

National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

Council Meeting—Thursday, June 01, 2010—Chicago, Illinois
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	Jeff Bagdad	HFR	Susan Chrysler
AAR	David Peterson	IACP	No Delegate
AASHTO	Del McOmie	IBTTA	Kerry Ferrier
	Dave Woodin	IMSA	Don Fullerton
	Mark Wilson	ITE	Gene Hawkins
	Susan Groth		Jim Ellison
	Ken Kobetsky		Ronnie Bell
	Tom Hicks		John Fisher
	Bruce Ibarguen		John LaPlante
	Ed Fischer		Gene Putman
AHAS	No Delegate		Andy Ramisch
AHUA	Jim Keaton		Paul Carlson
APBP	Mike Moule	LAB	Richard Moeur
APTA	Paul O'Brien	NACE	Lee Billingsley
APWA	Steve Oliver		Jeff Blue
	Dave Kuemmel		John Logan
	Jim Sparks	NSC	Dan Magri
AREMA	Richard Campbell		
ARTBA	Tim Cox		
ASCE	Bob Bryson		
ATSSA	Roger Wentz		
GHSA	Ron Lipps		

Honorary, Non-Voting Members: Jim Pline, Dave Kuemmel, George Butzer

Secretary Garrett declared a quorum with 37 of 39 voting members present. Also present were approximately 150 other members and visitors.

Moved by Logan, seconded by Keaton to approve the minutes of the last two council meetings January 7 & 8, 2010. Motion approved unanimously.

Chairman's Report of Executive Board Actions

Chair, Lee Billingsley, reported that the Executive Board had met last evening and took action on the following items:

- Approved 13 new Technical Members and the appointment of the new Associate Member from ATSSA to serve on the Markings Technical Committee (Attachment No.1)

Billingsley then called each of the new members forward to receive an NCUTCD membership pin.

- Heard a report by the Uniform Vehicle Code Task Force and the Council will hear the report later in this meeting
- Approved budgets for the January and June 2011 meetings. The registration fees for those two meetings will be \$130 early and \$180 late registration.
- Approved the NCUTCD budget for fiscal year 2011.
- Approved a contract with Executive Secretary, Bob Garrett for fiscal year 2011.

FHWA Report

Hari Kalla gave a report of FHWA activities including the following:

- FHWA has provided a hard copy of the 2009 MUTCD to all NCUTCD Members.
- Each of the NCUTCD technical committees have been asked to evaluate the standards in their parts of the MUTCD.
- There is a need to look at what the future editions of the MUTCD will look like and FHWA is evaluating that.
- FHWA has had complaints about the experimentation process and changes have been made including the development of an on-line database of all projects. This will be available next year.
- Regarding the pavement marking retroreflectivity notice of proposed rulemaking, individuals are encouraged to submit comments in addition to the NCUTCD comments which are being developed at this meeting.
- Regarding the FHWA Pool Fund Study, nine projects have been completed in the last 10 years and four are currently underway. FHWA is looking for additional projects.

Edit Committee Report

Edit Committee chair, Tom Hicks, reported that the committee had met yesterday with seven members and one guest present. They are still working on the definition of Traffic Control Device and plan to have something to present to the Council in January. They are also reviewing definitions of Engineering Study and Engineering Judgment. Other things they are working on include: MUTCD Introduction and Part 1 with regard to combining them, seeking the proper term to replace “prevailing speed” and the “Definition of Standard” issue. The Sites Open to Public Travel task force work continues and they are exploring the possibility of presenting the traffic control device information in two formats – within the current MUTCD text, and as a separate Part of the MUTCD.

Uniform Vehicle Code (UVC) Task Force Report

Ray Pusey, chair of the UVC Task Force gave a report including the recommendations which were made to the NCUTCD Executive Board yesterday (Attachment No.2) including the following:

- NCUTCD Chairman, Lee Billingsley, has appointed a Rules of the Road (ROR) Committee, chaired by Ray Pusey with Jeff Blue as Vice Chair.
- Each Technical Committee as well as the Edit Committee and the Pedestrian Task Force, is being asked to appoint a delegate to the ROR committee.
- The ROR committee will not meet during regular NCUTCD meetings, but will conduct business with electronic meetings between NCUTCD meetings.
- Recommendations of ROR will go to NCUTCD sponsors for comment before final recommendations are made to the NCUTCD Council.
- We will try to recruit 3 or 4 law enforcement and judges to participate on the committee.
- Ray Pusey will draft guidelines for the ROR committee.

Strategic Planning Task Force Report

Task Force chairman, Gene Hawkins, gave a power point presentation on the work of the task force. They will meet again at the January 2011 NCUTCD meeting and will be developing a final report with recommendations. They have a discussion group on Facebook.

Research Committee Report

Research Committee chair, Paul Carlson, reported that the committee will meet today at 3:30pm. They will be reviewing research statements submitted by the technical committees and will hear a report from FHWA.

June 2011 Summer Meeting

Brent Jennings of the ID DOT gave a power point presentation on the 2011 summer meeting, which will be held June 22-24, 2011 at the Grove Hotel in Boise, Idaho.

Markings Committee Report

Markings Committee chair, Gene Hawkins reported that a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPR) on Maintaining Minimum Retroreflectivity of Longitudinal Pavement Markings was issued April 22, 2010 with a comment deadline of August 20, 2010. So that the NCUTCD can develop a response to the NPA at this June meeting, the Markings Technical Committee (MTC) held a web conference and developed recommendations on the NPR. These recommendations were sent to Sponsors and the committee met yesterday to consider sponsor comments and develop final recommendations which are presented to the Council today. At yesterday's meeting there were 17 committee members present. The committee chair did not vote at the committee meeting nor will he vote at this meeting because he is a consultant to FHWA on this subject. The committee recommendations were now presented to the Council.

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Moved by Ellison, seconded by McOmie to approve the recommendation of the Markings Technical Committee as a NCUTCD response to the FHWA Docket No. FHWS-2009-0139 on Maintaining Minimum Retroreflectivity of Longitudinal Pavement Markings. (Final approved wording Attachment No. 3).

There was considerable discussion including some amendments to the submitted wording.

Vote on amended motion (Attachment No.3) passed 29-5-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Garrett, Executive Secretary