



ROCKY MOUNTAIN COORDINATING GROUP

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Conference Call November 18, 2010

On Call:

Bob Jones
Dave Carter
Dan Smith (NMAC representative)
Dave Hall
Joe Lowe
Jeff Fedrizzi
Chuck Russell (Ops Committee Chair)
Rich Homann
Cal Pino
Mike Davin
Ray Weidenhaft
Ross Hauck
Jim Fletcher (Advisor)
Wendy Hall (Business Man.)

Not Available:

Mark Boche
Don Westover
Ken Kerr
Bill Ott

I. Revision of Summerfelt Issue Paper-Fletcher and Lowe

- Jim and Joe had made a few changes and sent out yesterday.
- Will add Rich Homann's comment and send up to NMACC.
- No other comments were made about the issue paper.
- Jim will send to Kim Christensen.

II. NMAC/GMAC

- Who is going: Jim Fletcher, Glenn Bartter, and Joe Lowe
- Issues to be brought forward at the meeting?
 - ❖ Summerfelt Issue Paper
- Will be presented in the round robin of the NMAC/GMAC meeting
- Joe and Dan will talk before the meeting to come up with a strategy to present at the meeting.

III. Operations Committee Report- Chuck Russell

- Had a great meeting the week of October 25th. There wasn't an evening that we didn't get out before 7,
- Ops Committee Charter: one error found, left off sending notes to the RMCG Business Manager. Will add that. Looking for approval of charter.

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- Operations Guide: didn't historically have RMCG look over guide. Sent the Guide to RMCG to look over. Guide includes a lot of the Ops Committee processes including recruitment and selection of IMTs before sending to RMCG, 420/520/620 candidates and the process for selection.
- Also came up with responsibilities for the different chapters of the Mob Guide. That's on going right now.
- Planning on having a meeting in January to go through Team selections.
- Change of leadership within the Operations Committee will take place in January
- Buying team selection: Ops group talked about continuing to go forward with the recruitment and gathering of nominations like last year then forward those nominations to Great Basin.
- Review Ops Charter:
 1. Wording under Purpose and Duties (page 1) with regard to Operation Committee "provide **oversight and management** of IMTs". It is actually the Coordinating Group or the Execs that "manage" the teams.
 2. Wording under Purpose and Duties (page 2) "review performance problems with team personnel or grievances. Submit any recommendations for actions to RMCG". Needs to be worked a little bit. It's up to the host agency to handle grievances.
 3. Consensus Model wording (page 2) "**This does Not preclude a request to "suspend the rules" and ask for a majority vote to utilize Robert's Rules of Order for part of, or the remainder of the meeting.**" Not sure how that would be used.
 4. Liaison for the Ops Committee (bottom of page 2) will rotate every 3 years. That's an RMCG decision to make.
 5. Conflict of interest wording (page 4); Joe had a conversation with the Ag attorney, needs to be reworded. "a Committee member who is also a member of the IMT in question or who has conflicting interests with an individual in question will abstain or defer from participating in the investigation". The way it is worded cuts off the information source. The Black Law dictionary states that when you abstain from something or requeue, it does not mean that questions can't be asked. Just means the individual cannot participate in voting or the consensus process.
- Joe will draft up his comments for the next conference call on Dec. 16th. Joe's counsel will draft up wording on the intent of conflict of interest.
- The group has not had an opportunity to review the Ops Committee Operating Plan or Charter. Will be discussed during next conference call.

IV. Spring Meeting-Lowe

- Joe is working on one speaker.
- Should have agenda finalized by the 16th.
- Cal is working with their budget folks to get the funding squared away.

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IV. NMAC Update- Dan Smith:

- During Spring Meeting be sure to leave time for discussion and presentation on the IMT succession strategy. There are working with some contractors that are developing some presentations and are seeking stakeholder input. These Geographic Spring Meetings are being targeted for attending.

V. Round Robin

- Summerfelt did receive the revised comments on the issue paper except for Rich Homann's comments. Will get Rich's comments to him.
- Try and get Joe's comments on the Ops Charter and Operating Plan out at least one week prior to the Dec. 16th conference call so that everyone has time to review.
- Team C recommendations. Make sure it is on the December 16th agenda.
- On the December 16th conference call need to start to talk about the cost of Embassy Suites the next 2 years. Need to have the next 2 years figured out by January 20th.
- Winter Meeting: January 19th and 20th.
- Cal will get hotel information out.
- Operations Committee Charter- page 2, rotation of Liaison every 3 years. Continuity is important. There are some people in RMCG with a strong operations background while others do not. Concern that if go on 3 year rotation, may have someone without that background.
- Maybe some language that the Liaison position will be reviewed and see if someone is interested in being the Liaison.
- Get comments to Wendy on the Operation Committee Operating Guide and Charter so that she can get those out the week before the December 16th meeting.
- Boulder County Sherriff: Joe is looking at adding him to the agenda at the Spring Meeting. Lots of lessons learned that need to be recognized and presented. Very good information.