



MTKN Update

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The MTKN Big Bang

Successes

- Bylaws, guiding principles, ILL guidelines
- Website, brochures
- Email list
- TLCat, sponsor OCLC memberships
- Jerry Baldwin's work on behalf of various state DOT libraries
- Incorporation
- Higher visibility of our libraries within our own organizations
- "Working Smarter" online instruction
- Various presentations
- TRB SR 284; raised awareness

We lost some DOTs.

Nebraska

Illinois (although we picked up
Hanson Professional Services)

Indiana

South Dakota

nearly lost Michigan

Lost (losing) key leaders.

Cut adrift. . .

. . .but holding our own

What's in our toolkit?

We've looked to build our successes through traditional tools of librarianship, but our greatest success has been in coalition building and raising awareness.

How have our efforts led to better research? How have they enabled researchers--our clients--to get more and better information in less time and at a lower cost?



Momentum has been picking up since TRB SR 284*.

* "Transportation Knowledge Networks: A Management Strategy for the 21st Century," *Transportation Research Board Special Report 284*



Is this a new era?

This is a landmark meeting.

WTKN and others coming onboard

New life at NTL

Where will the money come
from?

Wherever it is now.