



## Western Bridge Preservation Partnership

Red Lion Hotel on the River – Portland, Oregon  
18-20 May 2015

### *2015 Business Meeting Minutes*

#### **Tuesday, 19 May 2015**

The meeting started at 4:30 p.m. with self-introductions, followed by the Chairman **Chris Keegan (Washington State DOT)** reviewing the current list of officers and directors.

#### **Officers**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>
Chris Keegan	Chair (State Rep)
Mike Johnson	Vice-Chair (State Rep)
Gregg Freeman	Vice-Chair (Industry)
Bert Hartman	Secretary / Treasurer (State Rep)

#### **Directors**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Representation</b>
Gregg Freeman	Kwik Bond Polymers	Industry Organization Director
Bert Hartman	Oregon DOT	State Agency Director
George Hearn	University of Colorado	Academic Director
Mike Johnson	California DOT	State Agency Director
Chris Keegan	Washington State DOT	State Agency Director
Travis Kinney	Oregon DOT	State Agency Director at Large
Mike Shepard	Marion County, Oregon	Local Agency Director
Joshua Sletten	Utah State DOT	State Agency Director at Large
Debbie Steiger	Watson Bowman Acme Corp.	At-large Director
Vacant		Industry Organization Director

#### **Ex-Officio**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Representation</b>
Chris Long	FHWA – California Division	Regional Representative
Debbie Lehmann	FHWA – Washington Division	Regional Representative

The partnership decided to continue with the current officers, except that the FHWA Director **Domingo Galicinao** was replaced by **Chris Long** and **Debbie Lehmann**, who will share the Directorship for FHWA. **Chris Keegan** stated that seven years was enough and that 2015 would definitely be his last year as chairman.

### **Future Annual Meetings**

The 2016 meeting will be in Salt Lake City, Utah and polo shirts will be ordered for the state representatives. The 2017 meeting will be in Denver, Colorado.

### **Meeting Participation**

The partnership paid a series of \$300.00 registration fees per delegate to allow additional attendees from the Oregon and Washington DOTs, and three representatives from Local Agencies to attend the meeting. Industry had made this possible through their registration fees. Industry would also like more bridge owners to attend partnership meetings and had asked if there was a way they could help to fund this effort. The U.S. Forest Service and the National Park Service would also like to participate. There may be a way to allow their participation through additional contributions paid to AASHTO. The Partnership will pay for **Chris Keegan** and **Travis Kinney (Oregon DOT)** to attend the upcoming AASHTO Subcommittee on Maintenance (SCOM) meeting scheduled for July, 2015 in Des Moines, Iowa.

**Mike Johnson (California DOT)** will attend a meeting of TRB Committee AHD-37.

This annual meeting of the WBPP attracted 32 National and 5 Regional Industry Representatives. Advance registration was received from 108 attendees and there were some late registrations. As of the date of the meeting, 11 states had made AASHTO voluntary TSP•2 contributions of \$20,000, from which one half was allocated to the WBPP. Last year (2014), 44 of 51 state highway agencies made voluntary contributions, a participation rate that was consistent with the rate for other partnerships. This year, the participation rate has been 43/51, although some payments may still be made. The Partnership's revenues for this meeting should be adequate to cover the expenses.

The attendees gratefully acknowledged the support provided by the NCPP, which sent **Ed Welch**, **Darlene Lane**, **John Hooks**, and **Aaron Algrim (NCPP)** to facilitate the meeting. **Aaron Algrim** taped the meeting and **John Hooks** assembled the virtual demonstrations. The monthly phone calls had also generated good discussions, while staying within the one-hour time allocation.

### **Treasurer's Report (Event Income and Expenses)**

**Bert Hartman** reported the following financial summary for the WBPP Meeting.

<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>\$32,007.42</b>
<b>Revenues</b>	
2014 Meeting Net Income	\$10,440.69
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$10,440.69</b>

**Expenses**

2014 SCOM Travel (Keegan)	\$1,410.74
2014 Nat Bridge Travel (Leggett)	\$1,643.49
2014 Nat Bridge Travel (Hearn)	\$1,243.52
Total Expenses	\$4,297.75

**Closing Balance****\$38,150.36****New Business**

**Mike Johnson** asked for an endorsement of a concept for a product website. There would be costs, which have yet to be developed. The intent is to start with bridge decks (since the WBPP has already developed a deck matrix) and expand to other items. The WBPP voted to endorse this concept.

Both the Deck Committee and Joint Committee have now been expanded nationwide. The WBPP is continuing to develop the Activities Matrix.

**George Hearn (University of Colorado)** is looking for state contacts who can support the research effort. **Chris Keegan** will call states that do not have a volunteer. The desire is to have a list of completed research and also a list of research that is underway that is related to bridge preservation. **George Hearn** then went through the website for research, including the link that is provided for each state. **John Hooks** shared the Research Roadmap (2015 AASHTO) that is on the NCPP website. There are 25 topics, and links to 1,800 research projects. About 600 of these projects are bridge-related. The bridge category has 10 sub categories. There is a search function. Information is still being collected, and there is interest to keep the information current.

**Josh Sletten (Utah DOT)** has an asset management plan for Utah's state bridges. None of the other states are that far along. The WBPP may want to have a working group that is related to bridge asset management plans. One idea was to have a phone call every two months. **Chris Long (FHWA)** provided lists of individuals who have contributed to asset management plans. The asset management section on the FHWA website has example plans and contacts for states.

**Adjournment**

**Chris Keegan** thanked the Committee Chairs, after which he adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.