliverables on the TSP website.
5. **Corrosion Protection / Mitigation** – This group will be retained.
6. **Maintenance Friendly Design Details** – This group will be retained.

**Mr. Weykamp** told the group that the recommendations of the peer exchanges held during this meeting will be used to refocus the related working groups during the next regular NEBPP teleconference. He also mentioned that research projects need to go through an extensive approval process and he noted that several bridge preservation research projects were currently underway.

### **Other Business**

The following items were discussed:

- **Mr. Weykamp** told the group that 31 national members and 6 regional members attended the 2013 NEBPP conference.
- The TSP2 program received voluntary contributions from forty of the fifty states last year.
- Videos and power point presentations including Q&A's of the conference will be posted on the TSP2 website.
- The New York State DOT will continue to sponsor a demonstration / exposition at a community college.
- **Mr. McCloskey** mentioned that the Executive Development Program held last year in Pennsylvania was a success.
- The Bridge Preservation Design Group is to be reactivated under the chairmanship of **Mr. Pechillo**.
- **Mr. Van Allen** advised the states by e-mail of the formation of a national FHWA panel for Bridge Strengthening Techniques.

### **Concluding Remarks**

Mr. Weykamp reiterated his thanks to the host state representative, **Mr. Buxton**, and to the NCPP's **Mses. Darlene Lane** and **Lisa Farley**, and **Messrs. Ed Welch** and **Aaron Algrim**.

Finally, as he stepped down, **Mr. Weykamp** shared some of his personal feelings with the group. He had few regrets, but said he would miss the crews, the late night talks, and discussions of the various philosophies of bridge preservation. He regretted the bridges that "he had burned" and looked forward with keen anticipation to continuing as the "Has-Been Chair". He said he was looking forward to new ideas, and being able to say, "It's not my problem." ☺

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 am.