

National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG)
Preparedness Branch
Incident Business Committee
Conference Call
October 14, 2020

Present:

Ben McGrane, AQM
Sarah Fisher, FS
Christine Peters, NPS
Dave Burley, BLM
Robin White, BIA
Jamie Wade, AQM
Heather Good, FS
Brenda Even, NASF
Robby Gross, NASF
Tim Blake, NWCG
Jeff Arnberger, Operations
Amy Lancaster, Dispatch

NWCG IBC Chair and Vice Chair Transition:

Ben's 2-year term as Chair ends after the fall meeting. Dave Burley will serve as the next IBC Chair and Reah Reedy will serve as Vice-Chair. Transition will take place at the December IBC meeting and Dave will take over as Chair after that meeting.

Fall Meeting Dates & Agenda Discussion:

Meeting has been scheduled for 12/8-10/2020. Meeting will be held virtually through Teams. IBC members agreed to poll respective agencies for comments on the SIIBM and bring these items to the December meeting for discussion. December meeting topics are due to Meg by the November 12th conference call.

2021 AD Pay Plan Discussion:

Changes and position leveling for 2021 AD Pay Plan need to occur prior to December meeting to meet the timeframe of Spring 2021 issuance. Federal IB Leads will seek comments from agencies by October 31, 2020. IB leads will discuss proposed verbiage changes and establish a leveling task group to complete this process in November.

IBC Performance Package:

No changes to this effort due to conflicting priorities, busy fire season, etc. IBC will discuss at December meeting and determine how to proceed. Robby and Tim will meet prior to December and determine best way to engage NWCG Training in the discussion.

Round Robin:

- **Ben** – Nothing to report.
- **Sarah** – FS working on implementation guidance for annual salary cap waiver associated with COVID response.
- **Christine** – NPS waiting for formal direction from DOI HR re: how to implement annual salary cap waiver as well.
- **Dave** – Nothing to report.
- **Robin** – Virtual FMO meeting to be held 10/26 – 11/4. Working on filling vacant positions.

- **Jamie** – Still a need for Buying Teams in some geographic areas. FS acquisition staff reorganization has taken place. New organization is called PPS and there is some misinformation that militia staff will not be allowed to support incidents. This is not accurate and there is still an intent that PPS personnel will be allowed to support incident response.
- **Heather** – Nothing to report.
- **Brenda** – Nothing to report.
- **Robby** – Nothing to report.
- **Tim** – Subcommittee of Risk Management considering a proposal to add an additional mandatory day off after incident assignments. This would require data gathering, etc. before bringing forward to agency leadership for discussion/approval.
- **Amy** – Nothing to report.

Next Conference Call is November 12, 2020 at 1100 MDT