

PAC Meeting Minutes

AUGUST 31, 2021

1330 ET

All Members present except Phil

- **Corps Foundation update: Greg Miller**
 - **INVEST Act- Stakeholder Sign On**-not in senate bill Lobbied hard for this act. Stakeholder Sign On letter was a success even though it didn't pan out this time. House bill had 2.8% total of \$555 million = \$16M. Senate version altered into Infrastructure Investment and Jobs act with no set aside. \$6M competition. Not giving up. Will try for FY 22 Approps bill or reconciliation legislation. Still making contacts with NMMA and ORR.
 - **Southeast Congressional Summit**-June 22-23 2022-new participant, very supportive of Corps
 - **Fall Zoom CF Strategy Meeting, 2 day**-Send us your suggestions for Fundraising, strategic planning, board recruitment, etc.-no face to face for two years, going to have a virtual meeting on one or two days this fall

- **Fall PAC Meeting- Rend Lake, IL NOV 15-19, 2021**-need to plan for virtual meeting. Four hours a day on November 16, 17, and 18. Will conduct an AAR of October class as part of agenda.
 - **Agenda** – has been drafted and sent to team and HQ for meeting approval
 - **Request/approval**- Heather submitted approval request to HQ
 - **Site Visit**- Scott, Heather, and Phil work with Rend staff to develop itinerary to meet with partners and see partnership projects onsite
 - **Award Ceremony, NOV 18**- Heather and Phil work with Rend staff to coordinate ceremony (RAH for Colonel, briefing paper, schedule, etc.)-plaque and certificate sent already. If in-person meeting doesn't happen, request Rend Lake conduct ceremony on their own
 - **Travel logistics** –STL airport 1 ½ hour drive, Lodging Mt Vernon Doubletree (30 min)- make reservations online. Need to determine which 2 travelers will rent cars.

- **NAP/Blue Marsh: Oct 25-28, 2021- Proceeding as if face to face is possible**-Class has been switched to virtual. Will change schedule of class to 1100-1700 ET Monday to Friday. Will have three breakout rooms instead of four. Will schedule refresher sessions for Google Classroom, time and date TBD. Instructors should cancel hotel reservations. Heather will send out revised class schedule and MIPR requests for the 4 instructors whose labor will be funded
- **Instructors: Francis, Tennille, Heath, Heather, Scott, Taylor S, Miriam, Sig**
 - Discuss changes that need to be made for virtual
 - Heather uploaded tests to ULC site-all future tests will be online only-ULC is moving to a paperless format in 2022.
 - 4 instructors labor paid by ULC: Francis, Tennille, Scott, Sig. Need to fill out MIPR and return to Heather
 - Taylor B, Phil, Jennifer audit. Taylor and Phil will each host a breakout room. Need to select third breakout leader.
 - Instructor topics – all have been assigned
 - Heather will send May AAR to all to review and make changes to their presentations/exercises

Day	Topic	Instructor
Monday	Welcome, Intros, Housekeeping	Heather

	Class Overview and Introduction to Partnership Program	Heather
	Who are our partners/building partnership capacity	Francis
	NRM Gateway Partnership Pages discussion	Miriam
	Contributions Program	Taylor
	MOU/MOA	Scott
	Challenge Partnerships	Francis
Tuesday	Monday recap	Heather
	Challenge Cost-Share Cooperative Management Agreements	Miriam
	Understanding Non profit and For-profit partners	Tennille
	Corps Foundation	Heather or Marilyn
	Cooperating Associations	Taylor
	Grants	Sig
	Handshake Program and Exercise	Heath
	Cooperative Agreements	Sig
Economy Act	Heath	
Wednesday	Field Trip - Blue Marsh	Scott
Thursday	Field Trip review	Heather
	Volunteer Program	Tennille
	NRM Assessment/OMBIL	Francis
	Water Safety Partnerships	Tennille
	University Partnerships	Sig
	Military Partnerships	Scott
	Special Events with Partners	Taylor
	Putting Principles and Tools Into Action Exercise (break during)	Heather
	Review Slides and Jeopardy	Miriam
	Wrap up/Evaluations/Post Test/Certificates/SF 82 Forms	

- **Allatoona/Carters: May 2-5, 2022-** Instructors: TBD at Fall PAC meeting, Miriam self-funded, new NWD and LRD audit (self-funded)
- **NWS/Lake Washington Ship Canal: Aug 8-11, 2022** Instructors: TBD at Fall PAC meeting, Alana self-funded
- **Willamette Valley: September 19-22, 2022** Instructors: TBD at Fall PAC meeting
- **FY 23 classes:** - *This topic will be priority on October call. Need to have dates and locations to ULC by early November. Current suggestions at Philadelphia in May 2023, Waco Texas in winter/spring, and will need one more location. Jennifer will contact Waco Lake about classroom space and field trip. Heath suggested Bismarck North Dakota. Mike McCoy in LRH is strongly encouraging Summerville Lake in September. Suggestions should be returned to Heather by 10 SEP 21.* Need input from Heath, Taylor, Jennifer

- **Replacement strategy for filling NWD and LRD representatives on team.** - Heather will send out email soliciting nominations with a deadline of 15 OCT 21. Team will decide on new members during the annual meeting. New members will overlap with Allison and Heath for December call.
- **Newsletter-** Draft will be sent to Heather in next week or two.
- **Handshake-** still need FY 13-18 reports from
 - SWF: Waco 2013, 2019 (if completed)
 - LRC: Salamonie 2015
 - LRH: Beech Fork 2016
 - MVS: Rend 2019 (if completed)
 - NAB: Jennings Randolph 2015
 - NWK: Smithville 2015, Milford 2016, Perry 2016, Stockton 2015, Melvern 2018, Tuttle Creek 2018
 - NWO: Oahe 2018
 - NWS: LWSC 2016
 - SAM: Lanier 2016
 - Handshake – still need challenge partnership agreements for 2020 from MS River and Texoma and 2021 CPAs from Nolin, Berlin, Allatoona, Thurmond, Pine Flat - *Heath updated on 2020 and 2021 recipients. 60 to 70 folks on webinar calls.*
 - Include Heather on all final reports sent to Heath.
- **MOUs-**
 - Ruffed Grouse Society-Draft In HQ OC for review -Scott-*with administrative officer to review for proper context and formatting.*
 - Pheasants Forever-Have made a contact, no activity yet-Scott
 - Boy Scouts- Working with local Council to develop a national contact- Scott
 - TU- Taylor
 - NWTF- Jennifer-*No update*
 - Girl Scouts- Phil
 - 4-H: Tennille/Jennifer-*Has made contact, they are open to setting one up.*
 - Outdoor Alliance: Heather waiting for draft-*still waiting for draft.*
- **Webinars:**
 - NRM Assessment webinars: Allison/Taylor B (OCT 4 @ 100 Eastern, OCT 22 @ 1100 Eastern, NOV 8 at 300 Eastern)
 - EIP/VOY: Sep 8 @ 1:00 Eastern, and Nov 3 @ 11:00 Eastern – Francis asked for other team members to participant in call to monitor chat and assist as needed.
- **NEXT PAC CALL-** Sep 27-30. Doodle poll to follow