

# Public Information Officer Subcommittee

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## Meeting Minutes: 10/23/2025

### Attendees:

Kerry Greene, Sean Collins, Chris Barth, Elaina LaPaz

### Also in Attendance:

Steven Gaskill (NWCG), Mike Johnson (IPTM SME Lead)

### Committee Business:

No quorum for voting.

#### NWCG Update

- All details and hiring, except one, are on hold.
- The alpha test for the new S-203 course planned in Nevada in November is at risk due to government shutdown. Course coordinators are looking at other venues.
- The NWCG reorganization plan will be shared with committees through the chair.
- The complexity of NWCG continues to grow with numerous committees and subcommittees and mission drift. The reorganization plan aims to reduce duplication of effort and increase coordination.
- The reorganization will include:
  - Reduction in parent committees from 17 to 10 management committees with 4 or 5 subcommittees for a total of about 50 groups.
  - Management Committees will interface with Executive Board and manage workloads and ensure alignment as well as approve glossary terms, publications, training.
  - Required courses will take priority over recommended courses at this time.
  - Subcommittees complete standards development work. Steering committees and work groups will have no rosters or web pages.
  - Each Committee will have one representative per primary and associate member agency. Roles include chair, vice-chair, primary member, associate member, liaison, and admin support.
  - Annual work plans will line out committee work.
  - Target implementation date is Feb 2026, subject to change.
  - Contact your current representatives to the Executive Board with inputs for membership.
- The new organization for the PIOSC would be as follows:
  - Public Information Management Committee (Branch II)
    - Education and Prevention Subcommittee
    - Fire Investigation Subcommittee
    - Incident Information Subcommittee

#### IPTM Update

- The S-203 alpha course may need to be cancelled or postponed. If we are still in a shutdown, the Bureau of Reclamation facility in Boulder City, NV will need to close. The course coordinator is looking at other venues which would require funding if they are able to spend. No decisions yet.

November 3 is the target date to decide whether to proceed with the class or not. The two Beta courses are already scheduled.

#### Agency Updates

- BIA – Spoke with Executive Board Representative regarding group membership.
- IAFC — Spoke with Executive Board Representative. It is proposed that PIOSC member Sean Collins represent IAFC on the Incident Information Committee.
- USFS — Spoke with Executive Board Representative and they are expecting announcements today regarding agency reorganization.

#### Old Business

None

#### Action Items:

- If you haven't already, touch base with your Executive Board Representative for your agency regarding committee or subcommittee placement going forward.

#### Other Information:

Next Call: The next call will be scheduled in November or early to mid-December.