

PAC Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2022
1400 ET

Corps Foundation update:

Board member recruitment

- Resignations from two Board members- Pat Barry, and Pep Persio- need your help in finding some new candidates
- Sent Board recruitment Constant Contact announcement –distribution to members, stakeholders, Cooperating Associations, etc
- Sent personalized invitations to potential retirees submitted from the RLAT members
- Talked by phone with a few interested individuals

Capitol Hill Meetings Scheduled 3-4 May 2022

- Pep and Nancy traveled to DC for PLA Board Meeting and Congressional contacts with 5 members of the Senate (meetings were both via Zoom or in-person).
 - Sen Heinrich, NM staff (virtual)
 - Sen Padilla, CA staff (virtual)
 - Feinstein, CA staff (virtual)
 - NMMA, Callie Hoyt
 - Sen Boozman, AR staff
 - Sen Cramer, ND staff (in-person)
- The focus of the meetings was three-fold: WRDA 22 legislation for fee retention, fixing the Cooperative Joint Management language to include non-profits, reversing the proposed FY23 budget reduction for recreation.
- Senate has marked up their version of WRDA 22 - includes language to authorize amending LWCA to include the Corps in fee retention, without an offset!
- The House version of WRDA 22 does not contain the fee retention legislation, or the technical corrections for Cooperative Joint Management Authority. Follow up- Sent letters to House committee members and Nancy has been busy making personal contacts with staffers.

- **Ruffed Grouse MOU webinar** update- No movement on this item, Ben Larson was out with Covid. I will touch base with him and get things moving. Hope to schedule a Pennsylvania webinar session shortly and then will schedule a national webinar. Tentatively looking to host local webinar within the next month or two and the national webinar in the summer.

- **Fall Meeting and EIP Award Ceremony**
 - October 24-28, 2022
 - Blue Marsh Lake
 - Day Time Outdoor award and dedication ceremony
 - Scott has reached out to the DE and Chief of OD to attend.
 - Heather will check with Jeff and Tom from HQ to invite and check on need for conference approval.
 - Scott will look into lodging.
 - Scott recommends that everyone fly into Philly Airport and rent a car. It is roughly 75 miles to Blue Marsh Lake.

- **Upcoming PROSPECT Classes**
 - **August 8-11, 2022, Seattle**

- Hotel block reserved at Hilton Garden Inn, working on the field trip plan, will not need a bus.
- Field Trip to Lake Washington Ship Canal
- Rich Deline will present the Corps Foundation presentation
- Other presenters- Mud Mountain Dam staff, university rowing team, DYNW, garden partners
- Instructors – Jennifer, Mike, Phil, Heather, Alana
- Class Schedule has been updated on the Sharepoint.
- **September 19-22 Eugene, OR**
 - Hotel block reserved at Hyatt Place, work on field trip itinerary.
 - Heather/Keith are working on Field Trip
 - Instructors – Heather, Keith, Francis, Scott, Jennifer, Miriam
 - Weekend after class activities, Death march with Heather...all invited...lol
- **FY 24 PROSPECT Dates and Locations**
 - Start thinking of possible dates and locations. Discussion to follow in future calls. Heather will send past list of brainstorm locations
- **Handshake**
 - Webinars June 15, July 12, Aug 25
- **MOUs**
 - 4H: Jennifer
 - Boy Scouts, Pheasants Forever: Scott-Working with local Boy Scout Council to get POC in national office.
 - Girl Scouts: Phil
 - American Hiking Society: Heather
 - NWTF: Mike
 - PVA: Keith
 - Trout Unlimited: Taylor- Draft is being reviewed by TU and should be sent back to Heather soon
- **NRM Gateway page review-** multiple team members planned to review in Jan/Feb/Mar/Apr. (See Charter for who is responsible for each)
- **Review PAC Charter annual workplan for suspense dates-** Taylor, Mike, Keith set up a call to start planning on updating the Corps Lakes partner pages and partner handout
- **Newsletter Articles for SEPT Issue – due to Heather by 31 JULY**
- **Round Robin-** report outs or questions from each PAC team member
 - **NAD:** Bass Pro recipient at Blue Marsh \$134k for habitat restoration, 6 of 9 winners were USACE
 - **SAD:** Talked with SAD about potential ENS Handshake projects. SAC interested in putting in for HS funds for special events facility improvements. SAD is planning Spring 2023 Division Ranger conference.
 - **LRD:** Working on Lending Tackle program for district MOU. WV Dept of Tourism wants to put a swing at a Corps lake as a photo op of lake.
 - **SPD:** Having challenges finding volunteers in SPN and SPK. Lake Mendocino MOU with Ukiah library to collect native seeds in seedbank. Volunteer coin recipients.
 - **SWD:** Sam Rayburn project with sheriff's department to install accessible boat dock and kayak launches

Next call: Scott will send Doodle poll for week of July 11 or 18