



**Spring 2022 In-Person Meeting
May 11th, 2022
AREMA HQ - Lanham, MD
(In-Person + Virtual/MS Teams)**

1. Roll Call:

In Person:

Mark Bergeon (WSP Golder)
Kelly Blanchard (Tetra Tech)
Coley Campbell (CSX)
Leandra Cleveland (HDR)
Mark Coleman (TRC)
Craig Fisher (TRC)
Kari Harris (CN)
Suzanne Hattenberger (BNSF)
Janet Hill (Arcadis)
Bill James (TRC)
Peter Masson (WSP Golder)
Martina Schlauch (Arcadis)

Trenna Seilheimer (Arcadis)
Leo Thorbecke (TRC)
Jennifer Uhland (Jacobs)
Matt Williams (Amtrak)

Virtual/Teams:

Nicole Barker (NICTD)
Jay Diebold (WSP Golder)
Chris Hunsicker (NSR)
Wirt Lanning (Stantec)
Cooper Minto (Amtrak)
David Moore (Earth and Water)
Michael Potter (GHD)
Lori Price (Jacobs)

2. Safety Moment (Masson)

3. AREMA Anti-Trust Policy (Williams)

4. Membership Changes and Updates (48 members)

a. Welcome Wirt Lanning and Mark Coleman, and recently Steven Eget!

5. Subcommittee Updates:

a. Subcommittee 1 – Technical and Conference Publications (Masson)

- 1 RREC Presentation is going to AREMA Conference as a presentation
- There are 3 environmental presentations this year at AREMA! Really big deal.
- Goal is to get even more presentations to AREMA Conference 2023.
- C13 will send out list of C13 members that are presenting at AREMA 2022 Conference in Denver ahead of conference.

b. Subcommittee 2 – Education and Training (Hill)

- Focused on articles and presentations promoting C13
- Currently looking to get a few articles into railroad publications like RT&S (ties with AREMA)
- Martina led RTS August 2021 Article
- Reached out to RT&S about potential C13 article. Waiting on guidance from RTS on if the topic should be high level about environmental topics, or more detailed.
- Have subcommittee meeting on June 1st.
- Part 1 (2021 and March 2022) and Part 2 (April 2022) Webinars that Kari presented on went great. Good Q/A and some good feedback.
- Will connect with past RREC presenters to see if they want to do RT&S articles
- Contact Alayne with AREMA to get publisher's info?
- Prepare a short presentation to use to promote joining C13 that Kari can present at other Technical Committee meetings.
- Michael Potter (via Teams chat): Possible articles/presentations/issue updates to work on with other committees:
 - Storm sewer/infrastructure life cycle lessons learned
 - ICS for engineering - It's not just environmental
 - Brownfields type redevelopment - in-yard/satellite properties
 - Brownfields type real estate sales - City/Town Liaison
 - Open environmental issues on your properties - Let's get them closed

c. Subcommittee 3 – Membership (Blanchard)

- Looking to put existing C13 flyers at consultant booths that are run by C13 members as well as the main AREMA table.
- How do we engage more railroaders to join the committee?
- Engage contractors to join the committee.
- General discussion on how to get contractors and design engineers more involved.
- Develop a sales pitch on why it is important.
- Discussion about the multiple pages for C13 on the AREMA website (viewable by all and viewable by only C13 members) and also the AREMA transition to MS Teams.
- Plan to attend committee appreciation breakfast at AREMA meeting in Denver to represent C13 (Leandra volunteered).
- Add in C13 branding on AREMA conference presentations that our folks are involved in? Suggestion made co-presenters/authors do the same for the AREMA committees that they may be involved in.
- Working to keep website updated.
- Kari to reach out to the other Technical Committee Chairs to see if we can do a short presentation at their Committee meetings to promote joining C13; Trena provided information from Alayne to Kari.
- Kari will find a way to promote joining C13 during the June Officer's meeting.
- Plan to engage with AREMA student chapter at RREC to possibly take over for them at the registration tables periodically in order for them to be able to attend some of the presentations and/or seat students at tables with railroad professionals at the AREMA dinner again. Kelly will reach out to Chris Barkan to see if this is possible.

d. Subcommittee 4 – Chapter Review (Williams, Dorsey, Hattenberger)

- Met March 15th.
- Only two sections are outstanding – Introduction and Appendix.
- 7 years is considered out of date. 5 years is the ideal minimum update frequency.
- Doug Dorsey and Sue Hattenberger working on updating the Introduction.
- Matt W. working on updating the Appendix.
- Next section that will be due is Air Quality (last updated in 2019).

- Kari and Peter are working with Karla Graf, France Moreau and Craig Fisher to develop the Canadian Part, which should be finished and ready for a vote this summer

e. Subcommittee 5 – Technology (Nishio)

- Looking for new members
- Mark Coleman to join the Technology subcommittee

f. Subcommittee 6 – Sustainability Symposium (Thorbecke)

- AREMA Sr. VP Trent Hudak asked C13 to develop sustainability position paper, as a precursor to Sustainability Symposium.
- Leo and subcommittee are working with C24 and other teams on the Sustainability Symposium.
- Have a “how to” doc
- Targeting the AREMA 2022 Conference in Denver to get C13 and other committees together to start a lot of the planning.
- Leo can forward draft to everyone.
- Great 10-15 minute discussion on topics to discuss for sustainability
- Chris Hunsicker: NS sends out a lot of content on sustainability.
- Mark Coleman has volunteered to help with Sustainability Symposium

6. New Business

- Mark Bergeon: Committee 18 (Light Density and Short Line Railroads) has reached out to Mark, seeing if C13 can help with a section on “Transactional Due Diligence”.
- Group discussion on if that should be a new section of the C13 (Environmental) chapter of the AREMA manual
- Group agrees that this topic – Transactional Due Diligence – should be within the Committee 13 chapter of the AREMA Manual
- New Subcommittee 7 – Due Diligence Part, created. Group confirms new subcommittee and topic. Mark Bergeron and Coley Campbell to be primaries for new subcommittee and re-write.

- Do we tack the new Part on the end of Chapter 13, or rearrange all Parts to see where it fits best?
- If we want new section (Transactional Due Diligence) to be included in 2023 version of AREMA Manual, it needs to be in by November.

7. Open Discussion

8. Upcoming Meetings

- August 29th - 3:00pm – 4:30pm (mountain time zone) – in-person (and virtual via Teams) at AREMA 2022 Conference (Denver, CO).
 - Kari to send out actual meeting location and a Teams invite once we get confirmation from AREMA HQ on available facilities. (Sent Tuesday 5/24/22 @ ~11:00AM from K. Harris)
- November 1st - Meeting at RREC (note that conference has shifted to Wednesday/Thursday of the week).

End of 05/11/22 report.

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