

# Public Information Officer Subcommittee

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## Meeting Minutes: 8/26/2021

### Attendees:

Candice Stevenson (NPS), Catherine Koele (NASF), Pamela Bierce (FWS)

### Also in Attendance:

Deb Fleming (NWCG)

Tina Boehle (CEPC)

### Committee Business:

1. Approve minutes from the last meeting
  - No quorum
2. Announcements
  - Deb and Candice worked with NIMSIC on endorsements
  - PIOT is approved
  - Pamela Bierce is the new USFWS representative
3. CEPC Update
  - International Wildfire Prevention Conference is coming up in September 9, Tina will be presenting about CEPC and providing a committee update.
  - Putting a tasking out for national fire restriction website to be a one stop shopping for finding fire restrictions. Trying to get all geographic areas involved.
4. NWCG Update
  - Meeting with NIMSIC committee to continue working on endorsements for PIO “WF” and PIO “AH” and where NWCG PIO qualifications differ from All-hazard PIO qualification requirements. The IPSC will approve after NIMSIC. Safety officer positions will be reviewed after PIO. NIMSIC has several positions to analyze, so this will take awhile. We are getting started with PIO. FEMA NIC is in charge of the National Qualifications Systems (NQS).
  - A lot of meetings have been cancelled this month, many fires and the committees are busy.
  - Nancie Turner is retiring, so we will get someone to fill in behind her.
  - Hired Executive Secretary, Darcy Drinkwater will start next week. We have a few more positions that are being hired within the next few months.
  - October 1 is the date that the PIOT will be available for order.
  - Candice will inform IMRR and agency reps are encouraged to outreach through your networks to outreach the PIOT position availability.

### Old Business:

1. PIO3 task book revision
  - Candice will set some days in October to work on the task
  - Catherine asked if Candice could provide a video to update everyone on the changes completed so far

- We still need to fill in “I” and “O” for the tasks, and decide whether or not any are wildland fire only tasks. NWCG is looking to have all incident related tasks in PTBs.
- 2. Resources for PIO positions on NWCG website
  - Deb and Candice completed this and added a link to the NIFC PIO Bulletin Board and the social media guidelines to all positions.
- 3. FEMA.NIMS Update
  - Candice is meeting with NIMSIC to evaluate endorsements and serve as PIO subject matter expert
- 4. IMRR Update
  - Candice gave an update on the July 21 call

## **New Business: None**

### **Action Items:**

Candice will set up October meetings to complete PIO3 task book and may create a video walkthrough to bring everyone up to speed on the latest changes.

Everyone will check the new position specific references under the standards and references tab for PIO positions. Let Candice know if there is anything that should be added.

Next call will be September 23, 2021 at 2 PM ET, 12 PM MT, 11 AM PT