

SECTION 305 TECH SUB COMM

MINUTES

DECEMBER 5, 2013 3:00PM EASTERN

CONFERENCE CALL

FACILITATOR	<i>Dave Warner, NGENC Technical Subcommittee</i>
ATTENDEES	Core Team Members: Dave Warner, Jeff Gordon, Allan Paul, John Madden, Jeff Schultz, Phillip Meraz, Michael Jenkins, Melissa Wilbers, Kerri Woehler, Tammy Krause, Vincent Brotski, Michael Burshtin, Devin Rouse, Charles Bielitz, Nico Lindenau, Sara Sarkhili, Curtis McDowell, Larry Salci, Andy House Industry Participants: Jim Michel, Bill Saddler, Tom Sisler, Mark Lane, Paul Jamieson, Bill Slater, Allen Bieber, Eric Wilde, Paul Aicholzer, Tom Hunt, Joe Moore, Craig McKeen, Richard Brilz
ABSENTEES	<i>Mario Bergeron, Dale Engelhardt, Steve Hewitt, Shayne Gill, Charles Poltenson, Brian Marquis, Michael Coltman, Darrell Smith, Andrew Wood, Anand Prabhakaran, Greg Gagarin, Kevin Lawson, Art Peterson, Stan Hunter, Kevin Kesler</i>

DISCUSSION/DECISIONS MADE

1.

In the absence of Chairman Mario Bergeron and Vice Chairman Dale Engelhardt, Dave Warner, Amtrak, called today's meeting to order and in the absence of Steve Hewitt, asked Andy House, AASHTO take the roll.

As always, industry participants are asked to email a notification of their attendance to Steve Hewitt at shewitt109@aol.com

2.

Review of the Agenda – Dave Warner:

Dave Warner provided a brief overview of today's meeting agenda.

3.

Review of Action Items – Andy House:

Andy House reviewed the open action items, providing a brief update on those items that were not to be specifically covered on the agenda:

Maintaining Industry Participation List: Status: Andy reported that this remains an ongoing action item. There are currently **228** registered industry participants.

Requesting Backgrounder educational document: The new 1 page double sided version of the Backgrounder has been finalized and printed. These new items are now available in hard copy. Subcommittee members should contact Steve Hewitt at shewitt109@aol.com if you would like to receive hard copies of the new NGENC Backgrounder document. Please provide a mailing address and the number of copies being requested.

Updating ECP Standards: Status: This is an ongoing item which the Technical subcommittee is tracking – it is anticipated that status updates will take place on every other call rather than on each call. **Status:**

Working/Review Group – Developing Commuter Equivalent of NGENC Bi-Level Specification: This effort (not an official NGENC effort) continues with Kevin Kesler, FRA, in the lead. kevin.kesler@dot.gov. Kevin has submitted a draft concept to Chairman Bergeron, and he and Kevin have agreed to discuss the concept proposal at some point in the future. **Status:** Ongoing

Review Panel Review of Trainset Revision A: Status: The Trainset Revision A Review Panel met on November 14th and approved, with very minor corrections, the Review panel Report and recommendations prepared by Larry Salci. The report was transmitted to the Executive Board in final form on November 26, 2013 and will be discussed and considered for approval by the Board on its call on December 10, 2013.

Metro North Dual Mode Specification: Jack Madden, NYSDOT, will keep the subcommittee updated on the status of the Metro North Dual Mode specification as it is developed. (This is an internal New York State process and it is not an official NGENC effort.) This will remain as an open item to track the progress being made. **Status:** Jack cautioned that,

due to derailment, people he was working with have been otherwise occupied. *

4. Approval of the Minutes of the October 24, and November 7, 2013 Technical subcommittee conference calls – Dave Warner:

Motion on Oct 24th : NC, Second NY. Motion on November 7th : NC, Second CT.

The chair determined that consensus had been achieved and the minutes, as noted above, were approved without objection.

5. Accessibility Working Group Status Update –Melissa Shurland:

The RVAAC met Nov 13-14, 2013 at US Access Board. The FRA did not give an overview of the accessibility activities. The first day and half of the meeting focused on establishing the standard operating procedures for the group. Memberships were extended to Hearing Loss Association of America, New Jersey Transits and NY MTA. Membership was denied to APTA, Siemens, WMATA and Q-straint. Day two the committee developed a list of priorities for accessible features that they would like to address. The committee requested that the FRA presentation be given at the next meeting which is scheduled for Jan 9-10, 2014.

The presentation was updated to include additional information about how the accessibility recommendations were developed and to include conceptual drawing of the interior for the three car types. This was done to address some comments made about validation of the recommendations by the FRA through impact studies and misconception about the location of the ADA seating being in the bike storage area. if possible, the Caltrans/IDOT conceptual layout of the restroom or any other layout drawings showing ADA features would be valuable for presenting how the PRIIA concept was implemented by Caltrans/IDOT.

I am working with the Office of Safety and FRA Passenger and Freight to develop a presentation to be given by RRS on the "fundamentals of passenger rail". This will be to inform the Committee (who many may be train riders but not experts/knowledgeable about railroad equipment or operations). The presentation will focus on discussing how structural, dimensional, ROW constraints for passenger rail operations can limit full accessibility, and thus technical feasibility studies are very important as new guidelines/regulations are being considered. The RVAAC meetings are open to the public and at the end of the session, audience participants can ask questions. Also, Committee members with approval from the Chair can recognize audience members who may wish to speak outside of the public comment period.

AWG. Oregon State University is in discussion with Amtrak to establish an NDA to obtain drawings for developing 2-D and 3-D rendering of the accessibility features. LTK has continued to pledge support to the development of the drawings to the extent possible.

6. Document Control Update – Dave Warner

Single level spec revisions are taking longer than originally expected.

7. Status: DTL specification Development – Tammy Krause:

Revised draft sent to members of the detail committee. Conference call next week to go line-by-line on it.

8. Update: Diesel-electric Locomotive – Art Peterson:

The final proposals have been received and are being reviewed in preparation for the consensus scoring sessions to be held next week in Springfield, IL.

9. Other:

With no other business to be brought before the subcommittee today, acting chair Dave Warner adjourned the call.

Next Generation
Equipment Committee



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acquisition, financing and management of passenger rail equipment.

PRIIA Section 305 Tech Sub Committee Meeting

December 5, 2013

The agenda for the meeting is below:

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| 1. Roll Call | Andy House |
| 2. Review meeting agenda | Dave Warner |
| 3. Review Action Items | Andy House |
| 4. Approve Minutes of the October 24 and November 7, 2013 calls | Dave Warner |
| 5. Accessibility Working Group Status Update | Melissa Shurland |
| 6. Document Control update | Dave Warner |
| 7. Status: DTL Specification Development | Tammy Krause |
| 8. Update: Diesel-electric Locomotive Procurement | Art Peterson |
| 9. Review this meeting: | Andy House |
| a) Decisions | |
| b) New Action Items | |

***Technical Sub Committee Conference Call Meeting:
Thursday December 5, 2013 3:00 EDT: 1-866-209-1307 / passcode 6486648#***

***Please call in a few minutes early so all is in attendance for Roll Call.
Thank you***

Next Technical Subcommittee Call: 12-19-13 at 3:00pm EDT