



**Minutes from August 29th, 2022 Meeting – Denver, CO and Remote/Teams
Colorado Convention Center, Rooms 210-212**

▪ **Roll call**

In Person:

Lynne Dee Althouse (Althouse and Meade)

Chris Barkan (UIUC)

Mark Bergeon (WSP Golder)

Leandra Cleveland (HDR)

Jay Diebold (WSP Golder)

James Dutt (Shannon and Wilson)

Craig Fisher (TRC)

Kari Harris (CN)

Chris Harvey (TRC)

Janet Hill (Arcadis)

Chris Hunsicker (NSR)

Bill James (TRC)

Kevin Keller (HDR)

Brian Kovol (Midnight Sun Env)

Peter Masson (WSP Golder)

Karissa Miller (Pacific Geosource)

France Moreau (CN)

Nao Nishio (Brightline)

Chris Rand (HDR)?

Lane Rasnake (Wood)

Martina Schlauch (Arcadis)

Leo Thorbecke (TRC)

Jennifer Uhland (Jacobs)

Matt Williams (Amtrak)

Virtual/Teams:

Kelly Blanchard (Tetra Tech)

Doug Dorsey (Hanson)

Steve Eget (WSP)

Kelly Farrell (HDR)

Karla Graf (CN)

Suzanne Hattenberger (BNSF)

Wirt Lanning (Stantec)

Todd McFarland (Wood)

Troy Neisz (Wood)

Tyler Phelps (Coldwater Engineering)

Lori Price (Jacobs)

Ken Roberge

Trenna Seilheimer (Arcadis)

Eric Viera

Welcome Guests!

In person

Amber Robinson, Zach Overfield (HDR), JB Seals, Beau Perry (TRC), Pasi Lautala (Michigan Tech), Ben Steincamp, David Evans

Virtual/Phone

Zach Taylor

- **Safety Moment (Masson)**
- **AREMA Anti-Trust Policy**
- **AREMA Welcome to Denver video**
- **Membership Changes and Updates (54 total members: 47 Full; 3 Associate; 1 Life; 1 Student; 2 AREMA Leadership)**
 - *Welcome Todd Cabonor, Dava Kaitala, Todd McFarland, Chris Rand, and Ken Roberge!*
- **Guest introductions (Amber, Zach, and Bill)**
- **History of Committee 13 (c/o Kevin Keller)**
 - Brief from Kevin on the organization of AREMA and current AREMA leadership
 - Original name was “Water, Oil, and Wastewater Services” committee. Changed in the 1960s.
- **Pasi Lautala from MTU – Collaboration with C13 on Life-Cycle Assessment Research**
 - Pasi spoke about the three phases of the Life-Cycle Assessment Research effort/project
 - Now in Phase #1, which is the only phase that is currently funded
 - There will be a workshop for the research project the day before RREC
 - No cost to participate with the workshop; Lunch will be provided
 - Looking at virtual/call-in option
 - FRA, FHWA, and concrete industry will have people participating
 - Need rail industry participation
 - Want to work on scope/goals before the workshop
 - Need to establish industry advisory committee
 - Email Pasi with any questions
 - RREC will have registration option for attending workshop
 - Will have form for virtual participation

▪ **Conference Presentations by C13 Members:**

- UPRR Valley 140.02 Bridge Replacement: Complex Regulatory Permitting Processes in California for Urgent Railroad Infrastructure – Tuesday August 30th 9:00 - 9:30am (Janet Hill)
- Compliance Canines: Remote Sensing and Cadaver Dog Cemetery Investigation for a CN Bridge Replacement – Tuesday August 30th 2:30 – 3:00pm (Kari Harris)
- Narlon Bridge Replacement: Unique Collaborative Effort is Formula for Success – Wednesday August 31st 12:00 – 12:30pm (Lynne Althouse)

