

# Public Information Officer Subcommittee

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## Meeting Minutes: 9/25/2025

### Attendees:

Kerry Greene, Lisa Wilkolak, Sean Collins, Elaina LaPaz

### Also in Attendance:

Steven Gaskill (NWCG)

### Committee Business:

No quorum for voting.

#### Agency Updates

- USFS provided a brief update on the 520 simulation revision and the 320-420-520 pathway.

#### NWCG Update

- The new IPTM Program Manager is in place.
- Several positions have detailers.
- Two new training specialists are reporting in October.
- Committee reorganization documents are available. Original timeline for implementation was Feb 2026; however, with recent secretarial orders and consolidation, that timeline may change. Executive Board representatives will put forward names for new chairs.

#### IPTM Update

- The S-203 course will be held in Las Vegas in November. We're looking at providing 4-5 additional courses this fall.

### New Business

#### PIOT Name Discussion

- In July 2024 the PIOSC voted unanimously to follow the recommendation of the IPTM SMEs to remove the "O" or officer connotation from PIOT. To move this name change forward, we need to determine and a new name.
- The latest feedback from agencies includes:
  - The National Park Service opposes "S" for specialist, prefers Technician.
  - There was not a favorite for BLM, not sure there is a reason to change it for the public.
  - The IAFC approves using either Technician or Specialist.

### Action Items:

- NIMs crosswalk is missing several PIO positions, the only position that currently crosswalks is PIO1. This needs to be updated.
- Finalize SME/PIOSC observers for S-203 Alpha and Beta courses.
- NWCG coordinator will e-mail the NWCG reorganization documents to PIOSC.
- Review notes for approval from last two meetings.