



ETKN Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2010
10:30 – 11:30 a.m. EST

PARTICIPANTS

Jane Minotti, New York State DOT
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Nomination of Officers

Lynn Matis is Chair for 2011. Officers needed for 2011 are Recording Secretary and Chair-Elect. All duties are listed under ETKN website bylaws. Please e-mail nominations to Jane by December 13, 2010.

Membership

New membership letter was approved at last meeting. An invitation was sent to Director of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Library but they declined membership. University of Arkansas has stated they will join ETKN.

Carol Paszamant has created a spreadsheet of potential organizations to invite. The list will be combined with Barbara Post's previous list. Jane suggested that we create a membership committee to coordinate this effort. Committee members include Betty, Lamara, and Carol.

NTKN

A poster will be presented on the National Transportation Knowledge Network at a TRB poster session on Monday, January 24th (see www.trb.org for details). Leni Oman is coordinating,

assisted by Regional Chairs and Amanda Wilson (RITA). Carol suggested that a handout be available for individuals to take to their groups. If they are interested in ETKN participation, they should return the form to us, and we would formally send the membership letter.

The Chairs of the regional TKN's met on November 9. Jane will send out the draft of the strategic plan for the National TKN, titled "Strategic Implementation Goals and Objectives for the National Transportation Network". Would like members to review and send comments by December 6. The Strategic Plan will be discussed at a future TLR meeting.

NTKN Project Updates

The Cooperative Collection Development Group has been disbanded. All the involved work efforts and recommendations will be posted on TRB.gov. (Jennifer)

Digitization Committee met and completed the survey that will be sent to TKN members on digitization activities in libraries. (Mary Ellen)

NTL Update (Rosalyn)

This week NTL staff members are attending the First International Open Government Data Conference. NTL is working with RITA's Research, Development, and Technology Office to host their new database. It will track all research projects that DOT provides partial or full funding for. Included are UTC's and FHWA's Centers of Excellence. It is to be launched around the end of January.

Quarterly Information session for employees was held on November 17th. Several people were interested in the NTL integrated search and different databases available.

NTL is preparing for summer and spring break interns. Tasks that they will be working on include processing DOT Historian collection, cataloging special projects, reference, developing and updating NTL marketing materials and short term cataloging projects.

NTKN strategic implementation and goal document distributed for comments today.

NTL announced they are recruiting a reference librarian position. Job posted on USA jobs. Reminder to send research reports to NTL for digitization to: ntldigitalsubmissions@dot.gov, to TRB for entry in TRIS and to Roger Garren for USDOT Climate Change Clearinghouse. PDF format is acceptable.

Member News

Massachusetts has diversity series, in conjunction with the partners in transportation diversity, starting book collection related to transportation. Good marketing device for libraries.

New Jersey hosting brown bag lunch featuring speaker from Division of Criminal Justice on human trafficking (Carol).

Due to the change in government, Lamara and engineers working on folder to give to legislature on the importance in investing in transportation infrastructure (NCDOT).

Bob Cullen also working to identify what it means to the states across the country in terms of transportation (Capitol Hill) in wake of the election.

NYSDOT Research and Development Bureau will be eliminated at the end of this year. Library will continue. Jane is participating in a community of practice started by management employees involved in a Workforce Learning program.

There are 11 poster sessions this year at TRB, several good ones to be presented (see above).

SLA has two awards: Innovation and Professional Achievement. Nomination deadline is January 31, 2011. Carol advised that these awards are specifically for the SLA Transportation Division, including ETKN. As Chair of the Awards Committee, she is still waiting for some nominations for the Professional Achievement Award and submissions for the Innovation Award.”

Transportation Librarians Roundtable

Next meeting is today at 2 p.m. “Embedded Librarian” presented by Eileen Boswell.

Next ETKN Teleconference

February 2011 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. EST

Thanks to Jane, and best wishes from all of us. Happy Holidays to all!