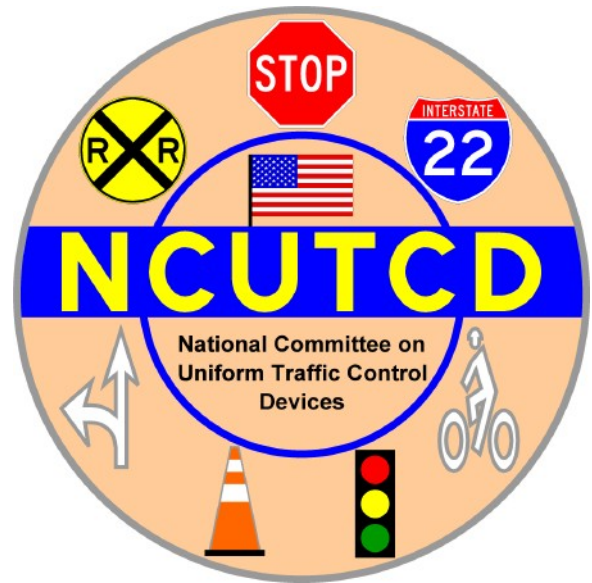


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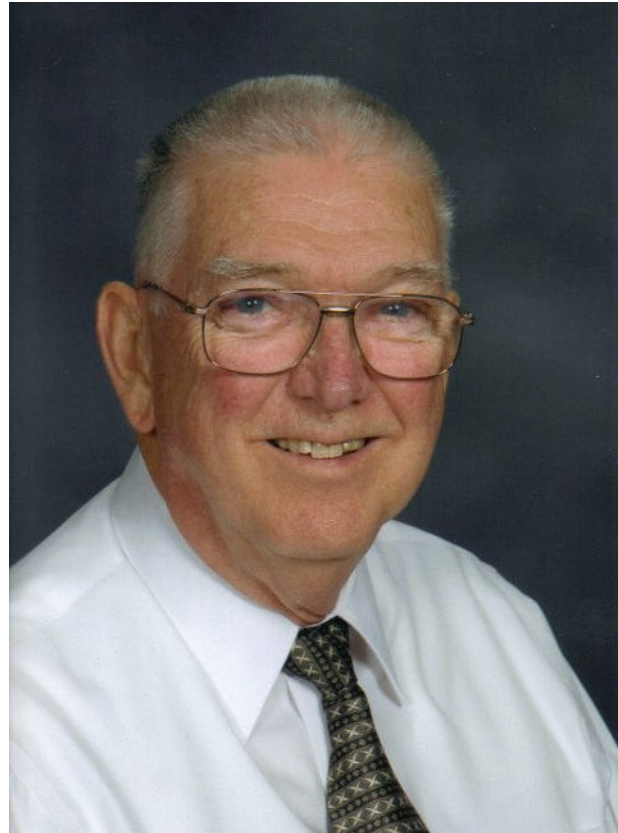
Annual Report 2020

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Bob Garrett - A Tribute

Bob Garrett served as the Executive Secretary of NCUTCD from 1998 until March 30, 2020. A Marine Corps veteran from the Korean War era, Bob earned a degree in civil engineering from Tri-State University in Indiana, worked at various positions before joining ARTBA. In 1972, he became the first CEO of the newly-formed American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA), with his wife, Donna as his first employee. Under Bob's leadership, ATSSA grew into a major trade association representing the traffic control industry and began his long involvement with NCUTCD. In 1998, he retired from ATSSA, and assumed the NCUTCD Executive Secretary position, which he held until March 2020. At the close of his service as Executive Secretary, Bob was elected to an Honorary Member position in NCUTCD to recognize his decades of service - a position he currently holds.



After 62 years of marriage, he and Donna have 5 children, 15 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. All of us at NCUTCD sincerely thank Bob for his many decades of selfless service and hope he remains involved with the National Committee well into the future.

Purpose of the NCUTCD

The National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (NCUTCD) or the “National Committee” is an organization whose purpose is to assist in the development of standards, guides and warrants for traffic control devices and practices used to regulate, warn and guide traffic on streets and highways. The NCUTCD recommends to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and to other appropriate agencies proposed revisions and interpretations to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and other accepted national standards. NCUTCD develops public and professional awareness of the principles of safe traffic control devices and practices and provides a forum for qualified individuals with diverse backgrounds and viewpoints to exchange professional information.

NCUTCD Leadership

Chair: Gene Hawkins, Ph.D., PE, Texas A&M University

Vice Chair for Programs: Bill Lambert, PE, New Hampshire Dept. of Transportation

Vice Chair for Research: Bryan Katz, Ph.D., PE, toXcel

Executive Board

Group I: **AASHTO:** Meg Pirkle, PE, Georgia Dept. of Transportation

ITE: Steve Jewell, PE

APWA: Steve Oliver, PE, City of Garland, Texas

NACE: Lee Billingsley, PE, Lee E. Billingsley PA

NACTO: Patrick Baxter, PE, City of Cambridge, Massachusetts

Group II: Rick Campbell, PE, Alfred Benesch & Co.

