

# Communication, Education, and Prevention Committee (CEPC)

## CEPC Conference Call Notes

### Logistics

**Date** January 11, 2024

**Time:** 1500 Eastern, 1400 Central, 1300 Mountain, 1200 Pacific

### CEPC (\*primary members):

Name	Representation	In Attendance (X)
Jodie Barram*	International Association of Fire Chiefs	X
Chris Barth	Public Information Officer Subcommittee	X
Faith Berry*	US Fire Administration	X
Carrie Bilbao*	NIFC External Affairs	X
Tina Boehle*	National Park Service	X
Mandy Scott*	U.S. Forest Service	
Kari Cobb*	US Fish and Wildlife Service	X
Mark Thibideau	Fire Prevention Education Team Subcommittee	X
Doug Hildebrand	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	
Kenny Jaramillo*	Bureau of Indian Affairs	
Angie Lane*	National Association of State Foresters (Western)	X
Katy O'Hara	NWCG Coordinator	X
Caron McKee	Administrative support	X
Kent Nelson*	National Association of State Foresters (Eastern)	
Jon Skinner*	Bureau of Land Management	
Shawn Zimmermaker	Fire Investigation Subcommittee	X

### Agenda Topics

- FY2025 project funding (requests due Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> and need to be submitted through CEPC)
- Smokey's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday – The FS has several resources for Smokey's 80th that are up and running and should have a toolkit for folks soon. Amanda can provide links and other information to the group.

### COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

- Chair's update – Carrie: F2F annual meeting at the Schoodic Institute in Maine, Oct 7-11; the meeting space has been secured, and Kent is looking into how we can do the funding piece. Attending the NWCG Annual Meeting to be held in person, February 21-22, Boise Centre. Carrie is finalizing meeting notes from last year. Maureen's retirement – Mandy will get this group more info on donating to a gift card for Maureen.
- NWCG Coordinator remarks and news and update – Katy: Annual meeting for NWCG coming up in February (invite/agenda has gone out) – in Boise Feb. 21-22. Starting to move quickly on positions in IPTM. PIO-T and PIO-3 are set to go in the next batch; Katy will talk with the PIOSC at their next meeting about nailing down SME for this effort. Per Katy, funding requests for PIO training will be a non-issue for this year due to upcoming changes.
- PIO Subcommittee update – Chris: Held a couple special topic sessions recently. Continuing to work with the Inciweb group (business lead and development team) on ongoing education/awareness of changes related to going to Drupal. Looking at getting some additional members into the subcommittee to fill vacancies (BIA, USFWS, BLM) – have identified a BLM person, but looking for other agency reps. Ongoing training development – planning to discuss later this month how IPTM is going to translate to *Promoting a better understanding of wildland fire through communication, education, prevention and outreach.*

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what we have (S-103, 203 revision, and what a 403 might look like). PIO-T and PIO-3 are scheduled for IPTM in the spring. Ongoing discussion about having representation at Geographic Area team meetings. Updated contacted info for team PIO contacts – this is in the PIO toolbox.

- Fire Prevention Education Team Subcommittee update – Mark: Currently teaching a P-301 course; will be a P-310 course coming up week after next in Arcadia. In the process of looking at/adding content to the Prevention Team Leader PD and will submit when ready. Submitted a request for people to sign up for the national schedule. Subcommittee meeting coming up next week; will discuss whether we have any funding requests potential. For P-310, looking into whether we can update the course test to better reflect the course (this is the only potential funding need for FY25).
- Wildland Fire Investigation Subcommittee update – Shawn: Continuing on PMS-412 and FI-210; hope to have photograph updates done by next week; then will cleanup some language and do basic editing before ready for publishing. Submitted 3 proposals for studies to different research institutions: hoping to get studies going on the reliability of fire pattern indicators and on leveraging technology to help in fire investigations. Had committee meeting last week and have been in touch with Katy and will likely submit 2 budget requests: one to update investigations training and another for a professional editor for reviewing PMS-412.