▪ **Subcommittee Updates**

- #1 - Technical & Conference Publications (Cleveland)
 - Kari: push for two presentations relating to sustainability
 - Multiple members have already mentioned potential presentations for AREMA 2023
 - Kari: Talk to your co-workers about doing joint presentations (not just environmental ones)
 - Doug: Working on presentation with Committee 14 (Intermodal) that relates to environmental
- #2 - Education & Training (Hill)
 - Janet to put together a Committee 13 presentation for Kari to present when needed (other committee meetings, for recruitment, etc.)
 - Reached out to magazines to see if articles on C13/environmental could be published, but unfortunately there wasn't any real valid responses
 - Alayne from AREMA: magazines may want 500 word article with lots of pictures
- #3 - Membership (Blanchard)
 - Leandra helped with making the buttons we had for AREMA
 - Looking to post quarterly Committee 13 newsletter on LinkedIn
 - Have created folders on Teams site
 - Idea for RREC: Put a sign up sheet out for students attending RREC to be teamed up with a mentor (C13/RREC member), who can take them to presentations and help with connections.
 - Put out blank slips for C13 members to give info
 - Chris Barkan will be reaching out to environmental students as well to come to RREC
 - Amber Robinson: Suggested symposium and meet & greet after. Successful for 4-5 years.
 - Chris Barkan looking at booth for Committee 13 at RREC?
 - Kelly: Looking to put new Committee 13 logo on items, like shirts and hats
 - Need the monogram file
 - Lance to talk to Kelly to maybe help out
- #4 - Chapter Review (Williams, Dorsey, Hattenberger)
 - Canadian Part Draft (Kari Harris) will be put to ballot. Thanks to everyone for their past and current hard work to make this possible.

- C13 is **best** committee for chapter health (Kari)
- May not have to put some sections to ballot because they are not substantial changes (Kari to confirm with Michael Williams)

- #5 - Technology (Nishio)
 - Setting up a call on hot to realign subcommittee

- #6 - Sustainability Symposium (Thorbecke)
 - Leo gave history of how subcommittee came to be
 - Subcommittee has had several conference calls already
 - Submitted draft white paper to Trent Hudak to submit to the board
 - Committee 13 was given a packet of “how to” for running a symposium from AREMA HQ – working with Committee 24 on that.
 - How do we use committee 13 for go-to for guidance?
 - Maybe do a webinar for sustainability?
 - Committee 13 would be central clearinghouse for other committees re: sustainability
 - AREMA sees Committee 13 as the driver for this initiative
 - Meeting on Wednesday August 31st with other committees

- #7 – Transactional Due Diligence (Bergeon, Campbell)
 - No major updates

▪ **New Business**

- Updates from AREMA June Officers’ Meeting (Kari Harris)
 - Railway Interchange 2023 will be in Indianapolis on October 1. There will be no Railway Interchange after next year until 2028, but AREMA will continue to have their annual conference and expo. The reason for the pause in Railway Interchange is in regard to financials.
 - All members are encouraged to add a profile picture to their AREMA profile under both Membership directory and in Communities. You have to do both, not one or the other.
 - They are planning on redoing the website in 2023 to make it “flashier” to attract more members.
 - It’s encouraged to check the Community page often for updates.
 - We have a new Style Guide for the MRE format, which shall be used on all chapter confirmation/re-writes.
 - All RTS articles can go through Alayne; Deadline for an article is the first of the month before the month you want it run.
 - AREMA has agreed to sponsor local/regional events, ice breakers, networking opportunities (within reason) to promote recruitment of new members. We can also arrange this type of AREMA sponsored event during our Committee meetings.
 - We can invite an unlimited number of guests to our Committee meetings to promote and recruit new members.

- We can give out PDH hours to those who need the continued education credits for our Committee meetings, Subcommittee meetings, etc. There's a form that each person can fill out and send to Kari for approval.
- Matt W. to find PDH form for attending meetings and put up on Teams site.
- Discussion between Committee 13 and Maintenance of Way committee about vegetation control process/rules.
- **Open Discussion**
- **Upcoming Meetings:**
 - Winter Meeting @ RREC (and remote) – Tuesday, November 1st (3:00pm CST)**

End of Notes