

PAC Meeting NOTES

June 23, 2021

1330 ET

- **Corps Foundation update:**
 - Pep- PLA is deciding if next year's convention and trade show March 2022 in St. Louis will be in person or virtual. Pep proposed 2 Corps sites for the field trips Great River Museum and the bird sanctuary across the river.
 - Nancy and Greg participated in virtual Partners outdoors-Jeff teamed with Callie of NMMA for breakout session to elevate the visibility for Corps recreation economic benefits and infrastructure needs. Callie and Jeff did great presenting the case for the Corps to be a part of ongoing outdoor recreation agency discussions.
 - CG Grant-Rachel has been working with four major movie theater advertising companies (National CineMedia, Before the Movie, ScreenVision, and 1 Better) to place ads in movie theaters near lakes that fall in the top ten for water-related fatalities.
 - Life Jacket Video Contest website- had 2,043 page views and 1,352 visits a contest promotional video ad will run until August
 - Corps Foundation partnered with Berlin Lake to submit NEEF Resilience/Restoration grant
 - 2021 Advocacy Initiatives
 - Continue follow up from stakeholder contacts i.e. Ruffed Grouse Society, IMBA, Southeast tourism
 - Discussion with NMMA about FAST Act- Was successful in getting \$16M set aside in bill
 - Work with NMMA to developing coalition to sign letters

- **SWD replacement-** Discussion on applicant, Heather will inform selectee and David White to make announcement in SWD
 - **Jennifer B. Linde:** All are in favor of this selection
 - **Next step:** Heather will notify David White and Jennifer Linde to welcome Jennifer to the team.

- **Fall PAC Meeting- Rend Lake, IL NOV 15-19, 2021**
 - **Agenda** – Heather, Scott, Phil work on draft agenda and get input from team (Draft due for next PAC call)
 - Heath mentioned that it might be a good time to review Prospect training slides to edit/develop with new photos, examples, and test questions
 - **Request/approval-** Heather will submit approval request to HQ once agenda is developed
 - **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.)
 - **Travel logistics** – STL airport 1 ½ hour drive, Lodging Mt Vernon Doubletree (30 min)? Rend Lake Cabins? Lake Cove Best Western? (Phil will make a call to Rend Lake to get suggestions)

- **FY 22 Classes- three are on schedule in Purple Book**
 - **Adding an additional class in September 19-22, 2022 Willamette Valley-** Heather has sent request to ULC and asked Anthony to verify once it has been added.
 - Heather will keep us updated

- **NAP/Blue Marsh: Oct 25-28, 2021-** Instructors: Francis, Tennille, Heath, Heather (Scott, Taylor, Miriam, Sig self fund.) (Scott: please update this section with more specifics if needed)
 - 3 instructors paid by ULC: Francis, Tennille, Heath.
 - Self funded: Scott, Taylor S, Miriam, Sig (Allen?)
 - Taylor B, Phil, Jennifer audit, self fund
 - Block of Rooms are available to make reservations
 - Scott- discussion of agenda (Has field trip agenda ready and lining up local partners to talk about projects they are involved in)
 - Scott is working on logistics
 - Instructor topics- all have been assigned
 - Office/Meeting Room details- NAP returning July 6. Scott will work with Security on list
- **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
- **FY 23 classes:** Will need to select locations and dates NLT Oct 2021. Would like to offer 3 again. Ideas on locations?
 - Potential Locations:
 - Heather will send out spreadsheet for everyone to fill in the additional information for mentioned sites
- **Newsletter-**
 - Get articles to Scott/Jennifer by 01 AUG 21
 - Heather covered some partnership article ideas from different divisions. PAC members should reach out or request possible articles.
- **Handshake-**
 - **FY 22 memo-** Routing through HQ. Hope to send out later this week or next. Not sure funding level at this point. Shooting for \$250k again but might be less.
 - Webinar dates (JULY 28 @ 12pm Central time) & (AUG 18 @10am Central Time)
 - Need final reports posted on Gateway (2013-2017)- ALL
 - Need agreements for FY 20 to post on NRMG- ALL
 - Include Heather on all final reports sent to Heath.
- **Partners Outdoors- June 1-2 virtual conference:** highlights from Scott and Heather
 - Excellent Conf
 - Good break out sessions
 - USACE Rep: Jeff Krouse – Talked a good game
 - Approx 300 people attended (Online)
- **NRM Assessment-** Any other changes for FY 21 – No suggestion for changes as of now
 - Due 1 AUG, Heather will send what she already has
- **NPT Park Passport app-** update from Heather, <https://parktrust.org/resources/parkpassport-mobile-app/>

- Heather showed PAC members the Park Passport App. Working with National Park Trust to include USACE and a virtual badge. Utilizing a PFD icon to identify USACE locations on the Map.
- **NRM Strategic Plan**- setting up briefing with DCW/DCG. Will officially launch plan upon signature. Implementation teams already working on Goal action items and expect to hear from them soon on PAC related items.
- **MOUs**- need to revisit and start working on these again-Any Progress?
 - YMCA- Francis has not heard recently
 - Ruffed Grouse Society-Making progress, Draft is being developed and being worked -Scott
 - 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
 - Girl Scouts- Phil
 - 4-H: Tennille/Jennifer
 - Outdoor Alliance: Heather waiting for draft
 - PCA: Signed and posted on Gateway
- **Webinars:**
 - Handshake webinars: (JULY 28 @ 12pm Central time) & (AUG 18 @10am Central Time)
 - NRM Assessment webinars: Allison/Taylor B – (OCT 4, OCT 22, NOV 8)
 - EIP/VOY: Sep 8 and Nov 3
 - OPM class- partnership session: Heather will teach if virtual. Scott available in person Aug 11
- **Noxious weed cooperative agreements**- Working on delegation of authority from ASA to DCG and then to districts to use the authority at the district level
 - Heather: This authority was giving to USACE in the 1970's. However, there are a few hurdles and working on path forward
- **Challenge Partnerships, Cooperating Association, Volunteer, Contributions, CCSCMA policy updates**- Should have all comments from MSC/Districts by June 25 on all chapters. Heather will consolidate comments into one document (6 chapters) and send to **PAC for input by July meeting**. Once all PAC edits have been made, Heather will start formal routing process through HQUSACE.
- **NEXT PAC CALL**- July 19-22 or 26-30. Doodle poll to follow