 Peter Koonce, PE, City of Portland, Oregon

Group III: Jeff Bagdade, PE, Atkins

Group IV: Jonathan Upchurch, Ph.D., PE

Technical Committee Chairs

Regulatory and Warning Sign: Tom Heydel, PE, Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation

Guide & Motorist Information Sign: Tom Honich, PE, Missouri Dept. of Transportation

Markings: Jody Colvin, PE, Louisiana Dept. of Transportation & Development

Signals: John Fisher, PE, City of Culver City, California

Temporary Traffic Control: John Leonard, PE, Utah Dept. of Transportation

Railroad and Light Rail Transit: Rick Campbell, PE, Alfred Benesch & Co.

Bicycle: Bill DeSantis, PE, VHB

Edit: Bill Lambert, PE, New Hampshire Dept. of Transportation

Research: Bryan Katz, Ph.D., PE, toXcel

Executive Secretary: Richard C. Moeur, PE

Sponsoring Organizations

Group I

State, county and municipal highway officials having the legal responsibility of administering public highway programs.

- American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)
- Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE)
- American Public Works Association (APWA)
- National Association of County Engineers (NACE)
- National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO)*

Group II

National organizations with a membership that includes officials directly associated with traffic operations and regulations.

- Association of American Railroads (AAR)
- Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP)
- American Public Transportation Association (APTA)
- American Railway Engineering and Maintenance of Way Association (AREMA)
- American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)
- International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)
- International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association (IBTTA)
- International Municipal Signal Association (IMSA)
- Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS America)*

Group III

Organizations representing the general public and/or private highway user groups.

- American Automobile Association (AAA)
- Human Factors Resources (HFR)
- League of American Bicyclists (LAB)
- National Safety Council (NSC)

Group IV

Industry-oriented organizations including but not limited to manufacturers, distributors, and installers of traffic control devices and related equipment, and industry highway users groups.

- American Highway Users Alliance (AHUA)
- American Road and Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA)
- American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA)

* added in 2020

NCUTCD Council (as of December 31, 2020)

Sponsor	Voting Members	Associate Members
AAA	Jeff Bagdade, Atkins	
AAR	Tony Bellamy, CSX Transportation	John Dinning, Illinois Central
AASHTO	Meg Pirkle, Georgia DOT, Chair	Christina Bennett, South Dakota DOT
	Neil Boudreau, MassDOT	Cindy Cramer, West Virginia DOT
	Tim Crouch, Iowa DOT	John Hibbard, Georgia DOT
	Maysa Hanna, Arizona DOT	Ryan Lancaster, Idaho TD
	Tom Honich, Missouri DOT	Erika Lindberg, Connecticut DOT
	Bill Lambert, New Hampshire DOT	James Sullivan, Mississippi DOT
	Kerry NeSmith, Alabama DOT	Trey Tillander, Florida DOT
	Lee Roadifer, Wyoming DOT	Dan Waddle, Nebraska DOT
AHUA	Jonathan Upchurch	Paul Carlson, Road Infrastructure
APBP	Peter Koonce, Portland OR	Tom Bertulis, KTUA
APTA	Christina Jung, APTA	Marie Benton, APTA
APWA	Steve Oliver, Garland TX, Chair	Rich Deal
	Monica Suter, Santa Ana CA	Ralph Norwood, Maine Turnpike
	Bob Garbacz, Alexandria VA	Dennis Randolph, Grandview MO
AREMA	Keane Malley, Union Pacific	Cayela Wimberly, Norfolk Southern
ARTBA	Tim Cox, Cox Transportation	
ASCE	Robert Bryson	Jon Esslinger
ATSSA	Donna Clark, ATSSA	Eric Perry, ATSSA
HFR	Bryan Katz, toXcel	Fred Hanscom, Transp. Research
IACP	Richard Campbell, Benesch	
IBTTA	Maurice Palumbo, Golden Gate Br.	
IMSA	Paul Ciupa, AECOM	
ITE	Steven Jewell, Chair	Ahmed Aburahmah, San Diego CA
	Dongho Chang, Seattle WA	Michael Cynecki, Lee Engineering
	Kathy Falk, Kimley Horn	Eagan Foster, Dublin OH
	John Fisher, Culver City CA	John Hansen, 2 ITS Help
	Gene Hawkins, Texas A&M Univ	Marc Jacobson, San Antonio TX
	Brent Ogden, Kimley Horn	Scott Kuznicki, Battery Renewal Sys
	Zoubir Ouadah, San Diego County	Ross Oyen, Ada County ID
	Joseph Pecora, Nassau County NY	Scott Wainwright, Wainwright Traffic
ITS America	Ed Bradley, Toyota	Tim Drake, ITS America
LAB	Rock Miller, R E Miller	Blair Tomten, Avenue Consultants
NACE	Lee Billingsley, L E Billingsley, Chair	Jon Krieg, Hennepin County MN
	Jeff Blue, Champaign County IL	Mark Nahra, Woodbury County IA
	Tim Haagsma, Kent County MI	Gary Smart, Santa Barbara Cty CA
NACTO	Patrick Baxter, Cambridge MA, Chair	Elijah Ferrari, New York City NY
	Uyen Dang, West Palm Beach FL	Dan Nabors, Arlington VA
	Katy Sawyer, Toole Design	Mike Sallaberry, San Francisco CA
NSC	Dan Magri, Louisiana DOTD	Ryan Pietzsch, NSC

