Committee 13 – Environment: April 28, 2021 Virtual Meeting

Current Committee Leadership

Leo Thorbecke, TRC Chair
Kari Harris, CN Vice Chair
Peter Masson, Golder Secretary

Attendance via Teams:

Bill James (TRC) Leo Thorbecke (TRC)

Kari Harris (CN)

Peter Masson (Golder)

Mark Bergeon (Golder)

Josh Sales (Kennedy Jenks)

Kelly Blanchard (TetraTech)

Janet Hill (Arcadis)

Lori Price (Jacobs)

Martina Schlauch (Arcadis)

Trenna Seilheimer (Arcardis)

Jennifer Uhland (Jacobs)

Matt Williams

Coley Campbell (CSX)

Bryan Naranjo (NS)

Catherine Dobbs (HDR)

Doug Dorsey (Hansen)

Brian Kovol (Midnight Sun Environmental)

Kelly Farrel (HDR)

Chris Hunsicker (NS)

Nao Nishio (CN)

Sean Robitaille (CN)

Tyler Phelps (Coldwater Engineering)

Membership Count: 34 Leadership Changes: None.

Ballots Recommended for Board Approval:

Environmental Review 13-21-01 (approved by Committee vote April 2021) Waste Management 13-21-02 (approved by Committee vote April 2021)

New Assignment Request for Board Approval: None.

Ballots in Process:

13-21-03: Wastewater (in process of being refined and vote late Summer/Fall)

13-21-04: Canadian (new addition to Manual and scheduled for vote Fall)

Next Meeting and Date: Tentatively scheduled for June/July update.

COMM 13 Agenda

- 1. Roll-call / Safety Minute: Securing Loads
- 2. Welcome to new members that have just joined: Tyler Phelps, Catherine Dobbs
- 3. In September, Kari to take over as chair and Peter to vice chair. Need nomination for secretary. Would love to have a rail staff volunteer for the secretary position. Will have a ballot for this position soon. Set July 1 as the date for nominations so can vote prior to September AREMA meeting. Send nominations to Leo, Kari and Peter. Canadian section under review from Golder.

- 4. AREMA website liaison: Ryan Hartley will be the website liaison. Will do a dive into the AREMA portal and functions, including the ability to do more information sharing.
- 5. Working Group Subcommittees: Focus of the committee to help move things forward. Some of the committees will continue to move forward, others may accomplish their purpose, and we may need some new ones.
 - a. Mission Statement/Vision Committee (Kari: Kari.harris@cn.ca): Did meet and provided vision and mission statement. For now, that working group is complete. May have to revisit in future or annually.
 - b. Technical/Conferences (Peter: peter_masson@golder.com): Looking at articles for RT&S and RREC/AREMA conference presentations. Will be ongoing outreach for developing articles and presentation to get Comm 13 members more exposure and be thought leaders for the industry.
 - c. Education and Training (Janet: janet.hill@arcadis.com): Need to introduce Comm 13 to broader AREMA. Did recently produce the article for RT&S. Also webinar coming up on Permitting for Project Managers.
 - d. Membership (Kelly: Kelly.blanchard@tetratech.com): Have been trying to integrate and work with other committees. Finalized slides that can insert into other presentations, etc. Also have supported update of committee 13 page on AREMA website.

Leo asks if there are any other new subcommittees that we might consider? Chapter review? Technology? Branding?

- 6. Will set a date end of June/July for the next meeting to share information from the Chairs meeting.
- 7. Note May 19 is the environmental permitting webinar. Broadcast it out and tell colleagues.
- 8. Tuesday, Sept 28 we will have a virtual Comm 13 meeting as part of the virtual AREMA conference
- 9. The RREC may be a virtual hybrid event and might give us the opportunity to do a social outreach mixer, student chapter event and Committee meeting. Will have to see how things roll out for the conference with Covid restrictions. Conference will be October 26-27 at the I-Hotel/Conference Center located near U of I Football Stadium. Leo has reached out to Dr. Barkan and received preliminary approval for presentation slot highlighting Committee 13.
- 10. Closing: Thanks to everyone on committee and subcommittees. If there's a committee you want to join, feel free to ping that chair and volunteer. Also keep in mind collaboration with other committees. Get in nominations for Secretary!

Current Ballots:

Wastewater Ballot (12-21-03) scheduled for refinement and for voting late Summer.

Canadian Section (Under development) – Peter Masson, chair. Will find reviewers.

Issues: None to report

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