



Southeast Bridge Preservation Partnership

**Renaissance Montgomery Hotel
Montgomery, Alabama
13-15 April 2015**

2015 Business Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 15 April 2015

1. Industry Elections

Vice Chair, Industry

J.R. Barden of Watson Bowman was reelected.

Industry Directors

- 1) **Aaron Immel** of Volkert, Inc.
- 2) **Lee Tanase** of Bentley/Inspect Tech replaces Jeremy Shafer.
- 3) **Ron Mondor** of Termarust.

2. State Agency Elections

Directors

1. **Lee Floyd** (South Carolina), nominated by Eric Christie (Alabama) and seconded by Richard Kerr (Florida), was approved by unanimous vote.
2. **Graham Bettis** (Texas) was nominated and unanimously approved.

Officers

1. **Secretary/Treasurer**

Lee Floyd, nominated by Eric Christie and seconded by Richard Kerr, was unanimously elected Secretary/Treasurer.

2. State Agency Vice-Chair

Dan Muller (North Carolina), nominated by Richard Kerr and seconded by Jeff Milton, was unanimously elected Vice Chair.

3. Chair

Jeff Milton, nominated Andy Doyle (Georgia) and seconded by Dan Muller, was unanimously elected Chair.

3. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer reported a current balance of **\$47,128.00**. The report noted that:

- Several motions had been made throughout the year to obligate funds for various meetings, and
- The treasury could possibly support a research project if a suitable need could be established.

4. Future Meetings

The following future meetings were noted:

- WBPP – Portland, Oregon in May 2015
- SCOM – July 18-24, 2015]
- SCOBS – April 2015
- NEBPP – September, 2015
- SEBPP – Texas, 2016
- National Bridge Preservation Meeting – Nevada 2018
- TRB – January, 2016

5. Local Agency Involvement

- **Andy Doyle** noted that the partnership should to continue to find ways to encourage local agency participation.
- **Eric Christie** recommended allocating a specific number of free registrations and begin obtaining commitments.
- **Dick Dunne** suggested that more outreach to toll authorities was warranted.

6. Development of Work Plan and Working Groups

Three needs identified from the Peer Exchange were repeatedly mentioned:

- Deck preservation strategies for fatigue-induced deterioration,
- Regional guidance on deck sealers, and
- Communicating the value and benefits of bridge preservation.

It was noted that there was a new NHI training module available to develop strategies for communicating the value and benefits of bridge preservation.

Dick Dunne mentioned that the panel for NCHRP 742 should coordinate with TSP•2 regarding the implementation plan and possibly have the panel present its

work at the next meeting. Such a presentation could provide an excellent foundation for a subsequent panel discussion.

7. SEBPP Participation

- SEBPP continues to enjoy excellent participation with 32 national and 12 regional industry members attending.
- Regarding state voluntary contributions, SEBPP is 2 states (Puerto Rico and Louisiana) away from 100% making their contribution.
- 36 of 52 agencies have paid nationally

8. New Business

- An initiative to pursue a research project should be pursued once a good topic can be agreed upon.
- SEBPP Officers will attend the SCOM National Meeting.
- **Dick Dunne** noted that the round table meetings were very valuable to industry members.
- Industry members intend to better organize and have monthly meetings to enable SEBPP teleconferences to be more productive.
- Texas noted that an online resource was needed to locate state specifications, plans, and estimates.
- **Dick Dunne** reiterated the benefit that could be realized if states could develop plans and specifications in a more uniform fashion.

9. Adjournment