

SECTION 305 NGENC Executive Board

MINUTES

JUNE 24, 2014

11:30 EASTERN

CONFERENCE CALL

FACILITATOR	<i>Eric Curtit, Chair, S305 NGENC Executive Board</i>
ATTENDEES	Board Members: Darrell Smith, Eric Curtit, Mario Bergeron, Ray Hessinger, John Tunna as proxy for Paul Nissenbaum, Tammy Nicholson, Ron Pate, John Oimoen, Michael Jenkins, Paul Worley, Support Staff: Andy House, Shayne Gill, David Ewing, Larry Salci, Vincent Brotski, Dave Warner, Nico Lindenau, Sara Sarkhili
ABSENTEES	Board Members: Stan Hunter, Tim Hoeffner, Brian Beeler II, Diane McCauley Support: Steve Hewitt, Jason Biggs, Kerri Woehler, Allan Paul, Arun Rao, Jeff Gordon, Melissa Shurland, Dale Engelhardt, Ashok Sundararajan, Patrick Centolanzi, Martin Schroeder, Michael Lestingi

DECISIONS MADE

- Welcome – Eric Curtit, Chair, S305 NGENC Executive Board:**

Chairman Curtit opened today's meeting and, in Steve Hewitt's absence, asked Andy House, AASHTO, to call the roll.

- Roll Call – Andy House for Steve Hewitt, Manager, S305 NGENC Support Services:**

Andy House called the roll and confirmed the presence of a quorum.

Decisions/Action Items – 6-10 -14 Executive Board Conference Call

Mid-west States – Section 6 progress report: This remains as an ongoing agenda item. RFIs for a fleet manager and a fleet maintainer are expected to be released in late June or early July, 2014.

Status: Under agenda item 5 – status report will be provided.

514 Working Group updates: Ron will continue to provide updates to the Board on the progress of the working group.

Status: Under agenda item 10 – status report will be provided.

Bi-Level Review Panel Membership: Eric Curtit will continue to follow up with NCDOT about possibly becoming a member of the Bi-Level Review Panel. Jeff Mann will convey the request to Allan Paul.

Status: Eric – No updates.

NGEC Procurement updates: The 2 procurements – bi-level cars and the diesel-electric locomotives-will continue to be standing agenda items on the Executive Board calls.

Status: Under agenda items 7 and 8 – status reports will be provided.

NGEC Future discussion: Most members have been named to the working group. Amtrak and FRA still need to provide a name to Eric. John Tunna, FRA, will convey the name of FRA's representative to Eric following this call. Eric will contact Mario Bergeron to describe the scope so an appropriate representative from Amtrak can be named.

Status: FRA has named Michael Lestingi as its representative with Nico Lindenau as support/back-up. Further discussion and formation of the working group will be taken up under agenda item 12.

Members to date:

Eric Curtit, MODOT – Chair
Ray Hessinger, NYSDOT
Tom Hoeffner, Michigan DOT
Michael Lestingi, FRA
Amtrak - ?
Shayne Gill, AASHTO
Steve Hewitt, NGEC Support Manager
Nico Lindenau, FRA support

Three potential locations have been submitted for consideration for the next Board face to face meeting. The proposed locations are: Detroit, Michigan; Wilmington, DE; and Washington, DC. At this point general consensus leans towards Wilmington, Delaware as the location. Eric will contact Mario to discuss further. By the next call it is hoped that the location can be confirmed and AASHTO can begin to nail down a date and other logistics.

Status: To be discussed under agenda item 12

The ATF is developing straw man proposal to guide it in evaluating topics for the webinar series and to decide if it has enough of a connection for the NGEC to sponsor it or if it should be referred to AASHTO's Rail Resource Center. The ATF will be considering the proposal on its August 1st call and will keep the Board informed. (ongoing)

It was agreed that the NGEC should be involved on a national level in working with the host Railroads in regard to new equipment. Tim Hoeffner has sent Steve Hewitt an Outline for review and input. A further discussion will take place and the outline will be presented for consideration on the next Board call.

Status: An outline proposal (see attachment-below) for a Host Railroad NGEC Coordination sub-committee was prepared by Tim Hoeffner – with input from Steve Hewitt - and sent to all Board Members on June 12, 2014 for review and comment by COB Wednesday June 18, 2014. No comments have been received to date.

