



## NWCG Meeting Notes

**December 16, 2020**

**Executive Board:** Garth Fisher (BIA), Aitor Bidaburu (USFA), Dan Smith (NASF), Mike Ellsworth for Shane McDonald (FWS), Mark Koontz (NPS), Tim Sexton (RD&A), Jim Durglo (ITC), Will May (IAFC), Kim Van Hemelryck (DOI OWF Liaison), Jeff Arnberger (BLM), Heath Hockenberry (NWS), Frank Guzman - Chair (USFS)

**NWCG Staff:** Jeremy Sullens (NWCG Program Manager/Coordinator), Darci Drinkwater (Executive Secretary), Tim Blake (Coordinator), Deb Fleming (Coordinator), Katy O'Hara (Coordinator) Jesse Bender (Publications Manager), Nancie Turner (Webmaster), Jeff Hughes (Training Program Manager),

**Guests:** Erik Litzenberg (IAFC)

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<b>NWCG Project Priorities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reviewed and validated Project Pories <a href="https://www.nwcg.gov/priorities">https://www.nwcg.gov/priorities</a></li> </ul>	N/A
<b>Wildfire Learning Portal Governance Board (Update):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added the ability to grouping courses into a combined learning program with one certificate e.g., Apprentice Program).</li> <li>Accessibility language for loading new content is updated and added to Standard Operations (SOP).</li> <li>Jeremy working with the WFLP Governance Board to make that happen.</li> </ul>	N/A
<b>Course Management Subgroups Recommendations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aligning of steering/training groups under NWCG substructure.</li> <li>Cleaning up and aligning mission and objectives for M-581 and M-582. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need Exec Board approval to update website.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Need to make clear who has the lead on course delivery and coordination. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Advanced Fire Resource Institute (NAFRI), has M-582.</li> <li>M-581 did list GATRs, but TDC may be more appropriate. Deb will coordinate with Heath; changes will also need to be made in four other CSCs that reference GATRs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Meeting set for Advanced Incident Management (S-520) and Area Command (S-620) Course Steering Committee alignment in January.</li> <li>Will be working on National Interagency Aviation Committee (NIAC)/ National Coordinating System Committee (NCSC)/ Smoke committee after the first of the year.</li> </ul>	APPROVED: update website.  APPROVED: change GATRs to TDC.

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<p><b>Training Delivery Committee (TDC):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working on getting information out to the fire community <b>in a less formal and more direct communication format. Plan to use multiple communication avenues to reach as many people as possible, including existing social media accounts and email distribution list.</b></li> <li>• Looking at who the audience will be. And how things are changing.</li> <li>• Communication plan will identify content and frequency of TDC messages.</li> <li>• <b>Alternative Course Delivery Tasking:</b> courses prioritized by TDC are being loaded in the WFLP. Phase 1 courses include course materials and agenda, while Phase 2 courses have a/synchronous delivery suggestions and utilize WFLP tools.</li> </ul>	N/A
<p><b>National Interagency Aviation Committee (NIAC)/ Fuels Management Committee (FMC)/ Risk Management Committee (RMC) Projects (Update):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NIAC and RMC: Interagency Airtanker Base Subcommittee (IABS) and Hazard Tree and Felling Subcommittee (HTTFS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Using NWCG Standards Management Cycle to sort out standards, build Incident Position Descriptions (IPDs) and identify any training needs necessary.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Implemented budget requests that were approved last year -and finding the right individuals for details to assist. FMC: Utilizing Forest Service contacting path.</li> </ul>	N/A
<p><b>NWCG/Fire Management Board (FMB)/ National Multi Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC) Joint Session:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposing a joint session with NWCG/FMB/NMAC on January 20 to follow the regularly scheduled NWCG EB meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Intent of covering topics of mutual interest between the groups.</li> <li>○ NWCG will facilitate.</li> <li>○ Need collective support and direction on certain topics, including IWDG.</li> <li>○ Include briefing papers and solid decision items.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Jeremy Sullens will draft request and seek approval.
<p><b>NWCG Annual Meeting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Propose a modified Annual Meeting format: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ One day virtual meeting.</li> <li>○ Connections Call format.</li> <li>○ Approve agenda and discuss Executive Board topics during January meeting.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	APPROVED: Modified Annual Meeting.



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<p><b>IMRR/NWCG Leaders intent:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Committees can and should continue to capture and incorporate good findings into NWCG business by keeping a <b>pulse on good ideas to compile and incorporate as appropriate.</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Facilitating IMRR calls not in the mission of NWCG committees, but there is a need to be engaged.</li><li>○ Incident Commanders Advisory Council (ICAC) will be reviewing and evaluating IMRR surveys this winter.</li></ul></li></ul>	<p>Item added to agenda for Joint Session.</p>

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