

IABS Conference Call

Notes

Date and Time

March 6, 2024

Time: 1100-1200 PST

IABS

Cadre (Agency/Name):	Cadre (Agency/Name)	Cadre (Agency/Name)
BLM – Angie Forbes	USFS – Jared Bohrman	USFS- Justin Bohannan X
BLM- Melissa Fry X	NASF – Josh Agustin X	USFS- Cindy Matthews X
USFS – Annie Johnson X		

Associate Members (AM) & Unit Chairs (UC)

Cadre (Agency/Name):	Cadre (Agency/Name)	Cadre (Agency/Name)
USFS – Leslie Casavan (AM)	BLM – Kristina Curtis (AM)	
BLM – Jake Lloyd (UC) X	USFS- James Snell (UC)	BLM – Mary Loan (UC) X
USFS – Courtney Christensen (UC)	USFS – Kelly Mathis (UC)	

The IABS held the annual in-person meeting in San Marcos, CA the week of February 12th. Items covered were the edits to the 2024 SABO, preparing for the National Workshop, discussing mass flow meters, and a meeting with the USFS National Airtanker Program Manager.

The IABS will be working on researching and providing information on mass flow meter potential alternatives.

There were several changes to the IABS personnel.

- Stan Goode stepped down from the Chair and Justin Bohannan is the new Chair.
- Dustin Martin stepped down from the NASF representative, and Josh Agustin is the new NASF representative.
- Jared Bohrman is the new USFS primary member filling in behind Justin’s move to Chair.

There was a call for volunteers for IABS Subunits during the National Airtanker Base/SEAT Manager Workshop. The volunteers will be notified of the Units they will work on and the rosters on the IABS website will be updated shortly.

Justin Bohannan presented information about the work the IABS has been doing to NIAC.

- **NWCG Airtanker Base Application Unit**
 - The Airtanker Base Application Unit has been working on making sure the Airtanker Base Directory is accurate after the migration (some of the data reverted back a few

years). Base personnel were requested to provide changes to Kelly Mathis during the National Airtanker/SEAT Manager Workshop.

- The IABS website has been updated to reflect the name change, and the Mission and Objectives have been added.

- **Standards for Airtanker Base Operations Unit (SABO)**

- Courtney Christensen will be the new Chair of the SABO Unit, and Jared Bohrman will be the IABS Liaison.
- Edits for the 2024 version have been completed and the document was sent to NIAC for review, which should be complete by March 14th. From there, it will go to NWCG for publication.
- The SABO unit has created a timeline of the annual process on incorporating comments from the field to publication.

- **Airtanker Base Training and Qualifications Unit (ABTQU)**

- The Unit is working on a NWCG FWPT class and hopes to have a product in the near future.

- **Airtanker Base Operational Risk Management Unit (ABORMU)**

- The Unit is working on a variety of checklists for airtanker bases to use as a part of SMS.
- The Unit will be working on 6MFS suggestions.

- **SEAT Unit**

- No updates.

- **IABS Unit Recruitment**

- Any volunteers for any of the units should be submitted to your agency IABS representative or through the QR code.