

TUG 2004: Mobile Alabama Minutes of Business Meeting October 15, 2004

Business Meeting

The TUG Chair David Bollie called the meeting to order at 3:31 pm.

Official Roll Call of Agencies

Member	Representative
Alabama	Susan Powe-Proxy
Arkansas	Bill Bradberry
Colorado	Paul Neumann
Connecticut	Joe Bouchey
Florida	Juanita Moore
Indiana	Mike Jenkins
Iowa	Roger Bierbaum
Kansas	Dennis Brecheisen-Proxy
Kentucky	Bob Lewis
Louisiana	Wayne Weick
Maine	Pat Brown
Maryland	Andrea Spriggs-Proxy
Michigan	Loren Lemmen
Minnesota	Gus Wagner-Proxy
Mississippi	Bryant House-Proxy
Missouri	Lisa Mueller
Montana	Lisa Durbin
Nebraska	Shirley Daugherty
New Brunswick	Melanie Douglas-Proxy
New Jersey	Joseph Weber
New Mexico	Pablo Griego
New York	Mike Arthur
Ohio	Jeff Hisem
Oregon	Kim Hunn-Basl-Proxy
South Carolina	Tim Lindburg
Tennessee	Brandon Crowley
Texas	David Debo
Vermont	Mike Fowler-Proxy
Virginia	Janet Weigland-Proxy
Wisconsin	David Castleberg
Wyoming	Ken Spear

There being 31 of 41 members present, a quorum was declared.

A motion to approve the minutes from the 2003 TUG Business Meeting in Burlington VT, September 10, 2003 as distributed to the TUG User Reps prior to the business meeting was made by Bob Lewis and second by Mike Fowler. No Discussion. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the 2003 TUG Treasurer's Report as presented by Secretary-Treasurer David Castleberg was made by Pablo Griego, second by Roger Bierbaum. No discussion. The motion carried.

Ballot Item Discussion:

Proposal Thru Award TAG as presented by Juanita Moore

Endorsed the following ballot items: See Proposal Thru Award TAG meeting minutes.

Removed the following ballot items: 3648, 4620, 5618, and 6578

Introduced new ballot item: Requested to add TMR 7617 to the ballot.

Motion to accept the new ballot item by Mike Fowler, second by David Debo. Discussion: Roger Bierbaum noted that if the state wanted it sooner they could pay for the enhancement themselves. One Nay vote. Motion carried.

Materials TAG as presented by Denis Glascock

Introduced new ballot items: See Materials TAG meeting minutes.

Removed the following ballot item: 5986, 7159, 8045

Construction Management TAG

No ballot item discussion. See Construction Management TAG meeting minutes for details.

Cost Estimation TAG as presented by Debbie Wood, OHDOT:

Endorsed the following ballot items: See Cost Estimation TAG meeting minutes

Removed the following ballot items: 4114, 7433 removed from Major Enhancement category and added to Cost Estimation category.

Introduced the following new ballot item:

Add new ballot item (previously 7433) with modules affected changed to "Estimator only".

Motion to accept the new ballot item made by Bob Lewis, second by Ken spear. Discussion on how to drop an old ballot item and add back in with wording change. One Nay vote. Motion carried.

Contract Monitoring TAG

No ballot item discussion. See Contract Monitoring TAG meeting minutes for details.

Field Management TAG

No ballot item discussion. See Field Management TAG meeting minutes for details.

Information Technology TAG as presented by Mitch Hendricks

No ballot item discussion. See Information Technology TAG meeting minutes for details

New Ballot Items submitted from the floor

Vermont DOT proposed the following five (5) new ballot items:

- Item 8500 (expanded TMR 7155) - Add a maintain log for PES/LAS to track changes to items.

Motion to accept the item by Jeff Hisem, second by Andrea Spriggs. No discussion. Motion carried.

- Item 8501 – Increase the Federal/State project id field length.

Motion to accept the item by Mike Fowler, second by Lisa Durbin. No discussion. Motion carried.

- Item 8502 – Increase the field length for generic field PJSST2 on the PES General Tab.

Motion to accept the item by Susan Powe, second by Bob Lewis. Discussion centered on the use of a generic field and how that field carries through all modules. If a longer field is need, the request should be for a new longer field. The item was withdrawn by Vermont. No vote on motion.

- Item 8503 – Increase the Highway number field on the Category Tab for PES/LAS.

Motion to accept the item by Mike Fowler, second by Ken Spear. No discussion. Motion carried

- Item 8504 – Exclude certain categories when running the PES Generate Preliminary Detail Estimate report.

Motion to accept the item by Mike Fowler, second by Bob Lewis. Shirley Daugherty indicated that Nebraska has a work around for this and offered it up to any state. Motion carried.

