

**Partnership Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Feb 8, 2010**

Meeting Location: APPL Conference, San Diego, CA

Attending

Chris Gallagher, SPN
Mike Hosey, SAW
Richard Otto, MVP

Alana Mesenbrink, NWS
Chris Rapenchuk, LRL

1. Team Member Information

- a) Cori Brown was unable to attend due to severe weather in Baltimore grounding all air traffic. Jeff Boutwell will return from Iraq in late February and will take over duties as team chair in March 2010.
- b) Welcome to Alana Mesenbrink, who has joined the team representing NWD.
- c) Cori Brown will be rotating off the team in March 2010. A replacement has not yet been named.

2. Association of Partners for Public Lands Conference (APPL)

- a) The meeting was held at the APPL Conference in San Diego, California on February 7-10, 2010. The team also conducted partnership training on February 11-12. The training was very successful and received high marks from attendees.

3. OMBIL

- a) Field testing of the new OMBIL data entry pages is complete and some changes were made as a result of the test.
- b) The OMBIL data pages will go into the active OMBIL program in late March or early April 2010. Cori will be presenting this at the March NRM conference in Nashville, TN.

4. Partnership Authorities

- a) Mark McMurry, Assistant District Counsel at Fort Worth has submitted a memorandum to Mary Coulombe covering the existing statutory authorities held by the Corps. Review of this document by HQ OC is on holding pending the outcome of the review of cooperative management agreements. See item 5.

5. Cooperative Management Agreements

- a) Doug Cox, SWF will be assisting Mary in HQ in discussions with OC concerning how we can use Real Estate agreements, MOU's, MOA's, and other partnership agreements to assist us in carrying out the NRM program. There will be specific discussions concerning the application of cooperative management leases. It is expected that OC will issue guidance on how these agreements can be used.

6. Handshake Program

- a) Mike reported that the 2010 Handshake winners have been selected and will be posted on the Gateway at <http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/employees/challenge/handshake.cfm>.
- b) There was a discussion concerning the schedule for applications for the 2011 program which will be similar to previous years. Applications are normally due by the end of the FY.
- c) The team needs to discuss and make decisions concerning what categories will be offered for bonuses and incentives to receive extra points in 2011.

7. Excellence in Interpretive Partnership Award

- a) The Excellence in Partnership Award was presented to the Friends of W. Kerr Scott Lake at the APPL conference. Mary Coulombe presented the award to Theresa Ford who is the executive director of the Friends group.

8. Position for Senior Policy Advisor for Partnerships

A position justification paper has been turned over to Jonathan Davis for review and Mary will work with Jonathan to prepare a final document for Mike Enschede. There is no particular timeline for this. CENREF and APPL have both sent a letter to Mike in support of re-establishing the position.

Respectively Submitted,

Richard J. Otto