

Public Information Officer Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes: 10/22/2020

Attendees:

Candice Stevenson (NPS), Chris Barth (BLM), Adrienne Freeman (NPS), Catherine Koele (NASF)

Also in Attendance:

Deb Fleming (NWCG)

Old Business

1. Roll Call/Self Check-in
 - Decision making process requires a quorum of 2/3rds, (5 people)
 - No quorum, no approval of minutes
2. CEPC – Budget requests are due by November 12
3. NWCG Update – FY 2022 budget guidance is coming soon. PIOSC will put in a request for a detailer to update S-203 in accordance with new IPDs and update outdated materials. To plan for this, we will need some help to collate all of the issues identified from this year and gather information from the PIOSC and PIOs to plan for the S-203 update.
4. IPD Update – We need to address the growing need for tech skills and capabilities. We discussed a national contract where technical team can bring equipment and set up a video production studio and train PIOs how to use it. This would be left up for the duration of the fire and transition with teams. Chris and others have been having this conversation, this will remain on the agenda for follow-up.
5. S-110 Update – Deb reported that the entire training staff has been diverted to concentrate on virtual delivery. No work for S-110 update.
6. IRPG page update – No updates
7. Virtual S-203 class – Catherine is currently teaching a virtual S-203 class and was able to call in for an update. Catherine reported that the virtual S-203 environment is do-able, she said the media exercise did not take as much time virtually and they were able to watch everyone's videos and learn from each other. Catherine stressed that breakout groups are key and they had a panel to help with breakouts. Adrienne asked if assessments were still be given and were they effective. Catherine suggested that assessments were important and can be just as effective in the virtual environment. We will be following up with Catherine on this in subsequent meetings.
8. New Business – Chris brought up issues with task books and evaluators and asked the PIOSC if we should develop a PIO evaluator guidance document. The PIOSC will look into whether any other guidance is provided for task book evaluation. We will pursue this task upon approval from CEPC.

Action Items

1. Place IDP changes FAQ document in file for review.
2. Get in budget request to CEPC by November 12.

Other Business/Agenda Items for Next Call

Virtual S-203

Evaluator guidance document

Reschedule next call

Date for next call:

Next call is scheduled November 26, 2020, which is Thanksgiving Day, we need to re-schedule. Dates proposed for next call: December 3 or December 10 and this will be the last meeting of the year.