



National Wildfire Coordinating Group Training Delivery Committee

Meeting Minutes

DATE: March 24, 2022

ATTENDEES:

Arnberger, Jeff, Liaison, N
Benoit, Annie, Primary Member, N
Buhrig, Chris, Primary Member, Y
Burkhammer, Erin, Primary Member, Y
Cota, Heath, Co-Chair, Y
Dillon, Tom, Primary Member, N
Dinkel, Anna, Primary Member, Y
Dukart, David, Primary Member, Y
Dutchick, Peter, Co-Chair, Y
Fisher, Garth, Liaison, N
Flanagan, Sean, Primary Member, Y
Frost-Madrid, Karin, Primary Member, Y
Gividen, Rick, Guest, Y
Guzman, Frank, Liaison, N
Jones, Amanda, Primary Member, NY
Kathryn O'Hara, NWCG 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, N
Skudlarek, Mark, Guest, Y
Wegner, Melissa, Primary Member, Y
Trauernicht, Nathan, Guest, Y
Leschuk, Victoria, Guest, Y
Neha, Valdis, Guest, Y
Phillips, Bill, Guest, Y
Miller, Karen, Guest, Y

I. TDC Update on Current Actions:

- NWCG update Project Prioritization

Peter Dutchick

Heather Gonzalez, Region 2 Training Specialist, is detailing vice Annie Benoit as Supervisory Training Specialist for 120 days. 2 new permanent FS training specialists start Monday 3/28. Lori Glaeser, instructional designer, is detailed into distance learning position, WFLP POC.

Executive board has confirmed that the materials available on the WFLP are public, therefore content in the portal will be available to all users, bridging the gap between NFA Online and WFLP.



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- OWF/WFLP Governance Board Updates

Rick Gividen

Received leaders' intent from Executive Board regarding WFLP access, awaiting further written guidance, potential update to NWCG Charter.

Katy O'Hara: Executive Board is looking clarify the intent for learners vs. trainers and editing trainers in the WFLP.

Meeting w/Architectural Review Board on roadmap for WFLP/IQCS communications using newer database query tools. Considering potential implications.

- ETSC Updates

Mark Skudlarek/Jon McLaughlin

Looking at nomination functionality in the WFLP, potentially utilizing the seminar event activity and a prioritization questionnaire or quiz. Working to provide a common process that could be used nationally.

Nomination questionnaire/seminar event demo.

- Tasking: Training and Qualification Requirements for Non-NWCG entities

Heath Cota

- Tasking to IPSC and TDC to determine response – please review, will revisit in April

- Group Discussion: Moving forward what is the future of training?

All

- What classes should remain virtual, blended, and in person?
- BP to provide direction with students in virtual courses
- RFC for Red Book Changes to RT 130

NAFRI National Delivery Teams have been successful, will stand up teams again in 2023. In addition to their fixed deliveries, they will continue to work on developing and improving delivery methods, and will support geographic area deliveries.

NW/Chris Buhrig: This will depend on individual GA's capacity, lead instructors, etc. Moving more toward criteria-based courses will be more conducive to virtual learning

NR/Melissa Wegner: Too early to tell, but some classes will stay virtual, cadres/students really like it, M-581 will likely go back to in-person.

SW/Karin Frost-Madrid: We need to continue to forge ahead, whatever we can do to remove the burden from local and geographic areas, allowing us to provide critical training regardless of the situation



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GB/Erin Burkhammer: Remember that “virtual” for us mostly means VILT, important to make this a discussion with your cadres, how do they want to go about facilitating their courses? Would like to see something done about L-courses, revisit VILT options.

Nathan Trauernicht: Need more emphasis on risk management, look at hybrid modular training model that culminates in high quality in-person scenario-based training, include virtual simulations in the months leading up to scenario-based training. Look at virtual reality as a learning tool.

Victoria Leschuk/IAT: For aviation, we are morphing into hybrid learning, without the cost of travel the student numbers have increased, considering a needs assessment for aviation training.

II. Lightning Round:

NW: Training season going well with in-person, VILT, blended. Looking at next year.

NR: Mostly virtual, finished up S490 (6-year project) in FireNet, easy to share with other GACCs, working RMRS Russ Parsons on [FastFuels](#) modeling looking at applications for Burn Boss, will be using it in fuels classes next year. ATGS/RT378 this week, the VR sim (contractor built) is great, VR simulation for ATGS contact: Ken Perry - afsimconsult@gmail.com,

GB: 18 courses so far, aviation week is coming up.

CA: Returned to in-person for many courses, struggling with managing questionnaires for COVID, difficulties getting students into the portal

SW: Nearing end of training season, procured a third sim table, doing train-the-trainer, cancelled a few courses due to lack of instructors, PTP is ready to go.

SA: In the thick of training season, 28 courses down, fire season has begun, delivering in-person courses as COVID situation allows by county, PTP is up and running

EA: M-581 coming up in April fully virtual, with a virtual staff ride in the middle, transitioning into burn season, online RT130 w/stipulation of shelter deployment and local discussion

Rick: Instructor toolkits available w/cameras, tripods, cables, etc., contact Rick via email

III. Action Items:

Red Book Changes

Compile a list, recap what has been delivered ILT/VILT, what is planned moving forward, needs analysis



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ETSC nom process

Review CIMT Tasking to IPSC