

International Trade and Transportation Committee (AT020) Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: January 9, 2017, 8:00 – 9:50 AM

Location: Marriott Marquis – Washington, D.C.

Elisa Arias – SANDAG; Senanu Ashiabor – Intermodal Logistics Consulting; Chris Bachmann – University of Waterloo; Irina Benedyk – Purdue University; Steve Beningo – BTS (Secretary); Paul Bingham – EDR Group; Travis Black – MARAD; Maria Boilé – Hellenic Institute of Transport; Michael Bomba – University of North Texas; Mary Brooks – Dalhousie University; Scott Brotemarkle – TRB; Tamika Burnell – FHWA; Nicholas Chase – U.S. Department of Energy; Anne Goodchild – University of Washington (Group Chair); Daniel Hackett – Hackett Associates; Tiffany Julien – FHWA; Nicholas Kenoe – ToXcel LLC; Haena Kim – University of Washington; Bruce Lambert – Institute for Trade and Transportation Studies; Marc Levinson – CRS; Caroline Mays - Texas DOT; Shannon McLeod – WSP; Jean Pierre Médevielle – retired from IFSTTAR; Ghim Ping Ong – National University of Singapore; Sarah Overmyer - Texas Transportation Institute; Kumar Rajarshi – Georgia Tech; Leffevis Sdoukopoulos – Hellenic Institute of Transport; Sergio Lugo Serrato – Avanti Engineering Group; Rohan Shah – CDM Smith; Scudder Smith – WSP; Michael Sprung – BTS; Isabel Victoria – Cambridge Associates (phone); Juan Carlos Villa – Texas Transportation Institute (Chairman);

Minutes:

1. An anti-harassment statement was read.
2. Introductions were made.
3. Freight Systems Chair, Anne Goodchild, gave a report. She stressed the importance of paper reviews. She said that several committees will likely have their midyear meeting on June 18 before the Marine Transportation System Research and Safety Conference. Anne challenged the committee to think about communication strategies relating to the upcoming TRB Centennial. Committees need to also work to bring in younger people to their meetings.
4. Steven Beningo read highlights from the minutes of the 2017 AT020 meetings.
5. Juan Villa showed a slide on AT020 sponsored sessions at the 2018 TRB Annual Meeting.
6. Scudder Smith talked about the new Economics and Trade Subcommittee that he is leading. This subcommittee will look to document the relationship between trade and the overall economy. Several members and friends volunteered to serve on the new subcommittee.
7. Isabel Victoria discussed the paper review process for the 2018 Annual Meeting. Ten papers were submitted. Only two papers were accepted for publication, due to a TRB quota. The review completion rate was 69 percent. All members and friends in the

review pool are encouraged to specify their areas of expertise. This will make it easier to assign papers to reviewers.

8. Daniel Hackett discussed research needs statements. A survey on research needs statements was completed by 33 committee members and friends. The top topics were risks to global trade (22 votes), infrastructure investment for U.S. exports (21 votes), and the relationship between growth in trade and overall economic growth (17 votes). An email on this subject will be sent to committee members and friends.
9. Scott Brotemarkle spoke on Transportation Research Board (TRB) activities. He discussed the upcoming Marine Transportation System Research and Safety Conference. It will be held June 19-21 at the National Academy of Sciences Building on Constitution Avenue. TRB has a webinar program and would like more marine and freight topics. Over 14,000 people registered for the 2018 TRB Annual Meeting.
10. Nicholas Chase discussed the Young Members Council. This is a TRB-wide council. The group has a separate call for papers.
11. Sarah Overmyer discussed communications. The committee sent two newsletters out in 2017. The August newsletter focused on maritime trade and the December newsletter focused on the relationship between the economy and international trade. Sarah encouraged committee members and friends to use the committee's website, <https://www.trbtradetransportation.org>, and Linked-In Group.
12. Elisa Arias briefly discussed the Triennial Plan for AT020, as well as committee membership. AT020 currently has 29 members, including six international members and three young members. There are currently no State DOT members of AT020. Ideas for what should be included in the next AT020 Triennial Plan should be sent to Sarah Overmyer and Juan Villa. The next plan will cover 2020, so we should include activities relating to TRB's Centennial.
13. Marc Levinson noted that we need to communicate with some people outside of transportation, such as economists.
14. Steven Beningo gave a very brief presentation of the new TransBorder Freight Data interfaces, which are available at <https://www.bts.gov/transborder>. A webinar will be scheduled where a more comprehensive presentation will be given.
15. The location and date of the next AT020 meeting are yet to be determined.