

NWCG CONNECTIONS

AGENDA

Date: November 3, 2020

Time: 1:00-3:00 PM (MT)

Teams Meeting: [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

Committee Members:

Tina Boehle, CEPC | Roshelle Pederson, DMC | Kaili McCray, EMC | Dave Haston, ETC | Robyn Heffernan, FENC | Mike VanHemelryck, FMC | Dave Burley, IBC | Kristy Swartz, IFPC | Jarrod Simontacchi, NCSC | Mark Goeller, RMC | Pete Lahm, SMOC | Heath Cota, TDC | Jeremy Taylor, WUIMC

NWCG Staff:

Jeremy Sullens, NWCG Program Manager | Deb Fleming, Coordinator | Tim Blake, Coordinator | Katy O'Hara | Jesse Bender, Publications Manager | Nancie Turner, Webmaster | Jeff Hughes, Training Program Manager | Annie Benoit, NWCG Training | Betsy Burke, NWCG Executive Secretary

NWCG Executive Board:

Mark Koontz (NPS) | Jeff Arnberger (BLM)

Time	Topic	Presenter
1300-1305	Agenda Review, Roll Call	Jeremy Sullens
1305-1310	NWCG Staffing Update	Jeremy Sullens
<p>Jeremy Sullens began his position about 3 months ago as the NWCG Program Manager. Katy O'Hara filled the Vice Paul Schlobohm coordinator position. Betsy Burke is a detailer filling behind Krysta Shultz and Darci Drinkwater will follow Betsy as the Executive Assistant. Other detailers will be filling in shortly in other staffing areas within NWCG.</p>		
1310-1400	Committee Reports - Brief update on key activities and issues	Committee Chairs
<p>CEPC-had a meeting at the beginning of fiscal year. Standing up a National Fire Prevention Team Subcommittee. Working on IPDs for PETL and PETM.</p> <p>DMC- There is a new project manager for data cache. Presently working on project charter and project plan. Anticipating that in December will be doing an introductory on the tool and how you will be interacting with it. If you are looking for need IT support give Roshelle or Cole a call.</p> <p>EMC- Announced awards for 2019. Twelve awards were distributed. BLM is now hiring a Medical Director.</p> <p>ETC- Three NMAC memos were sent out. the training module for RT130 has been completed. Woman's fire pants were proto typed and tested this year. Working on fire training shelter disinfecting. Steve Counts will be retiring.</p> <p>FENC- Finally settled the task team reports and publicly released. Reports are available. Lightening Group to work with the lightening contract. Task team has been put together for Smoke. Fire behavior</p>		

working on S-190 and S-490. Fire Danger Subcommittee is continuing to rollout the NFDRS 2016. Fire environment lessons learned for this season is scheduled for Wednesday 11/4/2020 10-12.

FMC- Mike VanHemelryck recently became the chair. The note taker has taken another position and hoping to have that filled sometime soon. Working with U of I on creating an online version of RX-310.

IFPC- Working on the new data standard. Hoping the new application will have a broader application than WFDS. Currently working on the FEMs project.

IPSC- Tommy Hayes has accepted a new position in Colorado. Going forward, the Chair will rotate within the committee, with Jim Shultz taking over next week. Working on streamlining processes for the Request for Change form. IOSC is working on a lot of Glossary terms to archive and transition to other subgroups.

LC- Will be having a fall virtual meeting. Presented leadership levels to the Executive Board in October. Will be working with position stewards to assign the appropriate leadership level to each.

NCSC- Reviewing changes in position stewardship and looking at the NCSC organization. Everything else is in a holding pattern.

NIMSIC- Received a tasking from the Executive Board for the implementation of endorsement. Will focus on PIO3 and SOF3 to begin with.

RMC- Have gained new folks with good energy, worked on the SOF1 and SOF2 IPDs and have put in a request for change for SOF3. Did a good job with suicide prevention week. Got a proposal funded for creating standards and training for the Hazard Tree Removal Subcommittee. Continue to get new updates for 6 Minutes for Safety. Kelly Woods has replaced Brit Rosso as the Director of the Lessons Learned Center.

SmoC- Committee was dominated by wildfire season. Thank you for getting out PMS 477. Still working with Publications on the PMS 420-3. Tracking the virtual RX-410 have all the leaders for RX-410 getting together to discuss.

TDC- Committee stood up on August 21st and was immediately tasked with tangible solutions for online courses. Received a briefing on the NWCG nuances and committee responsibilities last week. Just transitioned meeting to bi-weekly. Want to reduce redundant efforts.

WUIMC- Was hoping to get the Mitigation Specialist position into the Federal Supplement but missed the window for this year. Working on building the task book and helping to push the position along, as well as building a WUI Mitigation Handbook in the next couple of months. Working to revitalize the Firewise Subcommittee. November call canceled due to the WUI conference. Actively monitoring and seeing what we can help with for the other committees in relation to the WUI.

IBC- Chair will rotate from Ben McGrane to Dave Burley in December; Rhea Reedy will be the Vice Chair.

1400-1410	NWCG Annual Meeting Update	Jeremy Sullens
Had a discussion at last Executive Board meeting where we proposed a virtual Annual Meeting. The meeting will take place during the week of the 8 th of February. We are seeking out any committee chairs wanting to help with the planning process.		
1410-1415	Project Prioritization	Deb Fleming

Under the NWCG website Toolbox is the project priorities tab where you can review the NWCG Staff priorities. Project Prioritization team will meet monthly to review/update the list. If you think a project needs to move up in the priority list, contact your coordinator to discuss criteria.

1415-1420	PMS 210 Status	Jesse Bender
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Based on feedback from committees on content of PMS 210, IPSC is considering recommendation to remove the publication. The current content either aligns with existing standards, as outlined in a draft memo, or would be appropriate for inclusion in the operational standards under development. IPSC will accept or revise the recommendation during November meeting, then additional correspondence will be sent to committees, including a date for removal/revision, as appropriate.

1420-1425	IPD Update	Jeff Hughes
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There are 22 of the 122 IPDs left to draft. Now that fire season is dyeing down hopefully, we can meet the February goal of having them all drafted and posted on the website.

1425-1440	Alternative Course Delivery Tasking	Heath Cota & Jeff Hughes
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Highlighted work that is underway. Currently working on a communications plan to share with the committees and subcommittees. Hopefully we will have a one-page paper next week to share some specifics.

1440-1445	Closeout Thoughts & Next Meeting	Jeremy Sullens
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Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday January 6th at 1000-1200.