



CUTR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
July 28, 2004
Via Teleconference

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 2:05pm by Board Chair Art Kennedy. The welcome was followed by self-introductions of participants. Participating in the teleconference were the following:

Advisory Board Members

Art Kennedy	John Beck	Kim DeBosier
Jim Holton	Bill McDaniel	Sarah Daugherty (for Secy Castille, FDEP)
Robert Skinner		

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Ed Mierzejewski	Gary Brosch	Larry Hagen
Patricia Ball	Steve Polzin	Joel Volinski

Prior to the meeting, attendees were provided with copies of the meeting agenda, minutes of the last meeting, and assorted other materials.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the April 2004, meeting were approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Dr. Mierzejewski presented a brief report on CUTR and related activities:

- CUTR's recently-conducted annual survey of employees and individual meetings between the director and employees indicates that the organization's overall direction and current state is perceived as positive.
- Dr. Mierzejewski was recently elected to the International Board of Directors of the Institute of Transportation Engineers.
- The University Consortium for Intermodal Transportation Safety & Security (UCITSS) will be funded soon and work will begin on a variety of projects. CUTR's share of the overall funding is \$940,000.
- Dr. Mierzejewski met with Representative David Russell to discuss collaborating with the Florida Department of Highway Safety to seek funding to expand the motorcycle helmet study. He will seek a meeting with incoming Florida Senate President Tom Lee.

AWARD DINNER UPDATE: To date, 12 organizations have agreed to sponsor tables at the CUTR Second Annual Transportation Achievement Award Dinner on October 13, 2004. Several commissioners from the Florida Transportation Commission will be attending and will be seated at selected sponsor tables. Mr. Holton will extend an invitation to Senator Tom Lee. Mr. Kennedy will extend an invitation to Governor Bush and Lt. Governor Jennings.

CUTR FACULTY ASSOCIATE PROGRAM: To continue CUTR's quest for working more collaboratively with USF, faculty from the USF College of Engineering, other USF departments, and other universities, all of whom are working closely with CUTR on research projects, have been identified and affirmed by CUTR faculty and will be invited to become CUTR Faculty Associates. (Details of the program are attached.)

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Skinner commented that he is not confident the federal transportation bill will be approved this year. Mr. Brosch noted that those affected by the bill are still working hard because quick action will be necessary to assure that our initiatives get full consideration if it does pass. He suggested that the CUTR Advisory Board assist by making phone calls of support to the offices of Senator Graham, Senator Nelson, Congressman Davis, and Congressman Bilirakis. He will provide contact names and telephone numbers following the meeting. (Copy of email attached.)

OTHER BUSINESS: There was no other business.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday, October 13, 2004, preceding the Transportation Award Dinner.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.