

**Nebraska LTAP  
Advisory Committee Meeting  
11/14/2008**

***Present:***

Dan Cady	Larry Rilett
William Cook	Dalyce Ronnau
Russell Daehling	Larry Shafer
Elmer Hessheimer	Dennis Smith
Raymond Hogrefe	Mary Stevens
Bob Hyberger	Timothy Weander
Terry McAuthur	Johnathan Wiegand (for Justin Luther)
Raymond Moore	Jim Wilkinson
Don Neary	Ed Wootton

***Absent:***

Jereme Montgomery	Gary Story
Curt Smith	

***Copy of Minutes To:***

Director John Craig  
Dean Elbert Dickey

**Update Since Last Meeting**

**Dan Cady:**

Since several new members were in attendance, Dan Cady started the meeting with around-the-table introductions.

Dan demonstrated a new response-training tool, PRS RF Transmitters, purchased by NE LTAP. These transmitters give immediate feedback to exam questions asked in the classroom. The system works in conjunction with Power Point presentations. The responses may be anonymous, or can be identified by a number tied to a class roster. The system cost was less than \$1,000 and will be a useful training tool.

Each member received a packet of materials containing handouts used in various NE LTAP workshops. Don Neary uses "RSA Making your Roads Safer", and "Rumors, Myths, and the Straight Facts" in his workshops. Also included with the materials were "Local Technical Assistance Program & Tribal Technical Assistance Program" by FHWA and the "Winter Maintenance Manual" by the Utah LTAP Center.

Steve Mika (Highway Superintendent for Saunders Co.) will participate in a Road Safety Audit. This audit is scheduled for Spring 2009. Upon completion, the report will be presented to either the city or the county officials, whoever has ownership of the targeted audit. Discussion was held on the Adams County assessment of "High Risk Rural Roads". Showboat road in Adams County has three intersections. These three intersections had about 18-20 crashes. Funds are available to rectify the crash problems but the county felt there is too much paperwork involved to request the money.

In August NE LTAP hosted, at their facility, a NHI Instructor Development course. Bob Hyberger and Don Neary participated in the course. Through Dan Cady's efforts, NHI has named NE LTAP a NHI Training Center. Now NE LTAP can provide their own in-house instructors and will build a group that can teach NHI courses.

**Federal Aid 101 -**

Dan Cady is working with NDOR and Nebraska FHWA to develop Federal Aid 101 training. The training will be for 2009 and beyond. To qualify for federal aid, cities and counties must have a certified LPA (local public agency). Training for the certification will start in February and March in Kearney and Ogallala. Alternative solutions for small agencies could be a local agreement with a larger LPA to sign-off on federal aid for them. Another solution could be a regional agreement where several counties/cities are combined for sign-off status.

**Bob Hyberger:**

Bob Hyberger reported all of the bridge training held in 2008 has been completed. This included a two-week "Safety Inspection of In-Service Bridges" held at the Ramada Inn, Lincoln, NE (3/24-3/28 & 4/7-4/11/08), and a "Wood/Timber Structure Inspector" training held at the Howard Johnson motel in Lincoln, NE (4/14-4/16/08). Also, two "Bridge Refresher" training sessions were held, one in Lincoln, NE at the LTAP facility (6/24-6/26/08) and the other in Kearney, NE (7/8-7/10/08). Bob provided 7 Motor Grader Operator's Short Course's for county employees in 2008. Next year's schedule include two bridge inspector training courses, dates

have not yet been set. Bob already has had 8 requests for Motor Grader training for 2009. Also, Bob handles any requests for audio/visual assistance from other outside groups.

**Don Neary:**

Don's work on the HRRR's (high risk rural roads) project continues. The project started in July 2007. The next phase of the project is: 1) Intersection Safety, intersection safe signs for crash driven locations. 2) Paint Stripping, which is also for crash driven locations. The counties will have to meet certain criteria to participate and they must follow HRRR's rules. The HRRR's committee meets monthly, goes over the criteria and gives recommendations to the participating boards for improvements. Don also provides field assistance to counties to determine their sign needs and conducts Work Zone Safety workshops. Because of this, Don is considered NE LTAP's "Safety Circuit Rider".

**Dennis Smith:**

Erosion Control has become the focus for Dennis Smith. Two types of training are available, Erosion Control for Inspectors and Erosion Control for Designers. Some 600 plus attendees have completed training this year. A mixture of industry, counties and cities, NDOR and even airports made up the registrants. All attendees who passed received a certificate upon completion. Because of the Erosion Control program, all regulations are consistent and there is not any deviation in regulations from agency to agency. All of the program reviews and been good. Dennis Smith, in conjunction with DEQ, prepared "Construction Stormwater, Best Management Practices". This is an informational, flip-card, pocket guide. It provides information on all phases of stormwater management best practices. These guides will be mailed to all cities and counties.

**Advisory Board Input -**

Board member Elmer Hessheimer reported a high school superintendent in his district is looking for some training targeted toward teenage drivers. Elmer asked if LTAP had any training of this type available. Dan indicated teen-driving issues was not a venue for LTAP. He did suggest the superintendent contact the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety, or Gordon Brooks at the Nebraska Safety Center, UNK. He also suggested C.A.R., which targets teen driving distractions.

Board member Ray Hogrefe reported on Jebro's efforts concerning banning oil filters from landfills. Iowa already has a ban in place and Ray will petition the Nebraska legislature to provide legislation to ban oil filters. Jebro will pick up the filters and compress the remaining oil out of the filter. They will sell the steel in the filter and incinerate the rest of the filter. Keep Nebraska Beautiful might be able to help with picking up the used oil filters.

**Other Events Attended/Held:**

- 1) APWA Snow Rodeo, Columbus, NE – 4/30-5/1/08
- 2) '08 APWA Mid-America Conference & Exhibit Show, Overland Park, KS – 5/6-5/9/08
- 3) APWA Congress, New Orleans, LA – 8/16-8/21/08
- 4) APWA Leadership Mtg., Kansas City, MO – 7/18/08
- 5) NLTAPA New Officers Retreat, St. Louis, MO – 8/27-8/29/08
- 6) NLTAPA Executive Council Fall Mtg., Washington, DC – 9/7-9/10/08
- 7) Winter Road Training Workshop, NE LTAP – 8/27/08
- 8) NLTAPA Mtg. w/FHWA, Washington, DC – 9/8-9/10/08
- 9) Road Advisor's Conference, Rapid City, SD – 10/29-10/30/08
- 10) NE APWA Annual Conference, Kearney, NE – 11/-11/06/08
- 11) APWA Snow Conference, Des Moines, IA – 10/10/08

**Events Scheduled for 2009:**

- 1) 2009 Asphalt Conference, Kearney, NE – 2/17-18/09, please note: volunteers are always welcome.

**Webinar Sessions Held at NE LTAP**

- 1) Safe Roads to School, NE LTAP – 6/18/08
- 2) Sustainability in the Workplace, NE LTAP – 6/19/08
- 3) APWA webinar, Keyhole Technology, NE LTAP – 9/10/08
- 4) ATSSA webinar, Reflective Materials, NE LTAP – 9/4/08

***The next Advisory Committee meeting will be at the Nebraska LTAP training facility from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm. The date is February 13, 2009. Lunch for the Advisory Committee will be served at the training facility during the business meeting.***