



National Wildfire Coordinating Group Training Delivery Committee

Meeting Minutes

DATE: February 24, 2022

ATTENDEES:

Arnberger, Jeff, Liaison, N
Benoit, Annie, Primary Member, Y
Buhrig, Chris, Primary Member, Y
Burkhammer, Erin, Primary Member, Y
Cota, Heath, Co-Chair, Y
Dillon, Tom, Primary Member, N
Dinkel, Anna, Primary Member, N
Dukart, David, Primary Member, Y
Dutchick, Peter, Co-Chair, Y
Fisher, Garth, Liaison, N
Flanagan, Sean, Primary Member, N
Frost-Madrid, Karin, Primary Member, N
Gividen, Rick, Guest, Y
Guzman, Frank, Liaison, N
Jones, Amanda, Primary Member, Y
Kathryn O'Hara, NWCWG Coordinator, Y
McLaughlin, Jon, Guest, Y
Palmgren, Glenn, Primary Member, Y
Patterson, Stephen, Primary Member, N
Reichert, Heather, Notetaker, Y
Sexton, Richard, Primary Member, N
Skraba, Amy, Primary Member, Y
Skudlarek, Mark, Guest, Y
Wegner, Melissa, Primary Member, N

I.TDC Update on Current Actions:

- NWCWG update Project Prioritization

Annie Benoit

NWCWG has start dates for 2 FS training specialists, mid-March. 2 vacant instructional design specialists, delayed to summer. Supervisory training specialist on the streets now, vice Annie.

IPSC voted no, for now, on making training required prior to opening PTBs, will revisit. Training developed in the future should be more accessible, applicable to the positions, fewer bottlenecks. NWCWG is moving forward with the assumption that training will be required in the future prior to PTB, in terms of course development.

Working well with contractor on CRWB, starting FAL series soon. Budget considerations. Most courses will have ILT and VILT options, wherever feasible.

NWCWG is reevaluating its audience. WFLP is currently not accessible to contractors or the public. And we no longer have license with NFA online. Who are we mandated to serve?



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- ETSC Updates Mark Skudlarek

Colbey Richmond and Karen Miller joined ETSC this month

Certificate Process:

Karen Miller created a great job aid, still need more support for creating signatures, reviewing options: PDF/PIV signature, photo of handwritten, digital. Advisable to include multiple options, for instructors without a PIV.

Nomination Process:

NW and SW are working on processes using the portal, should have a demo for next meeting. Desire to have a consistent process nationally.

Future topics:

Archiving courses
Zone training schedules
508-compliance

- OWF/WFLP Governance Board Updates Rick Gividen

Access issue: Make sure that agency is indicated in profile requests, even for ADs (sponsoring agency). Rick and Karen will provide support, send Rick a list of names for delayed profile requests.

Contract with Totara professional services has been positive, good feedback from WFAP

Limited roll-out of category manager role, will introduce category manager workshop 8-12 hrs.

ET Workshop, will be offered weekly in March, to accommodate 120 folks, open now for registration

University of Kentucky webinar next week on engaging students in classroom discussion

- 901 Stewardship: Late spring
- M-410 moving to TDC stewardship Cota/ Dutch

II. Lightning Round:

AK: Mostly in-person, with a few virtual, struggling to nail down DOI COVID guidance, delivered blended VILT/ILT RT130 recently



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NW: Staying flexible, maneuvering in-person training to comply with COVID guidelines, S420 next week using simul-cast 2 locations in-person, all coordinators heavily engaged

NR: Course delivery is going well. Completed revised (virtual) S490 last week. Will be meeting with committee members, leads, etc. regarding S490 delivery soon. S481 this week. RX301/341, RX410, M581 (heavy hitters) coming up in the next few weeks. Working with RMRS (Russ Parsons) on a 3D fuels modeling project named FastFuels - application to experiential learning could be limitless. Great work happening with cadre and coaches.

GB: Facilitated 14 courses so far, 4 in-person L-courses, everything else virtual except small group RT378

CA: Variety of ILT/VILT deliveries, requiring proof of vaccine or negative test result for in-person

EA: Moving forward with M581

RM: BLM training specialist PD was approved, almost all training in-person, going well