



## Conference Call Minutes – May 4, 2022

Notes by: Alison Lerch

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### Roll Call

Annie Schmidt, Jolene Ackerman, Sarah McCaffrey, Alison Lerch, Faith Berry, Jennifer Hansen, Jonathan Bruno, Erin O'Connor, Sheryl Page, Johnathan Skinner, Ashley Whitworth

### Approve April Meeting Minutes

Remove Jeremy's line in the Round Robin.

Faith motions to approve the minutes with the changes, Jolene seconds.

### Follow-up items

- Definition Revision Requests for co-owned terms (Sarah, Annie)
  - No updates. Keep this on the agenda for next month.

### Wildfire Mitigation Field Guide (Sheryl)

- Report-out and update
  - Based upon recommendations from the NWCG publications group we are removing the QR codes. Two chapters are finalized and we are working through the remaining chapters and getting close. Scheduling a meeting the week of May 23- please fill out the doodle poll if you haven't already.
- SIZ/structure hardening terminology discussion
  - This terminology is not as clear as we would like and since this guide is going to reach a wide and diverse audience. This effects the WUI Standard and the Field Guide. Is the Structure Ignition Zone (SIZ) common terminology? Do we want to utilize terms using internal terminology used in closed circles, or use clearer language? For example, talk about 'where embers land' instead of SIZ/structure hardening. Structure hardening is not intuitive to the public, rather making your home more resistant to embers. Some terms are borrowed from other natural disasters.
  - Structure vs. Home
    - Annie prefers using structure rather than home, as there is vulnerability with sheds, barns, commercial buildings, apartment complexes etc. beyond single family homes.
    - Faith prefers using structure.
    - Sarah hears us all talking about different buildings, and that could be a better term.
    - Jolene uses HIZ
  - Hardening vs. Ignition resistance
    - Annie is indifferent on these.
    - Jolene uses fire or ignition resistant buildings
    - Faith mentioned that NWCG owns the term Home Ignition Zone. Do we need to add or edit the definition?
    - Sheryl: Ember ignitions: reducing fuels, ignition resistance buildings

- Sarah: We are talking beyond just ember ignitions
- Post discussion: Move towards clearer language but refer to jargon
  - A building is something that is used permanently and a structure is something that can have temporary use. We want to look at things that can ignite and become the ignition point on a parcel or property.
  - Maintain continuity of language with research institutes- there is more emphasis on structure (hardening) and the landscape surrounding the home. The terms we include right now align with this research (NIST, IBHS, etc.).
- Each group will meet and provide a recommendation at the June meeting.
  - Sheryl is leading the Field Guide group
  - Erin is the lead of the WUI Standard Group.

## **Wildland Urban Interface Mitigation Standard (Erin, Faith)**

- Report-out on status
  - Google Doc
    - [Clean NWCG-Pubs1-template.docx - Google Docs](#)
  - Structure Hardening Spreadsheet
    - Jeremy is putting this together and still needs to send it over. Erin will schedule a meeting and touch base with Jeremy.

## **2022 Face-to-Face Meeting (All)**

- Last week of October/first week of November
- Potential locations: Colorado Springs, Boise
- Joint portion with CEPC- Communication, Education, and Prevention Committee?
  - Each committee would still have their own time to work and then merge on topics. Christina Boyle (sp.) is the new chair of the CEPC. A joint meeting would most likely be limited to Boise. It would be great to understand what they are currently working on. Erin will connect with CEPC and discuss timeframes for a meeting.
  - Johnathan Skinner: CEPC is working on fire planning software, writing a strategic plan, user guide for new fire causes, etc. There is cross over value to meeting together and merging prevention and mitigation.

## **NIST Hazard Mitigation Methodology (Faith)**

- NIST WUI Fire Days 2022, virtual meeting on Wednesday July 6, 13, 20, and 27 1-6pm EDT
  - Faith received an invitation from Alex at NIST on participating in WUI Fire Days- AI based wildfire evacuation modeling (Univ. of Florida). They are looking at Camp Fire reports and new NIST hazard mitigation methodology with auxiliary structures and how they affect home ignition on the property and adjacent structures. There is no cost. They use Blue Jeans for their meetings and you can dial in.

## **Report outs/Round Robin (All)**

- Ali: HB22-1379 was passed adding \$18 million of funding to numerous wildfire mitigation programs in Colorado, including \$2 million to COSWAP.
- Sheryl: CMAT in Tennessee next week and in Evergreen, Colorado in June. Attending NFPA's Outthink Wildfire workshop next week. Pam L. has consolidated CWPP info in conjunction with the CWDG.

## **Meeting adjourned:**

*Next meeting:*

*June 1, 2022 (Regular meeting via conference call)*