Public Information Officer Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes: 11/21/2019

Attendees:

Adrienne Freeman (NPS), Sean Collins (IAFC), Robyn Broyals (BIA), Candace Stvenson (FWS), Rudy Evenson (BLM), Brian Harris (USFS), Kerry Greene (USFS)

Also in Attendance:

Deb Fleming (NWCG Coordinator), Tina Boehle (NPS), LeighAnne Kazmir (NWCG)

Old Business

1. Roll Call/Self Check-in
    - Decision making process requires a quorum of 2/3rds, (5 people)
    - Minutes of last meeting were approved by Candace Stevenson, seconded by Rudy Evenson
2. NWCG Update - Deb Flemming. OTC had switched over to become IPSC. The Command (IC) subcommittee is currently working on IPD's. Logistics subcommittee will be meeting next week.
3. SM tasking update - Candace reported that the draft document had been circulated for feedback. Discussion was heard as to where the completed document will reside. Suggestions include a separate page on the NWCG website and a link to it from the PIO bulletin board. Candace emphasized that it should be available to the wider fire community, not just PIO's.
4. IPD update - Following a short discussion and a minor verbiage change all IPD's were considered ready for public circulation and comment. NWCG webmaster will post to the website, all members to forward the link to their PIO groups.
5. PIO3 position discussed. The history of the PIO3/PIOF/IOF was previously circulated by Deb Flemming. Feedback from agencies was sought from our last meeting. Some agencies were about increasing the levels of PIO and making it more difficult to achieve. After a long discussion about the possibilities of continuing with 3 positions with different training needs it was agreed to remain with 4 positions. To help agencies understand the reasons behind this and how we propose that it will actually make it easier to become a PIO, a White Paper will be produced. Adrienne Freeman offered to write the paper.
6. A request from FEMA was received for a PIO SME to assist with updating their processes. Kerry Greene and Adrienne Freeman will assist. A general conference call for all functions is to be held on Dec 9th 2019. A specific PIO call will follow in January 2020.
7. NIMS Integration Committee Update - Kerry Greene reported that feedback on the previously circulated document had been submitted.
8. Candace Stevenson reported that she had circulated an email to USFWS PIO's to try and find her replacement.

New Business

1. PIOSC futuring. Chair and Vice Chair are 2 year terms and coming up for renewal. Consideration should be given as to how we will move forward. No feedback at this point.

Action Items

1. Recommendation on where to host the social media document to Sean.
2. IPD link to be circulated.
3. Adrienne Freeman and Kerry Greene to attend the FEMA function update conference call and report back.

Other Business/Agenda Items for Next Call

Date for next calls:

December 19th 2019, 2 pm Eastern, 1 pm Central, noon Mountain, 11 Pacific.