

International Trade and Transportation Committee (AT020) Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: January 11, 2016, 7:30 – 9:38 PM

Location: Marriott Marquis – Washington, D.C.

Present: Rupert Allen – Industry Canada; David Amble – Northwest Seaport Alliance; Elisa Arias – SANDAG; Irina Benedyk – Purdue University; Steve Beningo – BTS (Secretary); Richard Billigs – Eastern Research Group; Travis Black – MARAD; Maria Boilé – Hellenic Institute of Transport; Michael Bomba – University of North Texas (Chairman); Benoit Brookens – U.S. Department of Labor; Scott Brotemarkle – TRB; Christopher Clement – U.S. Department of Transportation – Office of International Transportation and Trade; Nimish Dharmadhikan – INCOG; Steve Fitzroy – EDR Group; Pablo Guerrero – Inter-American Development Bank; Daniel Hackett – Hackett Associates; Burkhoud Horn – INT; Derek Jaeger – Port of Portland; Susumu Kudo – University of Illinois; Bruce Lambert – ITTS; Eunsu Lee – New Jersey City University; Marc Levinson – Congressional Research Service; Shannon McLeod – Parsons Brinkerhoff; Jean Pierre Médevielle – retired from IFSTTAR; Audrey Moruza – Virginia Department of Transportation; Ghim Ping Ong – National University of Singapore; Gisela Rua – Federal Reserve Board; James Sassin – Fugro Roadware; Scudder Smith – Parsons Brinkerhoff; Isabel Victoria Jaramillo – Cambridge Associates; Juan Carlos Villa – Texas Transportation Institute; Chris Wilson – Wilson Center; Ben Zietlow - University of Wisconsin and one attendee whose name was not legible

Minutes:

1. Introductions were made.
2. Oscar Bazán of the Panama Canal Authority gave a presentation on the expansion of the Panama Canal. It is hoped that the expanded canal will be completed in April, with an official opening planned for late June.
3. Steve Fitzroy of the Economic Development Research Group gave a presentation summarizing the results of an International Transport Forum workshop on logistics development strategies and their performance requirements that was held in March 2015 in Queretaro, Mexico. The website for information on the workshop is:
<http://www.internationaltransportforum.org/jtrc/RoundTables/2015Logistics/index.html>
4. Chris Wilson of the Wilson Center gave a presentation titled: Competitive Border Communities: Mapping and Developing U.S.-Mexico Transborder Industries. This presentation focused on county/municipio employment in various industries to determine potential synergies for increasing future trade.
5. Maria Boilé discussed the paper review process for the 2016 Annual Meeting. Fifteen papers were submitted, of which nine were selected for presentation at this meeting. Four of the 15 papers are being reviewed for publication.

6. Minutes of the previous two meetings were passed out and can also be found on the committee's web site. The minutes were summarized and approved, after a correction was made to Oscar Bazán's name.
7. Daniel Hackett will lead the effort to develop research needs statements for our committee. He asked for volunteers to help him in this effort.
8. The committee briefly discussed possible topics for next year's Annual Meeting. Port consolidation and excess port capacity were mentioned as possible topics.
9. Scott Brotemarkle had to leave the committee meeting early, and could not give the TRB update.
10. The location and date of the next AT020 meeting are yet to be determined. New Orleans was suggested as a possible site for the mid-year committee meeting, in conjunction with the PORTS'16 Conference.