

# NWCG CONNECTIONS MINUTES

**Date:** 02 October 2019

## **In Attendance:**

Terri Jenkins, CEPC | Cole Belongie, DMC | Andrew Bailey, DMC | Robyn Heffernan, FENC | Angie Simpson, FMC | Kristy Swartz, IFPC | Becky Brooks, IFPC | John Wood, LC | Eric Walker, LC | Steve Shaw, OTC/IPSC | Mark Goeller, RMC | Pete Lahm, SMOC | Jolene Ackerman, WUIMC |

Jesse Bender, Publications Manager | Tim Blake, Coordinator | Sean Cross, Program Manager | Deb Fleming, Coordinator | Jeff Hughes, Training Pgm Mgr | Paul Schlobohm, Coordinator | Nancie Turner, Webmaster |

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## **Not Present:**

IBC | DMC | ETC | NCSC | NIMSIC | NIAC |

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## **Topic**

### Committee Reports:

- CEPC: Wildfire Assessment Tool is currently being beta tested. Comment period for the term *fire cause* data standard has closed, group will connect with the DMC to address and make changes accordingly. A task group is engaged to look at the growth of fire prevention teams from mobilization to end reporting.
  - DMC: Working on data standards associated with the Dingell Act. Working on the Aviation data Analysis Contract and will be seeking NIAC involvement. The data cache technical requirements project kicked off last week.
  - FENC: Testing NFDRS2016 implementation throughout fire season 2020, projected full implementation by 2021. Will discuss S-190 Certification and hear the first report out regarding wildland fire requirements for satellite data at October meeting. Supporting coordination between fire environment-related project managers, business leads, and FENC to bring efficiency and gridded weather to the applications we use.
  - FMC: Currently working on FEMO, SOPL, RXB1, and RXB1 IPDs. May be going to Tucson in Jan/Feb to review RX-510 and M-580.
  - IBC: Working with NWCG Training on “how to” modules for completing Crew Time Reports and calculating equipment breakdowns. Three additional modules under development. Topics for discussion at October meeting: Reviewing and releveling the AD Pay Plan, and National Emergency Rental Vehicles (NERV) AAR.
  - IFPC: Looking at standing up a Resource Advisor Subcommittee as well as talking with the ETC regarding the location of the Invasive Species Subcommittee (currently an ETC subcommittee).
  - LC: Fall meeting will be in December with a focus on finishing the L-Curriculum course review and addressing IPD feedback.
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## Topic

- OTC/IPSC: Name has officially been changed to Incident Position Standards Committee. October face-to-face meeting will be in College Station, TX. New chair and support staff position to take over for committee in January.
- RMC: Fall face-to-face meeting week of October 7<sup>th</sup>.
- SMOC: Items that have included a smoke component: S-130 video and FFT2 IPD. Will be posting the Smoke Roadways Safety Guide to the NWCG website soon. Engaging with RMC to initiate SOFR/MEDL smoke training video. Field guide for prescribed fire is in the works. Created a national smoke contacts list in map form.
- WUIMC: Contributing edits to S-130 – Life Safety Unit and WUI Unit, including concepts on investigation visuals during the class versus having handouts. Reviewing membership on the committee and working to schedule a face-to-face meeting.

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### Announcements:

- Annual Meeting: February 11-12, 2020 in Boise.
- FireNet Status: Concept of a collaborative workspace will not be going away. Platform will migrate from Google by May 2020. Increasing user contracts from 6,300 to 8,000.
- 2021 Budget Guidance: In process for the Executive Board to review and approve in October. Will distribute to committee chairs in early November with a due date of mid-January 2020.

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### Subgroup Assessment Tasking:

- A framework for addressing the tasking has been drafted. Will be regrouping with task team members and affected subgroup chairs to present the framework for discussion. Preliminarily, the framework organizes course management subgroups into: a) course steering committees, and b) curriculum management subgroups.

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### Standards Management Cycle:

- Reviewed and discussed the Standards Management Cycle on the website: <https://www.nwcg.gov/nwcg-standards-management-cycle>.
- IPD Development:
  - 45 completed for 37% done
  - Another 11 in development stages with about 24 planned for this fall/winter

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### Organization Types and Committee Roles:

- Defining these more clearly to standardize going forward. Briefly reviewed what is listed on the website: <https://www.nwcg.gov/organizational-types> and <https://www.nwcg.gov/committee-roles-membership-information>
- Committees are encouraged to provide feedback.

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### Course Design Template – S-190:

- Overview of the new NWCG course template and the availability to use it going forward. Discussed the LMS and NWCG website and where courses live.
- New design reduces overall volume of materials, allows for more dynamic revision cycles, and makes content accessible and openly available to users.

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### NWCG Forms and OMB Approval:

- Continue to seek committee validation of the content in forms prior to getting approval from OMB. Will lump forms by functional use to send as packages for quicker processing.
- Aiming for completion prior to fire season 2020.

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**Next Meeting:** January 2020, Date and Time TBD