

PAC Meeting Minutes

8 January 2019

1400 EST

- **Welcome Francis!** Team member introductions by all

- **Corps Foundation update: Greg Miller**

Notice went out about a new Natural Resources Management History Book. Pat Barry wrote the book and this is the second book he's done. Several NRM employees submit their stories, USACE reviewed their stories. Final review by HQUSACE. Deadline for content is March 2019. Miriam – what kind of content is he looking for? Answer – communicate directly with Pat. Sounds like it should be more at a personal level that have worked for a long time and have history with some of the roots of the NRM program.

CF board of directors sent Greg and Nancy Rogers to meet new HQ leadership (Jeff Krause and Tom Smith, Ops Chief). Let them know who the Corps Foundation is and what their role may be now and rolling forward. Heather set up some potential partner meetings and Jeff attended them as well.

- Jeff Krause – discussed how to help more on the legislative side, possibly centennial challenge (supporting public/private challenges). Possible funding mechanisms for something like that. If it would be possible to use fees collected. Overall idea that the CF may be able to engage stakeholders more easily for some of these endeavors.
- Tom Smith – not from an NRM background, so were able to educate him on the CF and partnerships at a national level. Tom made a comment about other stakeholders in other business lines that really advocate for USACE (ex: hydro) but wasn't aware of any big "champions" speaking up for the NRM program in the same way
- Great Outdoors fund – Lori McCullough – Dedicated to improving recreation infrastructure and access. This is a grant-making non-profit to obtain funds from the private sector to improve shortcomings in federal funding related to public recreation infrastructure. She's also interested in doing a national MOU with us. Heather is working it – currently in the Deputy Ops Chief's office. May pursue a contract to work with the database.
- Outdoor Alliance – coalition of member organizations working to further all types of outdoor recreation. Champion for legislation like "Recreation not Red Tape".
- NEEF – suggestions to think about all the new roles in the congressional leadership committees. Committees are different for USACE than for ag/interior
- Impression that congress has put a halt on congressional charters (for national foundations) may not be true. Though having congressional authorization may not always be the best deal... needing congressional oversight has slowed down some groups for other agencies.
- ARC/Outdoor Rec Roundtable – Role of the ARC is changing to accommodate the renewed interest in the outdoor rec industry. Derrick is retiring. New Exec Director has been officially announced. Jessica Wahl

Foundation participated in supporting the National Association of Interpretation Federal Agency Awards. Helped sponsor reception. Nancy Rogers attended reception.

Just completed 2 certified interpretive guide classes.

Ashbritt Foundation – request for partnership with them on STEM activities

Asked to be part of an interagency water safety plan.

Coast Guard Grant update – Rachel Garren PM – successfully able to closeout a recent grant (grant 3). Just finished contract for grant 4. Looking now at doing a 3-year proposal to avoid the continual yearly crunch – focus on work more than administering grants

- **Prospect: Heather**

- **FY 19 PROSPECT Boise, ID May 6-9 2019: Class will be hosted in the National Interagency Fire Center. Class by the airport, hotel in downtown**
Instructors-Allison, Tennille, Scott, Heather, (Francis audit, project funded)

Action Item- Francis – get with Miriam and Chad to do a video @ W. Kerr Scott – Have something ready by the Boise class. Scott may be able to help with this too. Get to the site where they're doing the work and what the scope their activities is.

Action item: Jan 8, 2019- Each person on the team come up with at least 1 acceptable and 1 unacceptable contribution scenario – Allison, get with Heath for his. Heather sent the rest of them to be used for a contributions activity for Boise

Scott – Iguana info to update from economy act slides. Find examples of MOU and MOA from similar agencies and how they may be different

Allison – pitch your partnership exercise. Modify NRM Assessment slides so there's not so much EDW stuff.

Heather has updated the sharepoint with the most recent version of the slides so we can pull them down and work from them

- **FY20 PROSPECT LOCATIONS**

W Kerr Scott (Nov) Oct 28 – 1 Nov 2019 – Francis lead planning with project for field trip and logistics

Instructors-, Taylor, Heather, Francis, Allison (funded by HLC) Sig? (can fund trip if we wish to add an extra instructor)

- **Seattle – Heath lead planning with NWS for field trip and logistics**

June 7 – 12, 2020

Instructors -Tennille, Scott, Heather, Heath (HSV funded) Sig? (can fund trip if we wish to add an extra instructor)

- **OMBIL/NRM Assessment-** All team members should have reviewed their MSC data and looked for items that need to be fixed. QA/QC ends Friday. ALL: Try to track down as many Corps POCs for correct data ASAP. If you can't get ahold of anyone by Thursday, on Friday, change them all to "No activity"

- **Partner meetings with Corps Foundation and briefing with Tom- Heather recap – Greg covered**

- **Public Lands Alliance-** Denver, February 24-28 2019., No team members going

- **ACTION ITEMS –**

Biannual Newsletter March 2019- Scott and Tennille- Focus on LRB/LRH; MVN/MVP; POH; SAS; SPA; SWG. Focus on finding a Military Partnership or Health Partnership

January 31 2019-News articles due to Scott

- **REVIEW EIP and VA SCORES**

EIP: Looks like Discover your Northwest scored the highest. We really liked Shelbyville's Fish Habitat Alliance (except Miriam). Encourage Shelbyville to submit again. Does Shelbyville have more "heart" and more grassroots impact? How to we balance the awardee of "good work done" vs "well written packet"

VA: Melody and Randy Parks. Some conversation about the nominees. Decided that it is still a worthy program to encourage Corps staff to recognize their volunteers.

- **Available dates for EIP**

- April 22-26
- April 29-May 3

- **WEBINARS**
 - MARCH 2019- Heath Handshake Webinar (Do we need to set a date)
 - APRIL 2019- Tennille Volunteer Webinar (Do we need to set a date)
 - MAY 2019- No Webinars Scheduled

- **Next Call: Feb 12th 2 EST, 1 CST**

Partnerships to Ranger Workshops, etc

Allison is presenting at LRH ranger Workshop Jan 23rd