

NAHBA
Minutes of Quarterly Teleconference
October 5, 2005

The NAHBA Quarterly Conference was held on Wednesday, October 5, 2005, commencing at 2:00 p.m. (EDST) with the following participants:

Janis Gramatins, FHWA/Washington
Bob Block – FHWA/Washington
Marshall Wainright – FHWA/Washington
Juanice Hagan, Florida DOT
Scott Taylor – Missouri DOT
Valorie Minnick, Missouri DOT
Joyce Musick, FHWA/Missouri
Rod Boehm, Tennessee DOT
Connie Gilliam, Tennessee DOT
Myron Laibe, OAAA

AGENDA

- (1) How do states regulate Welcome Signs erected by local governments erected off right-of-way– question presented by Scott Taylor.

Discussion: Tennessee and Florida have specific guidelines relating to placement of Welcome Signs. These guidelines specify distance from city limits; sign content; safety considerations, etc. Florida has a provision in state law that exempts local governments from securing outdoor advertising permits if an off-premise sign owned by a local government sits on property owned by the local government and displays messages relating only to local government activities. While some local governments allow church and civic organization signs to be placed on an official “Welcome To” sign, both Tennessee and Florida felt civic organizations and churches installing welcome signs would not qualify in their states as bona fide city limits welcome to signs.

- (2) What is FHWA’s time table for the proposed Stakeholder Neutral Forum discussed at the NAHBA Conference– question presented by Juanice Hagan.

Discussion: Janis reported that research study funds must be utilized for the Forum and that staff is currently working to identify and authorize the funds. Janet Myers and Nina Kelly have been the lead workers on this proposed project. FHWA will secure input from all affected parties as a part of the Study, and staff will keep the NAHBA Board apprised of the status of the Forum.

- (3) The States have currently received notification that FHWA is looking to fill a position in its Washington Office with someone having outdoor advertising control experience. Other than OAC experience, what background and experience is FHWA looking for – question presented by Juanice Hagan.

Discussion: Janis reported that every applicant's background and experience will be evaluated carefully, but as a general principle, FHWA is interested in someone with State experience in OAC, and it will be a plus to have a well-rounded background in Right of Way (appraisal, acquisition, etc.)

Janis discussed recent Guideline documents published by FHWA. NAHBA has posted on its web page the Guidelines distributed at the August Conference. Juanice said she will check the NAHBA site and notify Janis of missing documents. Identified documents will be posted on the NAHBA web site.

It was discussed that the 2006 NAHBA Conference site and dates have not yet been identified, and as soon as Kerry Yoakum presents his report to the NAHBA Board, the information will be distributed to its membership.

With there being no additional items for discussion, the teleconference was adjourned at approximately 2:25 p.m.

/s/ Juanice M. Hagan
Secretary, NAHBA