

Public Information Officer Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes: 12/12/2023

Attendees:

Chris Barth (BLM – Chair), Candice Stevenson, (NPS), Catherine Koele (NASF Rep.), Sean Collins (IAFC Rep.), Adrienne Freeman (USFS), Kerry Greene (USFS)

Also in Attendance:

Nick Terrell (BLM – Admin Support)

Committee Business:

- Proposed special session meeting topic was to be a review of InciWeb cheat sheets. Committee members determined that meeting time could be better utilized on another high priority agenda item. Chris and Kerry volunteered to work offline on the InciWeb cheat sheets and bring updates to the next special session meeting in January 2024.
- Committee members reviewed and prioritized large-scale meeting agenda items and determined PIO related training course updates were the number one priority item. Committee needs further guidance from CEPC and NWCG on what needs to happen (what the committee needs to provide) for course rewrite to commence.
 - Chris will email Angie (CEPC liaison) and Katy (NWCG coordinator) with request for IPTM guidance. The PIOSC is requesting an NWCG-led discussion at one of the upcoming January 2024 meetings.
 - Committee has a PIO specific training outline document in the Teams folder. Candice will review the document and make any needed updates considering recent discussion.
- The PIOSC is planning an in-person meeting in early 2024 to work on developing the new S-203 course. Preferred location is Boise and potential times would be the weeks of February 19, or March 4. Updates to come.
- Outreach and recruitment for vacant DOI committee positions (FWS & BIA) continues. The BLM committee position is forecasted to be vacant in 2024; Chris will finish out his term as the chairperson and then will be moving on. Kerry is currently the vice-chairperson and will head the PIOSC at the start of the next term. The committee will need to identify a new vice-chairperson by April 30, 2024. A potential BLM representative has been identified.
- There will be no December 2023 regular meeting due to the holiday.
- L952 will be offered in Duluth, MN (January) led by Catherine, and in Fresno, CA (March) led by Sean. Several PIOSC members are interested in auditing in preparation for the S-203 rewrite.

Next call: January 9, 2024 – Special session meeting #2 (3 hrs.): 1300 ET, 1100 MT, 1000 PT

January 25, 2024 – Regular monthly meeting (90 min.): 1330 ET, 1130 MT, 1030 PT