New York DOT proposed the following enhancement item.

- TMR 5014 – Reintroduce old TMR 5014 to the ballot.

Motion to accept the item by Mike Jenkins, second by Mike Fowler. Mitch Hendricks, NEDOR asked if this enhancement should be an installation option and therefore the wording of the proposal should indicate. Further discussion resolved that the proposal does not need to indicate as such. Motion carried.

Resolutions:

Information Technology TAG proposed the following two (2) resolutions as presented by Mitch Hendricks:

Resolution 1: Support of “Next Generation” Trns•port technology

Whereas, the IT TAG endorses the solution suggested by InfoTech to move forward on development of a “Web Based” Trns•port, to ensure the products are evolving with current technological trends; not to replace any portion of the product suite but to evolve along side the current client server products.

Motion to accept the resolution by Gus Wagner, second by David Debo. Gus Wagner asked if the wording of the resolution should be changed from “Web Based” to “Next Generation”. Mike Jenkins said that it would not be necessary to change the wording since the intent was the same. Motion carried.

Resolution 2: Ensure that notification of dropped functionality for any product is given to all affected licensees.

Whereas the Trns•port User Group (TUG) is comprised of representatives of all licensees of the Trns•port modules available from AASHTO and

Whereas the licensees of the product perform functions diversely and uniquely within their respective agencies, and

Whereas the TUG advocates continuing enhancement and evolution of the product, with ongoing support for existing business practices,

We herby resolve that the TUG urges the Trns•port Task Force to ensure there is no loss of functionality in new releases until all affected parties have been notified and the impact of the lost functionality is thoroughly explored and addressed. Further, the TUG requests that more emphasis is placed on this issue by the respective Technical Review Teams.

Motion to accept the resolution by Jeff Hisem, second by Lisa Durbin. David Debo asked, by this resolution, how is notification to be made? Mitch indicated that is should be the quickest way possible to communicate to everyone. Turner Bond, MODOT said that this issue was discussed at the IT TAG and the TAG said that Web posting may not be enough communication. Susan Powe that the states would appreciate notification of these and other changes that affect users. Mike Jenkins thought that it might be a good idea to add some wording to the resolution referring to the product warranty. Motion carried.

Cost Estimation TAG proposed the following resolution as presented by Debbie Wood:

Whereas the Trns•port User Group (TUG) is comprised of representatives of all licensees of the Trns•port modules available from AASHTO, and

Whereas the TUG views one of its many responsibilities to be an advocate for the Trns•port products and a voice to the Trns•port Task Force regarding issues and actions that will be taken to further the form and function of the product, and

Whereas within the current list of Proposed Ballot Items a Trns•port Major & General Enhancement numbered 3427 has been identified and evaluated by a TMR Subgroup, and

Whereas the TMR Subgroup concluded this issue needs analysis to determine how the “Code Table Length Discrepancies” problem should best be approached and identify which areas of this issue are most critical to the users with the overall goal to potentially develop a more manageable scope,

We hereby resolve that the TUG requests the Trns•port Task Force undertake the necessary measures to ensure completion of the TMR Subgroup recommended analysis, and if practical, before the 2005 TUG Conference

Motion to accept the resolution by Jeff Hisem, second by Juanita Moore. No Discussion. Motion carried.

Member Issues

There were no member issues presented.

Invitation to TUG 2005

The Florida DOT extended an invitation to attend the 2005 TEA/TUG in Daytona Beach, FL. The conference dates are November 2 – 10, 2005 at the Adams Mark Daytona Beach Resort.

Offers to host TUG 2006

Maine offered to host the 2006 TUG in Portland, Maine.

With no other offers to host the 2006 TUG, Maine was accepted by a hand vote.

Election of Officers

Nominations were received for the position of Vice Chair: Joe Bouchey and David Castleberg were nominated. A motion to close the nominations was made by Roger Bierbaum, second by Shirley Daugherty; motion carried. David Castleberg was elected by secret ballot. A motion to destroy ballots was made Bob Lewis, second by Paul Neuman; motion carried.

Nominations were received for the position of Secretary Treasurer Brian Parnell (South Carolina) was nominated. A motion to close the nominations was made by Wayne Weick, second by Roger Bierbaum;

motion carried. There being only one nomination, Brian Parnell was elected by hand vote. 2005 TUG Board Members:

Chair: Jim Ferguson
Vice Chair: David Castleberg
Secretary Treasurer: Brian Parnell
Past Chair: David Bollie

Closing Business

Jim Ferguson recognized the efforts of David Bollie and the AL DOT group for an excellent conference.

Mike Jenkins motioned to adjourn, second by Kevin Fox; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:16 pm.