

# Public Information Officer Subcommittee

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## Meeting Minutes: 9/28/2023

### Attendees:

Chris Barth (BLM - Chair), Robyn Broyles (BIA), Candice Stevenson (NPS), Brian Harris (FS), Adrienne Freeman (FS), Kerry Greene (FS).

### Also in Attendance:

Carrie Bilbao (BLM - Interim CEPC Liaison), Angie Lane (WA-DNR – Transitioning CEPC Liaison), Nick Terrell (BLM – Admin. Support)

### Committee Business:

- No previous meeting notes to approve.
- Committee furthered the discussion of creating PIO Branch Lead positions – needs for functional area specialization could be captured in training modules within new versions of NWCG courses, or actual Branch Lead positions within CIMT organizations. Plan to draft a memo at next monthly meeting to pass up to NWCG coordinator requesting better direction and decision-making process to date.
- Modernization of PIO related training courses – Ongoing discussion regarding S-103/203/303 as well as IWDG recommended review of O-305 course. Committee identified need for progress report from NWCG Coordinator.
- National PIO contact spreadsheet. Agenda item was confirmed completed – can be found in FireNet (PIO Toolbox -> General -> Files -> Key Contacts (not public) -. 2023\_IMT PIO List.xlsx).
- NMAC L2023-02 tasking (increasing incident support capabilities) – PIOSC submitted response to IWDG on July 31. Committee decided to wait for feedback from IWDG before progressing further with the tasking.
- InciWeb issues – Committee addressed feedback coming in from field of issues in functionality. Communication with InciWeb sub-committee/application team has improved but more communication is needed. Call out for any PIOSC members that are on InciWeb team mailing list to foreword messages to PIOSC members for SA.
  - PIOSC met with CEPC (10/17 to seek guidance on need to formalize engagement with InciWeb program managers and development team. Decision was made to remain an informal working group. Both PIOSC CEPE Liaison and NWCG Coordinator support). Meetings are bi-weekly and PIOSC reps on those calls will share notes.
  - PIOSC will take lead on summarizing “cheat sheets” developed by the field. Working group will sign off on final cheat sheet and that will be maintained as a living document. Work will begin during 12/12 special PIOSC session.

### New Committee Business:

- 2023/24 workshop meeting series – Chris identified need for supplemental meeting series to discuss pending tasks of new CIM PIO positions & standard configuration of CIM PIO organizations. Regular monthly meeting times do not allow for extended workshopping

discussion. Kerry has been tasked with scheduling the 3-4 virtual session meeting series. Will discuss further at October committee meeting and solicit for volunteer to lead meeting series.

- FWS representative – Committee identified need to seek FWS representation. Outreach has been passed up to CEPC representative and will be discussed on NWCG Connections call on Oct. 5.
- CEPC update – Carrie Bilbao had taken the CEPC chairperson role. Angie Lane (WA-DNR) has taken CEPC liaison role for PIOSC. Katy O'Hara will transition with Sarah Lee as the NWCG Coordinator representative for PIOSC in early November. CEPC has a face-to-face meeting scheduled Oct. 17-19 in Fort Collins, CO wherein the PIOSC will provide a virtual update. NWCG has a connections call with the Executive Board scheduled for Oct. 5, Carrie will provide PIOSC update.
- Agency updates – USFS and DOI agency staffs are preparing for potential government shutdown pending a CR. Update: CR passed through 11/17. BIA – Robyn has taken a promotion and will be leaving the committee. She is working to backfill her BIA spot with the PIOSC.

### **Old Committee Business:**

- Joint meeting session with NIMO – Intent to schedule meeting with NIMO PIO organization to involve in discussion of committee agenda items. This item is untasked and will be discussed further at next months meeting.

**Next call:** October 26, 2023 at 1:30 PM ET, 11:30 AM MT, 10:30 AM PT.