

DRAFT MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Transportation Research Board Committee A3B08 User Information Systems
Harding Room, Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, DC

Wednesday, January 10, 2001

2:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Philip Garvey, Pennsylvania Transportation Institute, chair

Gary Thomas, Iowa State University, note taker

Steven Levine, Transcore

Richard van der Horst, TNO Human Factors Research Institute

C.Y. David Yang, Bucher-Willis-Ratliff

Helmut Zwahlen, Ohio University

Joe Moyer, FHWA

Bill Crandall, Smith-Kettlewell

Jeff Caird, University of Calgary

Sue Chrysler, 3M

Kevin Balke, Texas Transportation Institute

Action Items in Bold Italics

I. Call To Order (2:35 p.m.)

A Self Introductions were made.

B Attendance roster was circulated.

C No quorum, therefore minutes from previous meeting were not approved.

II. TRB Staff Report

Rick Pain reported that approximately 1,780 papers were submitted for consideration this year. About 71% of those papers were submitted electronically. TRB is strongly encouraging electronic submittal for the 2002 meeting with a goal of 95%. Rick briefly discussed the "Traffic Safety on Three Continents" meeting to be held in Moscow, Russia on September 19-21, 2001. Abstract submittal required at this time. TRB also welcomed three new sponsors to this year's meeting: Federal Motor Carriers Association, NASA, and GM. Also new for this year's meeting are LCD projectors in every session room.

III. Committee Activities in 2000

A. Mid-Year Meeting

Mid-year meeting was held in San Diego on July 30, 2000. Attendance was very low (only 2).

B. TRB Paper Review

14 submissions to A3B08 committee, 13 of which were electronic

C. Visibility Symposium

2000 Symposium was well attended. Helmut Zwahlen discussed the 2002 Visibility Symposium to be held June 2-4, 2002 at the University of Iowa, Iowa City. It is expected that the NADS (driving simulator) will be on-line by then. A draft Call for Papers was circulated to the committee. ***Phil will send out the draft Call for Papers to the entire committee via the list-serve. Comments should be made within a short time frame.***

D. TRR Circulars

1. Role of Commercial Signs in Wayfinding

This circular is scheduled for publication in the first quarter of 2000. It will be published both in hard copy and electronically. Title: "The Role of Private Signing to Traveler, Navigation, and Wayfinding"

2. ATIS International

These two circulars are still being worked on by our ATIS subcommittee.

IV. Committee Activities in 2001

A. TRB Paper Review

Gary Thomas volunteered to coordinate the paper review process for the 2002 Annual Meeting. Gary will work with C.Y. David Yang on breaking out papers specifically dealing with ATIS issues for our subcommittee to review.

B. Committee Newsletter

The committee briefly discussed the idea of a committee newsletter. It was decided that we would not pursue our own newsletter at this time. ***Phil Garvey said that he would see about adding committee members to the electronic mailing list for the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society (HFES) Surface Transportation Technical Group newsletter.***

C. Mid-Year Meeting

Phil Garvey will suggest locations for the 2001 Mid-year meeting via the committee list-serve.

V. Other Business

A. 2001 Human Factors Workshop

Joe Moyer attended this year's workshop and summarized the sessions he attended.

B. FHWA's "International Human Factors Highway Guideline for Road Systems"

Richard van der Horst reported that 60 people attended the workshop on Saturday. They are currently planning to have another in Europe in either June or September.

C. Subcommittee Reports

1. 3D Applications Subcommittee

This subcommittee is being renamed the Visualization Subcommittee. Rick Pain reported that the next Visualization in Transportation conference will be held April 21-25, 2002 in Snowbird, Utah. A draft Call for Papers is expected in February.

2. ATIS Subcommittee

C.Y. David Yang reported that the subcommittee met Wednesday morning and there were 22 people in attendance. They are planning to have a joint meeting with the ITS-A ATIS subcommittee at TRB next year. They are setting up a list-serve for their members. They are also planning to compile a list of ATIS references for the subcommittee's web site. They may possibly sponsor a conference session at the 2002 Annual Meeting.

D. Announcements of Interest

1. Human Factors and Ergonomic Society Annual Meeting
October 8-12, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Abstract deadline is March 19
2. Traffic Safety on Three Continents (see II)
3. International Driving Symposium
August 14-17, 2001, Aspen, Colorado. More info: www.driving-symposium.org

E. Presentations

- 1 FHWA Research Activities
Joe Moyer discussed the research activities at the FHWA's Human Centered Systems Group.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.