

**DRAFT Meeting Notes**  
**RMCG Information and Education Committee Conference Call**  
**April 25, 2012**

**Present:** Lynn Barclay, Shannon Gurney, Dave Hall, Jason Hartman, Linda Hecker, Larry Helmerick, Sheryl Page, GayLene Rossiter, Bob Vogltance, Tracy Weaver, Ted Young

- January 25 minutes were approved.
- The 2012 RMCG I&E Committee Charter, which included consensus language, was adopted and posted on the RMACC website under the RMCG I&E Committee's web page.
- The 2012 revised committee contact list was provided to members via email.

**Fire Prevention Education Teams Update:**

- P410 Fire Prevention Education Team Leader course at the Colorado Wildfire Academy June 4-7 may be cancelled; only six signed up and need 15 minimum.
- Jason is working with Wyoming at the June 1-3 WYOFIRE at Camp Guernsey to include P410 training.

**Fire-Adapted Communities:**

- How do we get past workshops in our area? More workshops are held in eastern U.S. or on the west coast.
- The Western Region is big; we need to keep FAC on our radar; look at in the future for our committee.
- The Fire-Adapted Communities website is <http://www.fireadapted.org>.

**Website:**

- Karen Bergathon (retired/previously involved with the site) is reviewing website content for future updates.
- Preliminary redesign proposal (by the company that hosts our website) bid approximately \$3,000; grants database revision would cost an additional \$700; monthly website hosting fees are approximately \$40/month (\$480/year). CSFS currently pays the hosting fees.
- An I & E website sub team was formed to review materials/consider redesign options: Sheryl, GayLene, Lynn and Jason are on the team.

**Updates:**

Jason: New wildland fire education center at Flint Hills (Foothills Discovery Center). Tall grass prairies working with computer model of fire safety, wind conditions.

Lynn: Working on a revised CWPP and are continuing to focus on fire-adapted communities.

Bob: Nebraska Fire School is in May. The Nebraska Partners-in-Prevention is active. The state is having budget issues, as well as retention issues with firefighters. Working with three farmer-owned radio stations for PSAs; more than 1.5 million hear the prevention PSAs.

Traci: David Eaker is on the Lower North Fork Fire in Colorado. Tracy is doing a one-year detail as the NPS Fire Management Leadership Board executive secretary, so her participation in this group may be limited for the next year.

Shannon: Linda and she have been working on a national committee for Smokey Bear's 75th birthday and they attended the kickoff meeting on March 20 (Minutes were attached to our committee conference call email reminder). They are asking for volunteers to work on the Region 2 subcommittee. Let her know if there's any interest.

GayLene: The State of Colorado is in the review process of a potential structure change to move the state's Division of Emergency Management and specific wildfire resources at the Colorado State Forest Service under the authority of the Colorado Department of Public Safety.

**Next Conference Call:** July 25 at 10 a.m. – noon.

**Face-to-Face Meeting:** Oct. 24-25, potentially in Sidney, NE