QUALIFICATIONS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Notes — September 09, 2026

#	Topic	Action Item	Presenter	Notes	Action/Decision
1	**Subcommittee Report Outs**		Mark Skudlarek	**QSSC** • HMLR position is moving from the federal supplement to PMS 310-1, with updates to course requirements such as adding L-280 and changing S-230 to S-229. • Currently reviewing the HMLR standards and ensuring they align with the qualification applications.	
			Tanner Hutt	**NISC** • The NWCG website has archived the NIMSIC webpage, and the relevant information is being transferred to the new NISC webpage. • Revisiting and updating position endorsements while ensuring they are NIMS compliant.	
			Michael Ellsworth	**LDSC** • The *Leading in the Wildland Fire Service*, PMS494-2 has been submitted and approved. • L-course target audience language has been updated. • L-480 alpha test course is scheduled this fall at the Northwest Training Center for a new vendor. • L-380 beta test course will be completed this fall for a new vendor. • L-580 curriculum review is being scheduled. • Working on *Leaders We Would Like to Meet* products. • An experiential learning workshop on how to build staff rides will be held in Mesa, AZ on Nov. 16, 2026. Nominations will be coming out soon. • Working on leadership program elements summary to communicate the duties of LDSC. • Dec. 7-11 will be the next in-person meeting. • Once S-420 is complete, we will try to take that curriculum and cross walk it to the L-481 curriculum to see if it is still equivalent.	

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			Jay Mickey and Gwen Sanchez	**ITSC** • Overseeing the incident management courses and S-520 Steering Committee. • Held the final biweekly meeting with ICF. They are putting together the final package for S-420 certification. • A full re-write of S-520 is in progress with a target delivery date of Dec. 2027. • Currently two sessions are planned for S-520 with the potential for expansion based on demand.	
			(Sarah Lee)	**PNB** • Currently looking for additional membership and meeting quarterly.	
2	**NWCG Training & IPTM Updates**		Toni Suminski	• IPTM Storymap has the following information: ▪ Current position statuses ▪ A link where SMEs can sign up ▪ Upcoming positions • Currently, there are 44 positions complete, 27 are in progress, and 42 are upcoming. • In progress trainings updates: ▪ S-200 — On schedule, with test courses upcoming. ▪ S-203 — Looking at the final review of the position package. ▪ S-236 — Still on track for test courses to take place by early Spring. ▪ S-273 — Will move to a 300-level course and be Airbase Manager, S-374 for multiple positions. ▪ S-372 — On track for test courses in Spring 2027. ▪ S-420 — On track for mid-Oct. certification. • Spring 2027 courses that are now recruiting for SME's include: ▪ FSSC ▪ ICCI ▪ LSCC ▪ OSCC ▪ PSCC ▪ SOFC • When logging into WFLP, the course catalog page contains limited access material. It is the OLT curriculum in a PDF. It isn't a lesson plan, rather it shows the components of the OLT for awareness. Cadre may teach the course in person using the limited access materials if the PMS 901-1	

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				requirements are met. There are directions in the Course Overview tab on how to request access to these materials. • Students will need to complete the OLT to receive the course certificate, as that is the mechanism for certification. • In-Progress Incident Position Standards and Next Gen PTB Development Estimated Completion: ▪ PIO3: Fall 2026 ▪ ATIM: Fully Approved ▪ DECK: Fall 2026 ▪ COMP: Fall 2026 ▪ COST: Fall 2026 ▪ ORDM: Fall 2026 ▪ RCDM: Fall 2026 ▪ CREP: Fall 2026 ▪ STAM: Fall 2026 ▪ FOBS: Fall 2026 ▪ FEMO: Fall 2026 ▪ GISS: Fall 2026 ▪ ICT4: Spring 2027 ▪ HEQB: Spring 2027 ▪ SEMG: Spring 2027 ▪ HMGB: Spring 2027 • 60% of IPTM positions to be completed by the end of the calendar year.	
3	**S-229 Transition Plan**		Joe Sean Kennedy and Sarah Lee	• To reduce redundant training for responders qualifying in multiple SRB roles, and to ensure training is relevant to the position being pursued, a new course was developed that provides the foundational knowledge for those pursuing SRB qualifications: S-229, Single Resource Boss (Online). • Specifically, this action would update the following for CRWB, ENGB, FELB, FIRB, HEQB, and HMGB: ▪ Add to Required Training: S-229, Single Resource Boss. ▪ Remove from Required Training: S-230, Crew Boss (Single Resource).	Approved transition plan for S-229.
4	**S-420 Transition Plan**		Joe Sean Kennedy and Sarah Lee	• In 2022, the NWCG Executive Board tasked IPSC and IMTCSC with the establishment of IMT training courses to support the development of Complex C&G trainees (NWCG TM-23-001). This transition plan contains information related to the intermediate IMT course, S-420.	Approved transition plan for S-420.

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5	**HMLR Final Approval**		Joe Sean Kennedy and Sarah Lee	• EB approved HMLR in December 2025. • RWSC & AMC waited until the analysis and position package documents were near finalized for HMGB and removed the fire suppression single resource requirements. • AMC and QSSC have fully approved HMLR and it has gone through agency alignment and vetting. • Edits from group include from "new" and "existing" PTBs to "NWCG" and "agency" PTBs.	Approved HMLR position and associated RFC documents package.
6	**Potential Fall In-Person Meeting Topics**		All	• Various dates and locations for the next in-person meeting, were discussed, and agreed on Nov. 30 – Dec. 4. DOW and IAFC are exploring hosting options. • Members discussed the importance of having a robust agenda, including potential joint sessions with subcommittees, field study components, and planning for a larger spring meeting, emphasizing the need for advance coordination. • Calendar holds will be sent, ensuring all members are informed and able to plan for the upcoming meeting.	QMC will work on an agenda for an in-person meeting. A potential date of Nov. 30 — Dec. 4, 2026, was identified.
7	**Discussion of Advisory Members**		All	• IQS and IQCS Representation: The group agreed to include Patty Correia as an advisor for IQS, complementing Amanda Jones' role for IQCS. • Sabra Arnold with FEMA (ICS courses) will be added as an advisor.	

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Next Conference Call
Date: October 14, 2026
Time: 10:00 AM — 12:00 PM MDT

In-Person QMC Meeting Schedule
Date: Nov. 30 – Dec. 4, 2026
Location: TBD
Host: TBD

Voting Members	Y/N	Advisors, Liaisons, and Guests	Y/N
Joe Sean Kennedy, USFS, (Chair)	Y	Sarah Lee, NWCG Coordinator (Interim)	Y
Marlene Eno-Hendren, DOI, (Vice Chair)	Y	Michael Rodriguez, Support Staff	Y
Ryan Tworek, DOW	Y	Monica Ramirez, 310-1 Steward	N
Jon Black, IAFC	Y	Mark Skudlarek, QSSC Chair	Y
Dave Celino, NASF (Eastern)	N	Tanner Hutt, NISC Chair	Y
Michael Froelich, NASF (Southern)	Y	Michael Ellsworth, LDSC Chair	Y
Sarah Saarloos, NASF (Western)	Y	Jay Mickey, ITSC Chair	Y
Sarah Sink, DOI	Y	Gwen Sanchez, ITSC Vice Chair	Y
Matthew Nielson, USFS	Y	Robert Benoit, PNB Chair	N
Karen Kufta, IMTA	N	Amanda Jones, Advisor, IQCS	Y
		Sabra Renee Arnold, Advisor, EMI FEMA	Y
		Toni Suminski, Advisor, NWCG Training Program Manager	Y