



Conference Call Minutes – June 3, 2020

Notes by:

Time: 1200 MT

Roll Call: Jeremy Taylor, Erin O’Conner, Jonathan Bruno, Faith Berry, Jolene Ackerman, Sarah McCaffrey, and Pam Leschak, Greg Philipp

Approve May Minutes: approved

Wildfire Risk to Communities Website Feedback (Jim Menakis) Fire ecologist works with Frank Fey Due to processes this was a Congressional request not to announce this was going to be completed sooner.

- Provide feedback based on the website and webinars for the new website This website is not meant to be where you look for local information it is meant for a national overview, it has been kept at a broad level at this time. Communities begin a local level discussion and look at the larger picture collaborate with other groups to help them to take action to reduce their wildfire risk. It can help them understand exposure and steps they can take to limit exposure like Boulder, Colorado.
- They are looking for input from folks to provide feedback from the committee, a number of committee members have already participated per Frank.
- ACTION ITEM: Committee members can let them know by email if there are any updates we would, or we can connect directly with Frank for a side conversation if we are more comfortable with that.
- 95% or greater comments from users indicate they have found this very helpful as a tool. The comments are very favorable by diverse audiences.
- They have solicited committee members input
- Jolene, asked what is the deadline for feedback? Jim shared feedback is desired as soon as possible. Frank shared there were additional information and tabs they wanted to add by July 8 and some smaller changes. Other data changes will be made by the fall of 2021 when they add new Landfire data. They are balancing changes because not all feedback and request for changes will be included.
- We can call them directly if we have questions about what we can share.
- It would be nice to get bigger statewide look from some feedback.

WUI MC Position Terms and Position Rotations (Jeremy)

- The committee reviewed and discussed the position terms and rotations given the new committee members and the vision for the future of the organization.
- One suggestion it is important when you have a rotation to make sure people in the rotation are not retiring.
- The chair position currently is for 3 years.
- A suggestion was made to keep the terms the same as other WUI committees, Vice chair 2 years Chair 2 years.
- Currently all committee members terms are 3 years and the Forest Service member was the only long-standing member.
- Another suggestion is if your organization or agency designates a person to serve on the committee, they serve for as long as they are designated by their organization.

- The challenge is finding people who want to be the chair and will lead us forward.

Action item: Decide on the terms of members, the vice chair and chair. Suggestion it be 2 years for chair and vice chair like other committee members if everyone supports will make change. First suggestion made was the member selected will serve 2 years as vice chair and then 2 years as chair conversation regarding challenge of this. Other members shared it is up to agencies and states for length of tenure of the member on the committee. Discussion vice chair does not have to rotate into chair position. Second suggestion this committee is called the WUI working team, if everyone pitches in there is less work for chair and vice chair.

Propose 2-year term for chair and vice chair, vice chair rotates in after chair. The historian/note taker is the newest person on the committee. Pam makes a motion, Sara second motion passes with note to revisit later, for vice chair and chair to serve 2 years with the vice chair becoming chair after 2 years and it is up to agencies and states for length of tenure of the member on the committee. – Approved

WUI Specialist Position 310-1 (Pam, Jeremy, Deb)

- Committee discussed next steps for further development of this position and seek committee member assistance as needed.
- The last meeting was good with lots of questions, with enthusiastic support of the new position.
- Jim and the rest of the committee will work to get it into the Federal supplement in Oct-Nov.
- The naming committee will work on this after that.
- Question 1. How do we deal with backlog of request for training?
- Question 2. Will there be positions available for this new position? (Both the questions were answered)
- Most on the board were positive about this new position. Only one person from BLM had questions and these will be referred to John Skinner.
- *Action Item: We can decide if we make this an NWCG or USFA course?*
- The naming committee also has a question.
- The committee decided they did not want to rely on NFPA for training and certification, they want to do their own certification through NWCG. One reason for this is that the job description is more robust than NFPA's.
- NFPA's certification is also for a different audience.
- John has question about the training process. Pam shared this position is more qualification oriented.
- Discussion about the task book. It was decided that the task book needs to be more short termed. The committee will need help with the task book. Pam and John may work together on this training especially the task book.
- Action item: Pam and John will work on the task book for this position.

S-130 Feedback for Unit 13 (All S-130 subcommittee)

- The committee discussed the feedback received during the call for the S-130 comments provided by the WUI MC.
- It was decided that it is a polished unit not needing a lot more feedback.
- If anything is missing, please let Jeremy know before the end of the week this week. Pam shared that if they want to use the Jack Cohen video, they will have to contact IBHS for rights to use. They will make sure they have rights to videos; this is for the entry level firefighter. Jeremy had a follow up discussion with Erin after the call not to make the class too long by adding too much additional material.



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- The committee will make big strides in S 215 rewrite. We will have an opportunity for a lot of feedback on this.
- Overall it was a good call with good feedback provided.

Action Item: comments by Friday the week of June 3, 2020

Firewise Subcommittee (Pam)

- We need to Identify any members for the Firewise Subcommittee.
- Pam shared they are looking for (NASF) National Association of State Foresters, people for this committee.

Request was made to send any future agenda items send to Jeremy and he will be sending that along.

Meeting adjourned @ 1:00 pm

Next meeting: July 1, 2020 (conference call)