



**Predictive Services Oversight Group**

**Meeting Agenda and Notes**

**November 17, 2021**

**PSOG Members:** Derrek Hartman (NICC Rep/PSOG Chair), Nancy Ellsworth (GACC), Shane McDonald (NMAC), Beth Lund (FMB Liaison), Kelly Castillo (CGAC), Brian Achziger (Fire Mgmt), Heidi Strader (PS Met), Phillip Selegue (PS Intel), Billy Gardunio (PS Fire Analyst), Jason Fallon (Fire Mgmt), James Tomaselli (GACC), Robin Brooks (Notetaker), Brian Watts (Facilitator)

Item	Topic	Presenter
1	<p><b>Welcome</b> Agenda and charter review.</p>	Brian
2	<p><b>Purpose and Intent</b> Restructure of PSOG. Somewhat stuck in the mud. Get the momentum going forward. Brian, Nancy, and Derrek met last week to get the agenda together. Brian could not make it but was able to get with Derrek and had discussions with what FMB wants. What does the field want? Kelly not able to make meeting. Perfect time to restructure. Beth retiring and will have new rep. for FMB.</p>	Derrek
3	<p><b>Review of Charter: Purpose, Authorities, and Responsibilities</b> <i>Are the Purpose Authorities and Responsibilities valid and are we doing them?</i> Heidi — Purpose-paragraph before, Climate.... Status/availability should be changed. Cohesive units-fire management analyst changed to fire/fuels analyst. Feels can make better in first paragraph. Jim — supports Heidi. National standardized products — which products are we providing oversight? Nancy — Agree with Heidi, Fire Management analyst is wrong terminology. Also agree with Jim, it is important to get out to GACCs. Do not want to overburden with national products. Jim — Membership, what groups are working on, not just managers, how are we serving them? Each GACC has a SME, why reinvent the wheel. How can it be standardized? Shane — Manage oversight and direction. May have gotten off track. Need to provide Oversight and coordination. Are we the working group or oversight group? Devine true purpose. Heidi- Do have an identity crisis. National products and services, not providing what is needed. As a group we need to have the ability that money gets funneled to provide these national tools. Jason — Only been here a few months, thinks terminology needs to be changed. Oversight needs to be looked at and clarify focus and intent. Billy — Purpose and authorities. Are we doing them? Looking at memos etc. seems like we keep asking the same questions, what is our purpose and what are we doing.</p>	All



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	<p>Jim — Jason brought up a good point about national products. With working groups, who and how are we deciding membership and how to we report to others? Who serves and how do we reach out and then reporting back?</p> <p>Heidi — Met and Intel working group, is that who you are talking about? No specific cadre, Nick and Jim rum meetings. Intel side needs monthly meetings. May need to reformat as have several new people.</p> <p>Derrek — Beth on the hook to get new FMB Member. Do folks want to continue and how long.</p> <p>Brian — Consensus. Purpose is where we need to anchor, and national standardized products and services. Is this an oversight or working group? Authorities and responsibilities — this is communication between groups; management duties may need to be clarified. What products are we providing oversight for and how are we doing it?</p> <p>Derrek — how do we do draft versions? Group coordinates and oversees.. products that are national.</p> <p>Jim — What are we overseeing.</p> <p>Nancy — What products are we talking about? National Sit Report, 209.. Intel needs to be more involved and focus on all three branches.</p> <p>Jim — Sit on predictive services group and was all about meteorology. Analytics is blowing up; there is so much out there.</p> <p>Jason — Need to bring to a standard for all</p>	
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>Review of Charter Membership</b>  <i>Should additional groups/representatives be included? What about voting/non-voting members?</i></p> <p>Jim — Ad hoc working groups — Is this the right title?</p> <p>Nancy — they are not subcommittees under us. Predictive Services Fire Analyst is what we want for this group. Drop working group.</p> <p>Derrek agrees with Nancy. Rep from NICC management, does not need to be Center manager. FMB should take on liaison roll. States play an important role, FMB is strictly Fed and needs to have States involved.</p> <p>Nancy — Agree with Derrek dropping East and West. 10 GACC managers, deputy GACC managers should be involved as there is so much knowledge if you find the right deputy. May need to change the language like Derrek said.</p> <p>Heidi agrees. Need to Have a second member from each group.</p> <p>Shane — Are we an oversight group or a working group, this is what it comes down to. With oversight group would narrow it down. If working group may want to have two members for each group.</p> <p>Nancy — Had not thought about what Shane said.</p>	<p>All</p>



