

PAC Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2021

1330 CT

• Corps Foundation update: Greg Miller

- Evaluations of Enduring Service- 13 Nominations. Will be sending out winner memo soon. Ron Rabena-Raystown individual award winner; Kim Jackson and Davide Piercy- Milford Lake. Will set up award presentations when available. May consider splitting the award into winners and runners-up.
- Life Jacket Video Contest- Contacting higher education institutions. **Please share widely with local partners**
- Handshake program bonus funding for FY 22- Will provide input and criteria to team on Corps Foundation support of bonus funds. \$5,000 bonus award in addition to Handshake winner of their choice.
- 2021 Advocacy Strategy- Call with HQ. Finalizing letters to Congressmen and already sent some out on FAST Act. Proposing increase USACE share of FLTP \$ to be 9% of total amount allocated to FLMA's. Right now USACE share is a competition for \$25-\$30M. Congress is looking to increase funding for the program. Also reaching out to Approps, WRDA, and FLREA committees.
- Cooperating association news stories- **still seeking highlights from each team member**

○ Virtual Prospect classes-

• Next Class: Virtual, May 3-7, 2021 (11am-4pm Eastern Time)

- **Prospect files**- need everyone's updates to their presentations on the PAC Share point by TODAY! Thank you for completing.
- **Google class trial runs**- Waiting to hear from Huntsville on date for training. Should have more info by end of the week to get the Google Class shell set up.
- **Trivia idea for breaks**- Allison explained concept: Fun and Random trivia, geography, nature, animal facts, etc. A way to keep students alert and engaged. If we provide info ahead of time, Polls can be created. **Task for Phil, Rob, Taylor to develop approx. 20-25 question. Due 1 APR.**
- Not planning to do Jeopardy with this class due to virtual training.
- **Heather will double check the dates and time of the virtual class.**
- Be prepared to log in 30 min in advance and staff after for debrief each day.
- **Need to get with Anthony or Richard about getting instructors into the system early.**
- Scott sent out an outlook calendar invite to everyone.

• Willamette Valley: Sep 13-16, 2021 - Instructors: Scott, Allison, Alana, Heather (Miriam self-fund)

- 3 instructors paid by ULC: Scott, Allison, Alana
- Self funded: Miriam. Others?
- Rob audit. Phil audit? Both self funded

• NAP/Blue Marsh: Oct 25-28, 2021- Instructors: Francis, Tennille, Heath, Heather (Scott and Taylor S. self fund.)

- 3 instructors paid by ULC: Francis, Tennille, Heath.
- Self funded: Scott, Taylor S. Allen? Miriam? Sig? Others?
- Taylor B audit, self fund

• 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

- **Newsletter**- Great job by Rob, sent out by Heather last week
- **Handshake FY 21-**
 - **Handshake old reports/agreements**- Heath sent list of reports/agreements needed to each team rep so they can help him track down and post to NRM Gateway
 - Need final reports posted on Gateway (2013-2017)- HEATH
 - Need agreements for FY 20 to post on NRMG- HEATH
 - Indemnification clause is still causing some issues for some projects.
- **EIP/VOY**- Discuss suggested edits to application/scoring and finalize
 - Francis has edits final
 - Working on plaques to be mailed to projects
 - Sep 8th and Nov 3rd are scheduled webinars
- **EIP award ceremony/Fall PAC meeting options-**
 - 2020 winners: Rend Lake. Can hold award ceremony in conjunction with SVOC Deer Hunt annual banquet, week of Nov 15-19. HQ preference to have PAC team meet in conjunction with current year winners.
 - Travel restrictions may limit participation
 - 2019 Winner: Shelbyville. Heather will plan to attend during Friends of Reservoirs annual meeting OCT 2021.
- **MOUs**- need to revisit and start working on these again
 - YMCA- Francis
 - Ruffed Grouse, Pheasants Forever, Boy Scouts- Scott
 - TU- Taylor
 - NWTF- Rob
 - Girl Scouts- Phil
 - 4-H: Tennille/Rob
 - Outdoor Alliance: Heather
 - Play, Clean, Go?: Heather

Main thing is to find POC. Reach out to them. Want to formalize a relationship. Provide an example of what can be done from a similar organization.

- **Webinars:**
 - Volunteer webinar- April 30, 10:00 CST
 - Handshake webinars: Heath / Rob
 - NRM Assessment webinars: Allison
 - EIP/VOY: Sep 8 and Nov 3
- **Partnership program IG audit**- Had first interview. Requested a list of challenges that we face. See email sent from Heather on 17 MAR 2021.
- **Contributions policy Update**- Heather is working with HQ OC to consolidate the ER/EP and 2008 Contributions guide into one EC document. Will send to team for input after OC has provided edits.
- **Volunteer policy Update**- Heather sent first draft to OC for review. Will send to team for input after OC provides initial comments.

- **Challenge Partnerships, Cooperating Association policy updates-** Heather will send to team, MSC, District partnership coordinators for initial comments before editing and sending to OC
- **NEXT PAC CALL-** 3rd or 4th week in April. **Doodle poll to follow**