

Sign Advisory Work Group Conference Call Minutes
16 July 2013 via telephone

Attendees: Jeff Mangum, Debra Stokes, Milton Boyd, Sam Crispin, John Derby, Kim Rea, Jack Nichol, Steve Logan. (Duane Johnson had trouble connect to the call)

National Sign Program Manager Vacancy

- Debra explained how St. Paul District had considered the idea of converting to a virtual position but after discussions, decided to advertise a traditional vacancy.
- Jeff asked if there would be an interim manager and Debra said no. Jeff is willing to help out informally until the position is filled.
- Debra reinforced that sign questions should follow the proper chain: district sign manager to division sign manager to SAWG division rep to MCX (Jeff).
- Jeff's biggest concern is keeping SignPro alive in the interim. Kim offered to help Jeff with SignPro issues if needed. (Post-Call Note: Kevin Baumgard submitted an ACE-IT ticket today to request a cost estimate to upgrade SignPro to current standards)
- Milt noted from his experience with another system that the administrative burden to keep SignPro going is high and that the requirements change from year to year because the people in charge are constantly changing.
- Jeff noted that he was unable to get Rick's files and asked Kevin Baumgard in St. Paul to preserve the files and email archive for the next Manager.

Security Sign Issue

- This morning Jack Nichol forwarded an email regarding AR-190 security sign requirements from Jeff Defosse, Division Sign Manager for Great Lakes & Ohio River.
- Milt Boyd had addressed this at our APR & OCT 2011 meetings, but Milt said that things may have changed. The latest AR-190-13 applies to "operational areas of civil works projects." **ACTION:** Milt thinks Operations needs to be briefed on the issues with implementing the AR (including non-sign issues) and consider a national policy as to what we consider to be "operational areas" for the purpose of AR 190-13.

(Post-Call Note: HQ Security has been engaged and proposed submitting an exception for this particular portion of the AR for official action.)

Note: the conference call ended prematurely at about 1:55 pm Eastern time due to ACE-IT technical problems with the New England District phone system.