



NWCG Meeting Notes

February 13, 2020

Executive Board (EB): Garth Fisher (BIA), Dan Smith (NASF), Frank Guzman (USFS), Shane McDonald (FWS), Mark Koontz (NPS), Will May (IAFC), Jeff Arnberger (BLM), Kim Van Hemelryck (DOI OWF Liaison), Tim Sexton (FS RD&A), Aitor Bidaburu (USFA). Not present: Jim Durglo (ITC).

NWCG Staff: Sean Cross (NWCG Manager), Tim Blake (Coordinator), Deb Fleming (Coordinator), Jeff Hughes (Training Pgm Mgr), Nancie Turner (Webmaster), Jesse Bender (Publications Manager), Krysta Shultz (Executive Secretary).

Guests: Dan O'Brien (Chair, Predictive Services Oversight Group), Jay Winfield (USFS FAM), Eric Fransted (FWS).

Topic & Notes	Decision
Primary Membership Status and Revised Guidance Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed draft edits to NWCG Membership Types and Responsibilities. Language within the document will be updated to reflect the consensus model of decision-making. A final edit will be circulated to the Executive Board prior to being published. 	Approved with edits.
Criteria for Becoming a Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Briefly reviewed the three statements that broadly describe an NWCG committee. Will align them with the definition of committee on the NWCG website. 	Approved.
Proposal for the Incident Emergency Medical Subcommittee (IEMS) to become the Emergency Medical Committee (EMC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board discussed the proposal to establish the Emergency Medical Committee (EMC). Key points: More federal agencies are pursuing national EMS programs that will provide medical direction for EMS during all levels of fire operations, the scope of the IEMS has been widening beyond incident specific issues in Type 1 & 2 Medical Units, and the IEMS deals with issues from minimum first aid standards to interstate transport of EMS drugs. 	Approved.
Predictive Services Oversight Group (PSOG) as it relates to membership of the National Weather Service (NWS) on the NWCG Executive Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PSOG has reached out to the NWS management to explore ways in which NOAA/NWS programs and technologies can interface and integrate with Predictive Services. NOAA is examining a number of services that fall squarely within wildland fire agency purpose and mission. Integrating the NWS and Predictive Services will help the National Predictive Services program to productively grow into the future, better inform wildland fire decision making, and help to influence how NWS programs and technologies evolve relative to the wildland fire need. 	N/A

Additional information beyond these meeting notes (i.e. handouts, presentations, maps, etc.) will require a FOIA request to ensure proper privacy regulations are followed. Please request via email: blm_fa_foia@blm.gov



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<p>Proposal of the National Weather Service (NWS) for Executive Board Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board discussed adding the NWS as an associate member of NWCG and expressed a desire to have this be an interim solution to engage with the group for experience and exposure prior to making a decision on full membership. Staff will draft a response letter to send back to the NWS regarding this decision. 	<p>Board supports the participation of the National Weather Service (NWS) as an associate member of the NWCG Executive Board.</p>
<p>Update and partial recommendation on TM-19-002 NWCG Course Management Subgroup Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board reviewed the recommended subgroup structure of the Fire Environment Committee (FENC). These recommendations continuing education, course steering committee, and common mission/objectives statements will be the basis for revising the substructures of the other committees that have training related subgroups. Also discussed the recommendation of an additional tasking to a) develop standard operating procedures (SOPs) outlining expectations for how NWCG Committees, NWCG Course Steering Committees, and NAFRI Course Coordinators will work together, and b) establish appropriate web presence for Steering Committees, as well as the specific course information, between the NWCG and NARFI websites (with appropriate linking to avoid duplication). 	<p>Approved.</p> <p>NWCG will use this information to draft a tasking memorandum to the incoming NAFRI Director and NWCG staff communicating these recommendations.</p>
<p>National Association of State Foresters (NASF) Cooperators Aviation Standards for Interagency Fire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board briefed on the need to update the 2010 NASF Cooperators Aviation Standards for Interagency Fire. The document provides national baseline standards to be used when State aviation assets and aviation personnel are being considered for approval and use within the Interagency Fire Program. The document serves as the basis for interagency cooperative fire agreements and technical aviation inspections. 	<p>NWCG staff will draft a tasking memorandum to the National Interagency Aviation Committee (NIAC) to review the 2010 standards and provide recommended updates for revision.</p>
<p>S-420, Command and General Staff Certification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Content of the course is complete. Course is being formatted to the new NWCG course template with a proposed completion of May/June. A summary of changes will be sent to the Incident and Position Standards Committee (IPSC) and the Executive Board. 	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Interagency Fire Planning Committee (IFPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board discussed the bureau- and agency-specific nature of the Interagency Fire Planning Committee (IFPC). Board members will confer with their respective committee members regarding whether the IFPC should continue as an NWCG committee. Findings will be discussed at the March meeting. 	<p>Topic added to March agenda.</p>