

Spring 2015 PAC Team Meeting
Falls Lake
April 14 – 16, 2015

Tuesday, April 14

RLAT recap – Heather

National priorities – Mike Vissichelli led an activity where groups worked to identify what the national priorities should include. The groups had varying ideas of what the task was supposed to focus on. Heather indicated there is more work to do to refine this product.

Rec-BEST – Wen Chang – Baseline budgeting—Mike V presented a proposal to eliminate competition for baseline budgets. Competition for budget packages would only take place above baseline. This is a proposal that is being considered, but has not been approved at this time. Handshake – RLAT did not discuss forcing the program to address RIIS measures.

Handshake program- Allen

Heather requested we change the terminology to Cooperating Association Agreement instead of Cooperative Agreement as part of our effort to reduce confusion over terminology.

Allen will add questions to instructions to address ES priorities such as pollinators, invasive species reduction, etc.

Handshake announcement will be made mid June as in previous years.

Volunteer coin criteria – All

Originally the coins were scheduled to reside with Heather. That is still to be determined. When are we going to get them from the company? Heather

Coin criteria discussed:

- National and regional winners will get a coin.
- If a family-unit, either the head of household or group leader will get a coin.
- An outstanding event such as a life saving event or something out of the ordinary.

Certificate for anything. Pass for 100 hours. 1000 hours for coin. Lots of debate on how to set a limit for the coins. Could we give coins to the Division nominees that weren't sent forward?

Decision: Each Division can send a maximum of 5 packages forward for the National Volunteer Award 2 identified as National competitors, 3 honorable mention that aren't competing for the national award. Non-National competitors will receive a coin, National competitors receive a coin and certificate, and National winners receive a coin, a certificate and a plaque.

National Volunteer award-

Discussed what makes up a group— and whether we should get rid of the group award and just have a volunteer award given to an individual, family, or group.

Decision: PAC will select one national volunteer winner, regardless of whether it is an individual, couple, or family.

Miriam will update Volunteer Score sheet to swap axis of criteria and nominees and add a comment column.

All team members review prior to award solicitation going out to make sure we know what we were talking about.

EIP award

Miriam will update EIP score sheet similar to Volunteers.

All groups will compete in the EIP category, regardless whether they have a formal agreement or not.

Partnership intern program – Allison

Sara and Allison talked to Meredith Bridgers and Pam Doty. They both had different view points on dealing with SCA.

Proposal is for an SCA-type intern.

The intern would be prohibited from soliciting or fundraising for the CA or the Corps because they would be working for the Corps.

How are we going to shift our funding around to accommodate this program? Funding would likely come from current Handshake funds. The HS program would scale back a bit to free up funds for this intern program.

FY 16 PROSPECT class

Kansas City Nov 16 – 20

Instructors: Alana, Allison, Titus, New person

Everyone needs to make sure the slides for the sections they are teaching are updated.

Alana suggested having the handshake section prior to going out to the field trip at Smithville to highlight their Handshake package so they can see it on the ground.

Allen suggested including sections from winning packages so students can see what makes a good package.

Allen – Amend handshake powerpoint for PROSPECT class to include exercise.

Bay Model Mar 14 - 18

Instructors: Stacy, Allen, Miriam

2016 PAC fall Oct 19 – 23 in Tulsa. Kent Dunlap is the POC for this. **Miriam will get a block of rooms at the Embassy Suites.**

Partner Speaker webinar

Heather has already reached out to some groups including: Adventures & Scientists for Conservation, American Hiking Society, ARC, APPL, CAST, Conservation Legacy, Corps Foundation, Corps Network, Environmental Stewards, FLW, IMBA, Kids in Parks, NEEF, National Park Trust, National Parks Conservation Association, SCA

This brainstormed list needs follow-up to identify a potential speaker:

National Youth Marine Alliance – Miriam

Ducks Unlimited – Alana

Safe Kids – Miriam

NWTF – Miriam

ACF – (Jeff Krause)

