

**Mack-Blackwell Transportation Center
Annual Advisory Board Meeting
November 7, 2014**



MarTREC Consortium pictured left to right: Robert Whalin, Heather Nachtmann, Brian Wolshon, Bethany Stich, Scott Parr, John Renne, Feng Wang, and Kevin Hall.

The Mack-Blackwell Transportation Center (MBTC) Advisory Board met November 7, 2014, at the Center for Training Transportation Professionals' Dan Flowers Classroom. The Board is a representation of professionals from the maritime industry, trucking industry, logistics, and state

transportation. New members include Rear Admiral Kevin Cook, Commander of the U.S. Coast Guard's Eighth District; Mr. Jeff Lillycrop, Technical Director of USACE ERDC Civil Works; Dr. Kenneth Ned Mitchell, Research Civil Engineer of the USACE ERDC's Coastal and Hydraulics Laboratory; Dr. Craig Philip, CEO - Retired of Ingram Barge Company; and Ms. Shannon Samples Newton, President of the Arkansas Trucking Association.

Chancellor G. David Gearhart; Jim Rankin, Vice Provost for Research and Economic Development; Mike Johnson, Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities; Heather Nachtmann, Associate Dean for Research and Director of MBTC; and Kevin Hall, Department Head for Civil Engineering shared updates about the University and research center. The meeting featured research sponsored by the Maritime Transportation Research and Education Center, Southern Plains Transportation Center, and Arkansas State Highway Transportation Department.

Faculty members presented on a variety of projects including Economic Impacts of Lock Usage and Unavailability, Rapid and Non-Destructive Assessment of Levees for Strength and Liquefaction Resistance, and Evaluation and Repair of Existing Bridges in Extreme Environments. Eight student researchers participated in the annual Jack Buffington Outstanding Student Poster Session (pictured on the next page). For additional information, please visit our website at martrec.uark.edu.

Student poster session pictures on next page.

