



Conference Call Minutes – April 1, 2020

Notes by: Jeremy Taylor

Time: 1200 MT

Roll Call:

Jeremy Taylor, Erin O'Conner, Jonathan Bruno, Faith Berry, Marty Cassellius, Nicole LaRosa, Jolene Ackerman, Jennifer Hanssen, Sarah McCaffrey, and Pam Leschak

Approve February Minutes:

- Motion to approve the February minutes: Nicole LaRosa, Second Faith Barry

New Committee Introduction

- Faith Barry – U.S. Fire Administration, Fire Program Manager for the Emergency Response Program

Current Rolls and Staffing (Jeremy)

- Chair, Vice Chair, and Historian positions are termed for a transition or vacant
 - Committee nominated Erin O' Conner for Vice Chair and Faith Berry as Historian
 - Second in favor by Sarah. Erin and Faith accepted
 - Chair position will be transitioned to Jeremy Taylor with Jolene Ackerman supporting as Chair Advisor

NWCG All Chairs Meeting Report Out (Feb. 11-12 in Boise, ID) (Deb provided notes to Jeremy)

- No requests identified requests were made for the WUI MC
- The meeting provided two guest speaker presentations
- 2020 All Chairs Meeting date is not yet identified

Work Planning Document (Jeremy)

- Guidance document will be refined with planning items and deliverables for the 2020 – 2021 year
- Recommendations to add and have committee support regarding Hazard Mitigation Plan information, Mitigation Best Practices Training, Mitigation Best Practices Field Guide, and the WUI Specialist position
 - Pam submitted latest draft to USFS 10-1, like to run concurrently with NWCG to institutionalize over time. Committee look at it and finalize it again
- Jolene and Jeremy will be reaching out to Deb for information about the WUIMC comments for the FFII Training, IRPG, and future NWCG Courses that may include elements of the WUI Jolene will report out next call
- Jeremy will be sending final Work Planning Document out to committee before next call

Mitigation Best Practices Training(s) (Pam and Jon)

- Boise Training Report Out (Feb 24 – 26, 2020)
 - 41 participants

- Training was well received by students and committee members in attendance
- WUI Conference Training
 - Moved to November when the WUI Conference is scheduled
- Web-based Training
 - Training is currently being tested internally and hope to offer the course in the future
 - Any interested in instructing, reach out to Jon and Pam

Round Robin

- Sarah – Heightened awareness for Fire Fighters and COVID due to repertory impacts from the virus and smoke
- Faith – Wildfire awareness Preparedness Day is coming up and they are encouraging projects be done individually
- Pam – Congress has requested an integrated website for projects relating to mitigation. The site is not live as of yet, but will be and will reflect work and projects across all federal agencies
- Jolene – State of Wisconsin is cancelling all RX Fires and open burning due to public health impacts.

Meeting adjourned @ 1305

Next meeting: May 6, 2020 (conference call)