Under agenda item 9 the outline will be reviewed by Tim Hoeffner with discussion and potential consideration of approval.

4.

Approval of Minutes from the June 10, 2014 Executive Board conference calls – Eric Curtit:

On a motion by John Oimoen, and a second by Ray Hessinger, the Minutes from the June 10, 2014 Executive Board conference call were approved without objection.

5.

Progress Report: Mid-West States – Section 6 – Eric Curtit:

Interesting conversation. One of the challenges is the ownership of both types of vehicles they will have moving forward.

6.

Status: Review of Bi-Level Car and D-E Locomotive Change Requests - Eric Curtit:

- a. Bi-Level Review Panel – report and recommendation – timeline/schedule – Eric Curtit/Larry Salci

Shipping the change requests to Larry Salci today. Prelim items already sent to Larry.

Larry: Will handle the bi-level first. Contract he signed with AASHTO states finishing by end of September.

- b. D-E Locomotive Change requests – Status? - John Oimoen/Dave Warner

Additional information by mid-July will be provided to Eric.

7.

Status update: Diesel Electric Locomotive –John Oimoen:

John Oimoen provided a brief update on the D-E Locomotive procurement:

Continue to gather information, will have more in July for revision of Diesel Electric Locomotive spec.

8.

Status Update: Bi-Level car procurement – John Oimoen for Stan Hunter:

In the absence of Stan Hunter, John Oimoen provided a brief update on the Bi-Level car procurement:

Have reach agreement regarding weights of the cars. Very close to the weights in the specs. Continuing to work on many tech issues, including the completion of the design by this fall. Discussions with NS regarding option orders going forward. Discussing configurations and number of cars.

9.

Host Railroad Blessing of NGEC equipment – Next Steps -Tim Hoeffner:

Tim not on the call, will reconvene on this subject.

10.

Status Update: 514 Working Group - Ron Pate:

Ron Pate reported, the working group took a bit of a break. Amtrak proposed a credit for State of good repair. Amtrak has given lots of info regarding reconciling the rate of spending. Ray Hessinger has supplied information that reconciles and justifies costs associated with Amtrak fleet in states. Getting to a point where we will have a piece of work that will help guide us into the future with Capital Equipment. The issue is dealing with turnover within states, so we need an easy guide to get new people in the process familiar with the information. Not likely that all 17 states will fall completely in line with the final results. Each state is in different places regarding contracts.

11.

Appointing the NGEC Future working group and Next steps - Eric Curtit:

Mario plans to appoint himself, until he can fill that role with another Amtrak person. Later this week, Eric will send out the scope of what we plan to do with the Future Working group. This will go out this week.

12.

Setting location for the Fall Executive Board face to face meeting – begin logistics efforts Eric Curtit:

Consensus was previously Wilmington, DE. Great things to look into at Amtrak, and possibly two tours at Amtrak. Have Andrea Ryan look into October for two nights.

13.

Adjourn:

With no further business to come before the Board today, Chairman Curtit adjourned the call at approximately 11:56 Eastern.

The next call is: July 22, 2014, 11:30am Eastern

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NGEC Future discussion:

Chairman Curtit notified the board that the call originally scheduled for July 8th, would be cancelled.

ATTACHMENTS



S305 NGEC Executive Board Conference Call
June 24, 2014
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM Eastern
Call in number: 866 299 7945 passcode: 1601544#

Agenda

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| 3. Action Items Status Review | Andy House |
| 4. Approval of Minutes from the June 10, 2014 conference calls | Eric Curtit |
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| c. Bi-Level Review Panel – report and recommendation – timeline/schedule | Eric/Larry |
| d. D-E Locomotive Change requests – Status? | John Oimoen/Dave Warner |
| 7. Status update: Diesel Electric Locomotive procurement | John Oimoen |
| 8. Status Update: Bi-Level Car procurement | John Oimoen |
| 9. Review: DRAFT Outline -Host Railroad and NGEC equipment | Tim Hoeffner |
| 10. Status Update: 514 Working Group | Ron Pate |
| 11. Appointing the NGEC Future working group and Next steps | Eric Curtit |
| 12. Setting location for the Fall Executive Board face to face meeting – begin logistics efforts | Eric Curtit |
| 13. Other | All |

Next Call: July 22, 2014