

National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

Council Meeting—Thursday, June 29, 2006—Overland Park, Kansas
Minutes of Meeting

Chairman Billingsley called the meeting to order at 8:00am.

Executive Secretary Bob Garrett called the roll and the following council members were present:

AAA	Jeffrey Bagdade		
AAMVA	No Delegate		
AAR	Mel McNichols	IACP	No Delegate
AASHTO	Robert Hull	IBTTA	Kerry Ferrier
	Dave Woodin	IMSA	Don Fullerton
	Barry Warhoftig	ITE	Tom Aber
	Tim Taylor		Gene Putman
	Ken Kobetsky		John Fisher
	Delbert McOmie		Bruce Friedman
	Bruce Iarguen		James MacKay
	Ed Fischer		Andy Ramisch
AHAS	No Delegate		John LaPlante
AHUA	Jim Keaton		Ronnie Bell
APWA	Steve Oliver	NACE	Lee Billingsley
	Darryl Hockstra		Jeff Blue
	Jim Sparks		John Logan
AREMA	Richard Campbell	HFR	Gerry Alexander
ARTBA	Tim Cox	GHSA	Ron Lipps
ATSSA	Dave McKee	NCUTL&O	Ray Pusey
LAB	Richard Moeur	NSC	Dan Magri
APTA	Paul O'Brien		

Honorary, Non-Voting Members: Jim Pline, Dick Luettich, Dave Kuemmel

Secretary Garrett declared a quorum with 36 of 39 voting members present. Also present were approximately 150 other members and visitors.

Moved by McOmie, seconded by Keaton to approve the minutes of the last two council meetings January 19, 20, 2006. Motion approved unanimously.

Presentation to Dave Kuemmel.

Chair Billingsley presented an Honorary Member plaque to Dave Kuemmel.

Chairman's Report

Chairman, Lee Billingsley, reported on the previous evening's Executive Board meeting:

- Fourteen new Technical Committee Members were approved by the board and they were introduced at this time. Attachment No. 1)

- Approved a change in the Operating Procedure defining Government Members. New definition will require meeting of one of five conditions.
- Approved a report of a task force on admission of new sponsors which proposed a change in Section 6.3 of the bylaws. The proposed amendment will be sent to all sponsors and Members a minimum of 45 days in advance of the next Council meeting in January 2007. The amendment will then require a 2/3 vote of the council for approval at that meeting.
- Approved the budget for the June 2007 meeting which will be held June 20-22, 2007 in Lake Tahoe Nevada,
- Approved the FY2007 NCUTCD budget.
- Approved the Executive Secretaries contract for FY2007.

FHWA Report

A report of FHWA activities and plans was presented by Regina McElroy, FHWA Director of Transportation Operations as a Power Point presentation. She introduced the FHWA staff present at the meeting and indicated that they will be hiring a new person in the near future.

She indicated that the schedule for publication of the next edition of the MUTCD has been changed and the January 2007 NCUTCD meeting will be the last opportunity for preparation and submission of recommendations prior to the publication of the Notice of Proposed Amendments (NPA).

Edit Committee Report

Edit Committee chair, Tom Hicks, was required to return to Maryland and the Edit Committee met with five members and two guests in attendance under the chairmanship of Jim Pline who reported that the Committee considered the following items:

1. The Committee considered a new MUTCD Chapter for Traffic Control Devices on Private Property and recommended that it be sent back to the Task Force for some additional work.
2. The Definition of Traffic Control Devices will be put on the Agenda again in January. The material will be updated for discussion at that time.
3. Reduction in the size of the MUTCD – Each member was asked to look at their respective parts of the MUTCD to see what may be moved out of the MUTCD to other publications for discussion in January 2007. It was requested that the next edition of the Traffic Control Devices Handbook be available on-line the same as the Standard Highway Signs book.
4. The Technical Committees are currently addressing the use of “safe, safety, and reasonably safe” in their committees. This raised a question on the usage of “If used, when used and where used” and references to Figures as “shown, as exhibited, or as illustrated” all to be discussed in January 2007.
5. Mr. Pline will prepare some additional guidance information for Technical Committee Officers for consideration of the Edit Committee.

6. It appeared that the Technical Committee jurisdictional statements have all been resolved.
7. Pline reported that the RRLRT Committee had membership on the TCD on PP Task Force, but this was incorrect.

Report on SNPR on Maintaining Traffic Sign Retroreflectivity

On May 8, 2006 the FHWA published in the Federal Register a Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (SNPR) on Maintaining Traffic Sign Retroreflectivity. Comments on this notice must be submitted by November 6, 2006 which does not allow time for NCUTCD comments to be circulated to sponsors before consideration and action by the NCUTCD Council at the January 2007 meeting. A special task force was appointed with representatives from RW Signs, GMI Signs, TTC and RRLRT technical committees. That task force met yesterday and developed recommendations (Attachment No. 2).

Moved by Ibarguen, seconded by Putman to approve the recommendations of the task force as contained in (Attachment No. 2).

There was discussion and some editorial changes were approved as friendly amendments.

The original motion as amended was passed with two opposed and one abstention.

Note: The final approved version as shown in (Attachment No. 2) of these minutes include changes approved at the June 30, 2006 Council meeting and shown as (Attachment No. 10) to those minutes.

Report of Markings Technical Committee

Dave Woodin and Dave Jones reported that the Markings Committee had sent to sponsors a proposed change to section 3A.03 which would add language allowing the use of "splatter markings." The markings committee has reviewed all of the sponsor comments and is proposing final language (Attachment No. 3).

Moved by Woodin, seconded by Kobetsky to approve the recommendation of the Markings Technical Committee regarding proposed changes to Section 3A.03 of the MUTCD (Attachment No. 3). Motion passed 30-2-1

Presentation on June 2007 Meeting

Scott Thorson made a power point presentation on the June 2006 meeting which will be held June 20-22, 2007 at Harvey's Hotel in Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

Respectively submitted

Robert M. Garrett, Executive Secretary