Northern Rockies Coordinating Group

Board of Directors Conference Call Agenda
Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Conference Call Line: 888-844-9904 | Access Code 3599209#

Participants:
Board Members: Ray Hart, Aaron Thompson, Mike DeGrosky – Chair, Rich Cowger, Ralph Rau
Deputies and Others: Andrew Schell, Kevin Benton, Ryan Patrick, Pam Jolly

Purpose: Welcome and a reminder that this is a public meeting for the purpose of conducting government business.

NWCG/NMAC Update: (Aitor Bidaburu)
• Unable to participate on call.

Northern Rockies GACC and Operational Updates:
NRCG Operations (Craig Goodell)
• Unable to participate on call.

NRCC Update (Kathy Pipkin)
• Unable to participate on call.

OLD BUSINESS
• None

NEW BUSINESS

Training Recommendation from Operations Committee – Informational Topic (Andy Schell)
• (See Recommendation document in pre-reading materials.)
• Noticed some inefficiencies in the selection process.
• Operations Committee is unable to make informed selections from names only.
• Due to succession needs of IMTs, feel this approval could be held at the IC Committee level.
• Operations Committee liaison does attend IC Committee meetings; any concerns could be addressed through that channel.
• Last year over thirty individuals applied to this training.
  o Thompson – Would want to ensure that there was wide agency representation regarding attendees.
  o DeGrosky – Think that is a component that rely on Melissa Wegner provides during this coordination.
  o Rau – As long as Melissa Wegner is a part of that, should be good to meet that expectation.
  o DeGrosky – Would be a good conversation to have with Melissa Wegner at the Fall meeting.
  o Rau – Would be good to involve her in this discussion prior to the fall meeting.
  o DeGrosky – Suggestion to make this an agenda topic for next month’s call.
  o Thompson – Appreciate the Operations Committee looking at these efficiencies. Do feel it would be good to loop in Melissa Wegner.
• Schell – Will contact Melissa Wegner and discuss; and will presenting again at next month’s meeting.
Fall Meeting Timeframes Discussion (Pam Jolly)

- Dates of November 3 – 5th are set for the fall meeting; however, need to identify daily timeframes in order to create the Team Meeting invite.
- DeGrosky – Finding most have about a two hour tolerance limit for virtual meetings. Suggest meeting twice a day in two hour blocks, with two hour breaks in between.
- Thompson – Support two daily sessions of two hour blocks for three days in a row. Committees can present only if they have something for the BOD; otherwise, expectation will only be for the written report out.
- DeGrosky – Committees, Zones and Staff will submit written report outs in advance; thus, leaving meaningful time for discussion with committee during the meeting.
- Benton – Support.
- Pam Jolly will send out the NRCG Fall Meeting Team Meeting invites prior to close of business today.

Review of Action Items: (Mike DeGrosky)

- Postponed in the interest of time.

The next scheduled NRCG Monthly Conference Call is October 20, 2020 at 10:00 Hours Mountain Time