

Public Information Officer Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes: 9/22/2022

Attendees:

Chris Barth (BLM), Robyn Broyles (BIA), Candice Stevenson (NPS), Catherine Koele (NASF), Sean Collins (IAFC), Brian Harris (USFS), Adrienne Freeman (USFS), Kerry Greene (USFS)

Also in Attendance:

Tina Boehle (CEPC)

Sarah Lee (NWCG)

Committee Business:

1. NWCG Update
 - NWCG NIMS integration committee will be briefing FEMA NIMS today.
 - Main concern is that local government grant funding from FEMA is reliant on NIMS compliance.
2. CEPC Update
 - CEPC hybrid virtual/in-person meeting in Boise in mid-October
 - Task team working on fire restrictions website.
 - Angie Lane will represent CEPC on the Connections call.
3. International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Update
 - Concerns expressed with the complex positions.
 - Sean relayed that the PIOSC is looking at developing lead type positions to mitigate the loss of type 2 and create a more robust PIO section.

New Business:

1. PIOC position and CIMT transition
 - Chris shared the draft PIOC IPD and PTB with IMRR
 - A review of all taskbooks is warranted to ensure they build on each other the way we need given the new position
 - Chris will reach out to Jesse Bender regarding CIM communication.
 - Adrienne will create a document/memo with PIOSC concerns with CIM rollout before the October AAR.
 - Some concerns from PIOSC are the following: PIO2 attrition, AD payrate changes, PIOs not willing or able to take on leadership roles required at the complex level, PIOC evaluations, maintenance of type 1 and type 2 qualifications, concern for loss of training and experience at the mid-level (type 2), desire to have PIO branch positions to meet the mid-level experience needs.
2. InciWeb Update

- Chris shared the naming convention concerns on the last call.
- Brian Rueblinger is looking for more testers.

Action Items

- Candice will send out 508 compliant July and August notes for website.
- All – review PIOT, PIO3, PIOC PTBs for progression of competencies to see if anything should be dropped from PIOC.
- Chris will invite Jesse Bender to 10/27 call.
- Adrienne will share PIOSC notes/comments for IPSC AAR by October 1.
- Chris will report out on behalf of PIOSC during the IPSC AAR.
- Chris or designee will attend and report out updates from PIOSC during PIO IMRR calls.
- Discuss timeline to review training outlines.