## DISCUSSION TOPICS

- Potential projects that need funding (see notes under subcommittee reports). Carrie will look at week of Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> for a quick meeting or an email chain to prioritize what proposals we'd like see for FY25.
- Approval for IAFC alternate membership – Carrie. Will check on this on our next meeting (Jodie).
- Action Item review:
  - P101 on learning portal – Carrie (still looking into this; Maureen passed off to Rick Gividen – Carrie has reached out to Rick)
  - WUI definition update – Kent, Faith (looking into terminology)
  - Tina, check older actions items highlighted.
  - Prevention training scoping – Carrie (looking at existing NWCG training and where CEPC should be involved, if any – Carrie will work on this in the coming months)
  - ICAC connection – Carrie (work with that group on how to work in FPETs to large incidents if needed; maybe set up discussion with ICAC to promote FPETs)
  - Social Science models – Mandy (ongoing)
  - JFSP research submission cycle – Carrie (waiting to hear back from Karen Dante-Wood; hoping to have her come to a CEPC meeting in March or April to talk about JFSP projects)
  - USFA fire service personnel lesson plans – Faith (developed some materials and training materials with FEMA MAT group; examined Marshall fire; working on training on wildfire mitigation efforts for planners and builders and fire departments. As those materials become available, Faith will update CEPC).
  - CEPC video – Carrie (video about what our committee does; Candy Stevenson was helping with this. Tina/Candy still have files – might see if Rebecca Patterson (BLM) has time to work on; or

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new NPS VIS when they are hired). Per Katy – not aware of any other committees doing a video, but there is an [NWCG video](#) about how to join committees/what committees involve, etc.

- Information sharing/networking support – Jon (looking at having one of the Geographic Areas support a Prevention convention/gathering).
- CEPC note taker – Carrie (Caron is still available until someone else is identified).
- Budget requests for FY25 – All
- Fire restrictions proposal – Kenny (WFIT business needs form)
- Fire causes survey – Angie/Jon (getting an idea of how people are reporting; there have been issues with the new INFORM fire reporting not being correctly reported and a lot of causes not showing up; Jon was going to look into federal agencies and Angie into states to see how things are being reported; Carrie has been working with the Fire Causes subcommittee and Data Management Committee, and on the INFORM reporting issue, and we may look at bringing back the Fire Reporting Task Group.
- Wildfire Prevention Strategies Guide/PMS 455 update – Jon/All
- Ongoing items. All – go into our Action Items spreadsheet and look at Ongoing items to update as needed.

## ACTION ITEMS FROM TODAY'S CALL:

What	Assigned to	Status
Finalize any needed budget requests for FY25	All	ASAP
Hold quick meeting or an email chain to prioritize what proposals we'd like see for FY25.	Carrie/All to vote	Carrie will set up meeting or email chain for the week of Jan 22
Go into our Action Items spreadsheet and look at Ongoing items to update as needed.	All	As time allows

**\*FOR A LIST OF ALL CEPC ACTION ITEMS, BOTH IN-PROGRESS AND COMPLETED, SEE TEAMS DOCUMENT: [Action Items.xlsx](#)** (Located on Teams inside the Meeting Agendas and Notes folder)

## ORGANIZATIONAL/AGENCY UPDATES

***To be submitted in writing – can be covered if there is enough time.***

Name	Representation	Update
Jodie Barram	IAFC	WUI conference is coming up March 25-28; registration is open. The conference will be in Reno for the last time, then will move somewhere else.
Faith Berry	USFA	Marshall Fire MAT info is out; develop brand new data system, National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS) – a fact sheet was sent out on this; it allows real time data to help with response efforts and also prevention efforts/understanding of fire causes.
Carrie Bilbao	NIFC External Affairs	Working on Fire Year Themes. The NIFC PIO Webinar is scheduled for May 16 at 1000 MT (a save the date with Zoom link to be sent out later). Starting to plan for National Wildland Firefighter Day events (NWFFD), July 2.

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Tina Boehle/Caron McKee	NPS	
Kari Cobb	USFWS	
Doug Hildebrand	NOAA	
Kenny Jaramillo	BIA	
Angie Lane	NASF (Western)	
Kent Nelson	NASF (Eastern)	
Mandy Scott	USFS	
Jon Skinner	BLM	
Chris Barth		Starting new job with USFS Jan. 28 <sup>th</sup> – use FireNet email account to contact until new USDA email available (chris_barth@firenet.gov)