Board Members Present: CEAO – Warren Schlatter (Defiance), OML – Terry Lively (Belmont), Hassan Zahran (Columbus); Paul Schmelzer (Findlay); OTA – Greg Butcher (Violet Township); Academia – Eric Steinberg (Ohio University); ODOT – Jennifer Elston (D8); Jack Noble (D4), Anna Kuzmich (D11)  
Non-Voting: Vicky Fout (ODOT), Mike Fitch (ODOT)  
Others Present: Debbie Cox (ODOT); Scott Phinney (ODOT); Scott Lucas (ODOT)  
Not Able to Attend: Frank Burkett (FHWA); Brian Olson (D4); Bill Lozier (Licking); Steve Luebbe (Fayette); Leo Shanayda (Springfield); Brett Boothe (Gallia); Riu Liu (Kent State University)  

Summary  
Meeting began at 10:08 AM with attendance and approval of the December 17, 2014 meeting minutes.

Brief technical updates were provided by Technical Advisory Committee members on the 10 active research projects sponsored by the ORIL program. One project required action by the Board:

- Practical Design Guidelines for Replacement of Deficient Bridges with Low Water Stream Crossing in the Rural Mid-West (SOL 1373) – This pending pooled fund study has fulfilled its funding requirement and will be proceeding into an active study. The lead state, Kansas, has requested the appointment of technical liaisons. The Board selected Terry Lively and Bill Lozier to serve as technical liaisons on this study.

The Board discussed the three draft RFPs for the FY2016 program and approved the RFPs for posting with the modifications noted below:

- 2016-ORIL1: Best Practices of Road User Maintenance Agreements Amongst Local Government Agencies in Ohio  
  o Proposed Research, 3rd main bullet: Removed the potential future recommendation: “to modify language of the current RUMA template” to avoid confusion.

- 2016-ORIL2: Synthesis Study on Load Capacity on Concrete Slabs With No Plans  
  o Proposed Research, 1st paragraph: Removed the last sentence: “In addition, confidence in the process should be such to warrant approval from FHWA for use on federal aid and credit bridge projects.”  
  o Potential Application of Research Results: Removed the sentence: “The identification and validation of a process could lead to approval by the Federal Highway Administration which would make the process acceptable for use on structures associated with projects receiving federal aid.”

- 2016-ORIL3: Structural Benefit of Concrete Paving of Steel Culvert Inverts  
  o No changes needed. Approved as-is.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25PM. The next meeting will be held on May 19, 2015 from 10:00am – 3:00pm at the Don Scott Airport Facility.

Above minutes were approved by the ORIL Board on May 19, 2015.