Living Honorary Members

George Butzer
Tom Hicks
Ken Kobetsky
Jim Pline

Bob Garrett
Bruce Ibarguen
Dick Luettich
Dave Kuemmel (emeritus)

2020 In Review

2020 will go into the history books as a very memorable year, and the experience of the National Committee reflects the challenges and opportunities that the year presented.

The year began with a very successful January meeting in Arlington, Virginia where NCUTCD celebrated the 40th anniversary of its current incarnation with over 340 in-person attendees. Also at the January meeting NCUTCD added two new sponsoring organizations: ITS America and the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO). Also in January, NCUTCD gained a new mailing address and telephone / text number.

In February 2020, NCUTCD was notified by the IRS that our 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization status had been officially reconfirmed. Contributions to NCUTCD are officially tax-deductible.

Spring 2020 saw the orderly transition of Executive Secretary duties from Bob Garrett to Richard Moeur. NCUTCD implemented an on-line member database that allows members to update critical database information rather than rely upon the Executive Secretary to update records. The database also created the ability to create electronic mailing lists for each of the NCUTCD technical committees. NCUTCD also invested in electronic fiscal management tools and a virtual meeting platform.

Other events in spring 2020, however, took us all by surprise. The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in postponing the planned in-person meeting until 2022 and replacing it with a virtual meeting in June for the technical committees and task forces so that important work could continue. Technical committees met with over 300 total attendees and produced 14 draft proposals. No Council meetings were held, and no registration fees charged.

During the summer and fall of 2020, NCUTCD anticipated the issuing of a Notice of Proposed Amendments (NPA) for the next (11th Edition) of the MUTCD, and made preparations for that eventuality. The Trump Administration had stated that a MUTCD update was a regulatory priority. And in mid-December, the NPA was published by FHWA in the Federal Register. The NPA contains hundreds of recommendations that originated with NCUTCD, validating the National Committee's important role in developing and reviewing traffic control standards and guidelines. The National Committee set to work thoroughly reviewing the 600+ major changes listed in the Federal Register notice plus the thousands of other changes in the draft.

At the end of 2020, the total membership in NCUTCD stood at 325 members from all across the United States. These members represent state, county, and local governments, plus private-sector consultants, practitioners, and vendors, and community and safety organizations.

Forecast for 2021 and Beyond

Having weathered a most eventful 2020, NCUTCD is well-positioned for continued success in 2021. Meetings have pivoted to a virtual platform for the coming year, allowing for communications and access regardless of geographic and other constraints.

NCUTCD will be very busy through and beyond the January 2021 virtual meeting in responding to the NPA for the next edition of the MUTCD. It's anticipated that many thousands of volunteer professional hours will be devoted to the review of the draft MUTCD and in developing comments to the rulemaking docket and FHWA leadership.

Another welcome trend is a notable increase in interest in NCUTCD membership. Registration projections for the January 2021 meeting predict a record attendance and a high number of new technical members. Our base of volunteer expertise from both the public and private sectors continues to grow, recognizing the value of NCUTCD's role in advising on national traffic control standards and guidelines.

NCUTCD fervently hopes that 2021 will see an easing or ending on travel and other restrictions from the COVID-19 pandemic. It's likely the June 2021 meeting will need to be held virtually or cancelled due to agency travel restrictions and other hard-to-forecast factors. But in 2022, NCUTCD plans to return to its traditional schedule of in-person meetings, with the Annual Meeting in Arlington, Virginia January 12-14, and the Summer Meeting in Virginia Beach, Virginia June 15-17.

NCUTCD expects that 2021 will be another successful year, and hopes that 2022 sees not only a full "return to normal" but also a new 11th Edition of the MUTCD conforming to the National Committee's input and expertise, and including the best practical standards and guidance for traffic control across the United States.



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