

# Public Information Officer Subcommittee

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## Meeting Minutes: 10/27/2022

### Attendees:

Chris Barth (BLM), Candice Stevenson (NPS), Catherine Koele (NASF), Brian Harris (USFS), Adrienne Freeman (USFS), and Kerry Greene (USFS),

### Also in Attendance:

Tina Boehle, CEPC Liaison

Steph Bishop, Note-taker

### Committee Business:

1. Approve minutes from the last meeting
  - Approved
2. PIOT, PIO2, and PIOC PTB review
  - Still need to set time aside to review the task books for above positions to ensure alignment with complex transition.
  - Our November meeting is scheduled for Thanksgiving day, this will be rescheduled for November 10.
3. IPSC CIM AAR Discussion Points
  - Looked into the field evaluations to determine how they were going and if the intent was being met.
  - Different units expressed concern in how the changes were being implemented in different regions.
  - For 2023, CIM Position Task Books and CIM Field Evaluation should be aligned.
  - IPSC has not yet addressed appropriate pathways from Type 3 C&G to CIM C&G.
  - IPSC will review S-520 course for compliance and needs after the complex migration.
  - Discussed how state and local government will remain in compliance with FEMA after the complex transition.
  - Changes in wildfire risk, complexity assessment, and incident typing.
  - Team configuration and mobilization was discussed.
  - Talk about how to identify and explain IMTs.
  - IWDG story map is good, but not a strong communication for those with questions and lacks consistency between messaging going out.
  - *Full notes from CIM AAR available once finalized.*
4. Reviewing training outlines
  - Chris mentioned on the PIO IMRR call about a possible S-403 course and Laura McConnell (PIO1/PIOC) indicated she did not feel strong about rebuilding the S-403, as L952 is a better course. She also brought up the E388 course, Advanced PIO.

- Adrienne did indicate that S-403 could become obsolete with the development of chief positions.
  - Adrienne was point for the task for prioritizing training within committees, but the meeting was canceled last week.
5. S-520 PIO SMEs requested
- Dates: December 5-12 and January 30- February 6.
  - Brian may be available to help in January and Adrienne can help either date.
    - Chris will check with S-520 SIM leader.
6. CEPC Update
- The CEPC September call was blended last week for in-person and on the phone. They reviewed the strategic plan and looked at action items they need to complete. They reviewed SOPs. Tina Boehle will be Chair for one more year and the new Vice Chair is Carrie Bilbao. Planning a group call with geographic area prevention committees, no date are set yet for these calls. There will be no November call.
7. IMRR Update
- PIO IMRR call focused on the CIM transition. Jesse Bender delivered updates and answered questions. The other topic discussed was the transition to the new InciWeb which changed yesterday, October 26. It was highly suggested by those working on incidents that people watch the training and learn how to use it now, as opposed to waiting until their next assignment. The new InciWeb training videos are here: <https://www.nifc.gov/fire-information/pio-bulletin-board/inciweb>.

## Agency Updates:

- NPS – Trying to plan a S-203 course in February in the Charleston area.
- USFS – The 10 priority landscape implementation project has begun. Numerous teams are working on this. The NIMO team is headed to AZ next week to work on an Rx implementation plan. There is a large push to spend money and get burning done. Adrienne announced she will be hosting a S-203 course in May 2023, and Nathan Judy will offer one in SoCal in the Spring. Brian indicated he recently treated their prescribed burn like a wildfire incident with trapline and community meetings. The USFS is aligning prescribed fires like wildfires.
- NASF – Hosting a CIMC course in February in the Great Lakes area. It will be open to federal personnel.