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	<p>Derrek — Looked at both sides, with making the group bigger meteorologist and fire analyst are a small group. What is the group capable of doing? Everyone is on so many committees.</p> <p>Jim — See value in both sides, when it comes to voting need smaller group, rely on SMEs. Need to make sure we have the right people!</p> <p>Shane — May need to be two separate groups. Brian — maybe voting vs non-voting?</p> <p>Derrek — NMAC and CGAC members, do we need both? FMB are also NMAC members... discussion on groups along with States.</p> <p>Heidi — May not be reaching a big group of people. Need the right membership! If they don't have. The time to be at the meetings may need to find those that can be active members and what the membership is.</p> <p>Derrek — With Kelly being on the group he doesn't seem to report out to the other groups and that is needed. We don't have Park Service or BIA.</p> <p>Nancy — Do we want to represent all agencies? Needs to be based on the purpose. Chad Fisher will be the FMB representative going forward per Beth.</p> <p>Brian — Will need to be more discussion, voting vs non-voting, positions... Any thoughts on should that be different?</p> <p>Nancy — Thinks it is an Oversight group and would want to change voting group. If we increase the group and we are overseeing it may not work.</p> <p>Derrek — would still like to see two people for each group</p> <p>Jim — Would take FMB off as voting member. Reps from specific group, one vote, second person is filled in.</p> <p>Heidi — Ok with not voting. Predictive services may not agree. Do we need Reps for fuels?</p> <p>Nancy — Fire analyst covers this.</p> <p>Derrek — What about fire management? How do we engage them? At the end of the day, it is the AA.</p> <p>Heidi — Weather Fuels and Intel, pool is not big in fire analyst world.</p> <p>Brian — Ideas on membership, voting and non-voting, one topic off FMB should be non-voting role.</p>	
5	<p><b>PSOG Membership</b>  <i>How long have you been on PSOG? How do you interact with the stakeholders you represent? Do you want to continue? What group of stakeholders should be represented that aren't currently?</i></p>	All



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<p>Brian — Specific criteria for voting members and terms.</p> <p>Nancy — Been a member for three years, since inception. Represent CM and report out monthly, also at annual meeting which reaches out to all three tiers of dispatch. Also report to coordinating group and MAC group. Will stay for a while but have many other committees and would like to focus on them. Predictive services is something that not everyone understands well as their needs.</p> <p>Derrek — Thanks Nancy. CM and deputies was a good call.</p> <p>Jim — Member for a year. Somewhat of a non-producer at this point. Nancy does have a lot on her plate and is willing to step up. Operational background is what he was hired for. Will retire in 2024 but would be happy to be part of the group.</p> <p>Heidi — Been with the group since inception, has been challenging but would like to stay around. She has learned a lot about the different groups. Nick mentioned he would give up meteorologist role if someone could do it better. It is a little tough only because in Alaska but would like to stay on. Monthly meetings does updates on PSOG.</p> <p>Jason — Joined less than a year behind Nate Benson. Bounce back and forth as to if he should stay involved, if he is the right one for the position. Struggle in fire management as they are so spread out. Daily part of job to work with and communicate needs and products. Being on other committees does update them and maintaining communication. Report out in general discussions.</p> <p>Phillip — Member in the past year, was chair of Intel sub-committee. Was pushing more towards intel after Gabby. Oversees Intel sub-committee. Interact with METS in the GACC and monthly discussions. Would like as a program manager to continue.</p> <p>Billy — On since inception. Interact with the fire analyst group, which is small, on predicative services calls. Rep for several groups and meeting with them. He would like to stay on, would like to provide the services and fully committed.</p> <p>Shane — Been here since inception. He interacts with NMAC and have talked about PSOG a handful of times. Would stay if it makes sense.</p> <p>Derrek — Part of the remote proposal. PSOG came on in May, center manager stepped away, worked with Beth and Shane to be the chair. Passionate about predictive services. Meteorologists are underrepresented. Passion is to stay on and support PSOG. Come from fire management. Being CM may have a new boss but would love to continue and will know them.</p> <p>Robin — Will continue to take notes.</p> <p>Brian — When Dan retired there was a question on the chair. Re-evaluated and will hang in for 6 months or longer. Need to re-engage and facilitate.</p>	
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6	<p><b>FMB Representative</b>  <i>What is the role of this position? Should this be a liaison?</i>            Should be a liaison not a voting member.</p>	Derrek
7	<p><b>Next Steps</b>            Be prepared to present at January Meeting.            Each person should identify 3-5 projects for PSOG focus on from the perspective of the stakeholder group you represent. Start working now and be prepared to bring to the Jan. meeting.            Will have some homework for January meeting. Will get Nancy and Derrek to get additional items needed.</p>	Brian
8	<p><b>Wrap-Up</b>            Phillip — Dec 7-9 Coordinators meeting. Under predictive services group, will anyone from PSOG be there?            Nancy — In the Joint session Tuesday, there will be a PSOG presentation. Do you want Nancy or Derrek to present? Will keep Derrek on schedule.            Nancy — Was a good meeting, but no decisions really being made.            Derrek — Great meeting, intention is to have discussion with Chad. Next meeting Nancy, Brian, and Chad can get things closer to making decisions. One agenda item: meeting last Wednesday of month. We need to have it face to face once a year.            Jim — Likes to check boxes, but without rep from FMB should not be making decisions. PSOG meetings have been cancelled, can we get a new invite? Consider a co-chair at next meeting.            Heidi — Agree with Nancy. She won't be able make the January meeting, should I find replacement for meeting for METS? Yes 3-5 items to focus on, Heidi has a list of ideas.            Brian — Derrek will get invite out for super session in January.            Derrek — Huge thanks to all! Covid Fatigue and virtual meeting fatigue has been hard. Looking forward to the in-person sessions. Stay fired up! Will bring Chad to the next meeting.</p>	Brian Watts
9	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	January 26, 2022