



**ITS Rocky Mountain Chapter Board of Directors
Teleconference**

Thursday, April 18, 2002

10:30 a.m. - noon MST

Invited:

Board Members Attending:

Steve Albert, Western Transportation Institute
Mike Bousliman, Montana Department of Transportation
Jim Gaulke, Wyoming Department of Transportation
Richard Hodges, Utah Transit Authority
Martin Knopp, Utah Department of Transportation
Jim Larsen, Ada County Highway District
Mark Owens, Meridian Environmental Technology, Inc.
Ross Tervo, Montana Department of Transportation

Board Members Not Attending:

Jimmy Golden, Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc.
John English, Utah Transit Authority
Joe Maestas, FHWA – New Mexico
Pamela Munn-Bell, New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department
John Vetterling, URS Corporation

Others in Attendance:

Traci Ulberg, Meetings Northwest

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

After brief introductions of those Board Members present, a motion was made to adopt the meetings from the November 2001 Board Meeting with no changes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

2002 Annual Conference

Traci Ulberg and Richard Hodges provided a brief status report on the upcoming Annual Conference. The date has been set (October 2-4, 2002) and a location reserved (WestCoast Salt Lake City Hotel). The theme for the conference will be *Crossroads of the West – Making Information Connect*.

Board Members suggested several topics that they would like to see addressed at the conference including:

- Examples from Olympics
- 511 (Montana kicks off system in August/September)
- Regional Issues

- Other (non-traveler information)
 - Security/critical infrastructure protection – M. Bousilman
 - How do you go about dealing with that? (Christine Johnson - keynote?)
- GIS in Traveler Information (in-house issues and presenting info to travelers)
- Session similar to 511 Conference in Scottsdale (Lessons Learned) – M. Knopp
- 511 specific to unique to rural needs (i.e., parks, etc.) – S. Albert
- Wyoming Traveler Information – J. Gaulke
- Multi-state initiatives (High Plains Coalition, Northwest Passage, Canamex) – “information doesn’t stop at state borders”

A Planning Committee was designated and includes; Mark Owens, Martin Knopp, Steve Albert, Jim Larsen and Richard Hodges. Martin Knopp was appointed chairperson. Jim Gualke and Mike Bousilman will serve as alternate members and will attend committee meetings as their schedules allow.

The Board of Directors unanimously supported the idea of soliciting sponsors for this year’s event. Meetings Northwest will put together a listing of potential “sponsorships” for approval by the Planning Committee.

President’s Travel to ITS America

Richard Hodges noted that he would be traveling to ITS America and wanted to know if there were any objections to having the Chapter pay for his travel. None were raised. He will seek reimbursement directly from Chapter Treasurer, John Vetterling.

Membership Recruitment

President Richard Hodges reminded Board Members of his challenge to recruit at least one new member by the end of the year (Chapter Year).

Meetings Northwest Contract Renewal

The Administrative Services Contract with Meetings Northwest expires May 30, 2002. It was proposed that the contract be renewed for two additional years. Richard Hodges indicated that he had reviewed the cost proposal and thought it more than fair. No objections were raised by those Board Members present. Richard Hodges and Traci Ulberg, Meetings Northwest will move forward with the contract.