Audubon – Alana

BASS – Stacy

Cabela's/REI – Miriam

Seaplane education – Alana (Involve Scott Strotman)

PVA – Heather

Vietnam Veterans of America – Allen

Wounded Warrior – Stacy

Warrior in Transition – Miriam will Jonathan Ginsberg

Boy Scouts – Heather

Girl Scouts – Heather

Sarah's upcoming responsibilities

May 13 – 0900 Pacific – Heather will conduct the webinar

Partner Intern – Allison will take over

EIP – Miriam is taking

WRRDA – Heather

The document is now with Mary. When she finishes reviewing it, she will route it to OC. We will review it for their comments and then it goes to RE, RM, etc then it goes through the official routing.

National conservation corps agreement update – Heather

As of a week ago, the FOA was sent to Ft Worth contracting to be posted on Grants.gov.

Optimistically this won't be finalized until the end of June. Districts have been advised to set up their own agreements for this summer..

Outreach to RE/OC/RM/CT

LRD was all Ops folks. Alison indicated she didn't get any response back. She will follow up with phone calls.

Stacy provided his responses for MVK and MVR. He will contact Lynn and Renee Hanson.

Allen has contacted NE and Philly and is awaiting replies from Kim Russell and John Cave.

Alana has calls out to Bonnie and Mike Swenson. She is going one step higher.

Heather will call Alaska and Hawaii.

Legends/Beacon award update – Heather

Craig Rockwell was selected as the Legends award.

Ryan Bratten at Bonneville was the Beacon nominee. ARC makes this selection.

PAC pays for travel for award and to attend Partners Outdoors (June 2-4), Beacon Award presented on June 2, Legends on June 3.

Work plan updates/action items

Cooperating associations guide and toolkit – Titus/Stacy

Have a copy of the hard copy of Forest Service tool Kit. No action yet. Will reschedule work meeting after budget cycle. First glance for team scheduled for July PAC call.

EIP Scoring

Reviewed the two top scoring packages to develop better guidelines to make scoring less subjective.

Team decided to combine Public Awareness and Education in EIP application and scoring.

Defined what diversity means.

EIP Wrap Up

Include a stand for plaque, ACCO name tags for printing, with additional blank tags, cake service. Miriam will look at some plaque designs for next year's awards. Next year the plaques will be done as soon as the winners are announced.

Add a citation to the nomination package instructions to be put on the certificates.

Lunch ahead of time in a relaxed setting worked very well. It allowed all participants not to be too anxious with just walking in to the ceremony.

Due outs

Heather - Originally the coins were scheduled to reside with Heather. That is still to be determined. When are we going to get them from the company?

Heather will contact Hawaii and Alaska for RE/OC/RM.

Contact Phil Smith to see about a replacement for Sara. May 8 is the deadline for nominations.

Add requirement for a citation to the EIP and Volunteer nomination applications and instructions.

Combine Public Awareness and Education in EIP application and scoring and update template.

Allen – Amend handshake powerpoint for PROSPECT class to include exercise.

Add pollinators and other national initiatives to Handshake instructions

Miriam - update Volunteer Score sheet to swap axis of criteria and nominees and add a comment column.

Miriam will update EIP score sheet similar to Volunteers

Miriam will get a block of rooms as the embassy suites in Tulsa. October 19-23.

Stacy – Get JROTC info on ranger challenge for inclusion in military slides.

Stacy will contact Lynn and Renee Hanson by May 1

Work with Titus on coop assn toolkit by July call

Titus – Work with Stacy on coop assn toolkit by July call

Allison – Call LRD districts for RM/RE/OC for Districts due by May 1

All - Review prior to award solicitation going out to make sure we know what we were talking about.

Review Partnership exercise answer sheet and provide input to Heather by May 1.

Get contacts for any of the groups you suggested for the Partner Webinar Series.

Alana/Allison/Titus - Everyone needs to make sure the slides for the sections they are teaching are updated.