**Committee on Accessible Transportation and Mobility]**

**Research Sub-Committee ABE 60**

**Monday, January 13, 2014 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm**

**Fairchild Room, Hilton Hotel, Washington, DC**

**In Attendance**

**Co-Chairs**

Karen Wolf-Branigin

Anabela Simoes

**Attendants**

Abha Negi

Anabela Simoes

Barbara Nelson

Betsy Buxer

Catherine Holloway

Crystal Lyons

Daniel Blais

Eileen Lu

James Marston

John Shoon

Judy Shanley

Karen wolf-Branigin

Lalita Sen

Lilian Salazar

Ling Suen

Nina Frid

Rawal Shuchite

Rex Lux

Richard Shultze

Roger Mackett

Russell Thatcher

Trevor Hanson

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Co-Chair Karen Wolf-Branigin. Copies of the meeting agenda and an attendance sign-in sheet were distributed.

**2. Introduction of Members and Friends**

All present, including committee members and friends, introduced themselves.

**3. Review of Minutes 2013 meeting**

The minutes have been previously sent and approved after adjustments proposed by Russell Thatcher and Ling Suen.

**4. Paper review process**

The paper review process has been explained and discussed.

**5. 2014 sessions, workshops and poster sessions**

Information on sessions, oral presentations and posters was provided to members and friends.

**6. Report on committee research coordinator activities**

Two webinars and a workshop during the TRB Annual Meeting 2013 have been organized and attended. The main topic of this year was “how to write successful research statements” and the document is available on the TRB website.

**7. 2014 Research Statements**

The following statements were proposed within the Subcommittee. It was decided that the first person named would take the lead in writing and others would provide feedback. Statements should be sent to Anabela by February 28 and the committee would endorse and submitted to TRB.

1. Karen Wolf-Branigin and Nelson proposed the following subject:
   1. Best practices in disability training for staff. What type of training works best? What is the best practice? Who should train and how often? Define proficiency. What’s missing from current training?
   2. This statement should include bus, air and rail laws.
   3. It was recommended a focus on delivery.
2. Trevor Hanson and Daniel Blais proposed the following subject:
   1. Volunteer drivers, operational success factors in re-training volunteer drives and attracting users.
   2. A demand estimation should be done.
   3. Safe mobility for older persons committee might be interested in working with us. Might tweak previous research statement.
3. Crystal Lyons proposed the following subject:
   1. How to encourage app developers to integrate accessibility features. What’s out there, what’s working?
   2. It has been recommended to share this statement with the Technology Subcommittee.
4. Richard Schultze proposed the following subject:
   1. Hygiene, behavior, communications challenges of people with disabilities and how can transport address this in relation with the trip chain.
5. Nina Frid and Betsy Buxer proposed the following subject:
   1. The challenge of traveling alone.
   2. It was recommended to see Texas A & M application for 1st responders.
6. Shanley, Schoon proposed the following subject:
   1. Connection between school transport (School: Kindergarten – 12th grade) and how it affects people with disabilities once they graduate.
   2. Training for teachers about transport/mobility should be included and transport content should be included in general education curriculum.
7. Catherine Holloway proposed the following subject:
   1. People without disabilities complete a number of activities during their commute to work. Are people with disabilities discriminated against? Can we improve active travel for travelers with disabilities? Mentorship scheme for people with disabilities.
8. Trevor Hanson and Crystal Lyons proposed the following subject:
   1. How effective are curb cuts, raised domes in poor weather conditions?
9. Daniel Blais proposed the following subject:
   1. Road conflict between scooters and wheelchairs – best practices in cities (Blais).
10. Richard Schultze proposed the following subject:
    1. How can we maintain, market, cost out, etc. transport services for social service agencies? What’s out there, what’s working?

Lillian Salazar recommended that for all of the ideas discussed today we should think about using apps or e-handbooks versus paper.

**8. TRB 2015 workshop topics**

The following topics for workshop proposals for the next TRB Annual Meeting were suggested by participants:

* 1. Ling Suen – Transport needs of people with different types of disabilities.
  2. Anabela Simoes – Technology based solutions for a safe mobility of mobility-impaired people.
  3. Scooter definitions and role played between users and operators.

**9. 2015 William Bell Award**

Information about the William Bell Award was shared and discussed within the group

**10. Other business**

**11. Adjourn**

The meeting has been adjourned at 9:30 pm