

Public Information Officer Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes: 12/19/2019

Attendees:

Adrienne Freeman (NPS), Sean Collins (IAFC), Rudy Evenson (BLM), Brian Harris (USFS), Kerry Greene (USFS)

Also in Attendance:

No NWCG on the call

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 Rudy Evenson, seconded by Brian Harris.
2. Congratulations to Adrienne Freeman, Kerry Greene and Robyn Broyals on successfully completing S-520.NWCG
3. Update - No NWCG update
4. SM tasking update - No suggestions were received by Sean Collins, continue to think where the best places to link would reside and circulate among PIO peers.
5. IPD update - PIO1, PIO2 and PIOF IPD's on the NWCG website for comment.
6. PIO3 position proposal update - Adrienne Freeman recommends having the discussion on the January call to provide all an opportunity to read the "White Paper" and think about it. She reported that NPS folks reacted strongly against having 4 positions. Rudy noted that BLM Nevada public affairs and fire staff have so far supported having the new 4th position. Brian said that his region of the Forest Service also seems to support the new 4th position. Kerry has not yet had a chance to socialize the concept with R5 Forest Service and other CA fed fire folks. Discussion followed on what type of forum would best be used to present the proposal to our various audiences. Team meetings? Optional webinars were proposed, a special-purpose meeting or event for the California interagency fire community? More discussion will be held on the January call.
7. FEMA PIO Update - Kerry Greene, Adrienne Freeman and Sean Collins were on two separate calls. Sean updated everyone on what NWCG were doing with the PIO function. Kerry and Adrienne reported that the FEMA process is looking at a very broad revision with conscientious attention to NWCG input.
8. NIMS Integration Committee Update - No new information.
9. Candace Stevenson reported that Susie Heisy a PIO1 t had been identified as the USFWS replacement representative. Candace Stevenson will remain as Vice Chair, with Jan Lemons continuing as NPS Representative.
10. PIOSC futuring. Chair and Vice Chair are 2 year terms and coming up for renewal. No further update at this time.

New Business

1. No new business.

Action Items

1. Review PIO3 position proposal from Adrienne Freeman, provide feedback to her via email and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting.
2. Seek approval from agency and consensus within the PIO community and peers regarding adding the PIO3 position.

Other Business/Agenda Items for Next Call

Date for next calls:

January 23rd 2020, 2 pm Eastern, 1 pm Central, noon Mountain, 11 Pacific.