

PAC Meeting Minutes 24 May 2024

Corps Foundation Update-

- 2023 Tax Return completed
- Enduring Service – Sam will present the award at Soo Locks, Marilyn will present at Strom Thurmond. Both are in the process of firming up presentation arrangements.
- Board approved partnership proposal from Traveling Miss T's Math Maps
- Attended FICOR Working Group Meeting-External Partners Session. Emphasized need for interagency grant program.
- Plan to attend EIP ceremony, Jun 11, Jefferson City MO - Corps Foundation will fund refreshments. Also will attend June 25, Prospect class at Mark Twain Lake. **Please include me on distribution of meeting arrangements-**
- Currently reviewing bids for 2 new Water Safety PSA videos
- Smaller Coins received for distribution to PAC for local project award
 - Coins will be mailed to Heather
 - PAC Team members should try to use up the old coins first if possible.
- Discussed swag and membership gift - considering stickers and patches besides the coins
 - Taylor and Sam have connected and will discuss further a proposal for Board consideration.
- Considering coming up with a scholarship for cooperating associations to attend Public Lands Alliance conference.

PAC Team Discussion

- **Prospect Classes update**
 - **UPDATES Needed:**
 - All: Add location, district, state to all slides in your assigned topics
 - All: Add origin story for all examples in your assigned topics
 - All: Add placeholder slide to link to the Gateway before the last question slide for examples of agreement documents (For those who have a document to review – please link to the gateway page to pull up the template doc for the students to see.)
 - All: need updated Bios
 - New England- **Date May 13-17** (Heather, Scott, Jennifer, Keith, *Jared*)
 - Review class comments, any recommended changes
 - Main concern was power points
 - Heather made updates and posted to Mark Twain Sharepoint folder. **If you make any updates, please let Heather know.**
 - Heather needs some silly pictures of Jared.
 - Mark Twain- **24-27 June 24** (Heather, Mike, Francis, Jennifer, **Phil**, Sig, *Jared audit*)
 - Presentation schedule is posted on SharePoint
 - No student roster available yet
 - OPM provided for list places to eat for lunches and class dinners-
 - Jared selected Volunteer sessions to teach
 - MIPRs sent on 4/26
 - Phil visited the Mark Twain a few weeks ago. The space at the VC will work great!
 - **Phil: Field Trip Development-** Forest Council-Cooperative Assoc and EIP winner

- Handshake Projects (archery, equestrian, trails, pond)
 - Lunch- Pre-ordered lunch from Subway- Phil will have for the first day of class
- Falls/Jordan- 16-19 September 24 (Heather, Taylor, **Francis**, Keith, Jared, Sig, Scott)
 - Presentation schedule is posted on SharePoint
 - **Francis: list places to eat for lunches and class dinners**
 - **Francis: Field Trip Development-** draft agenda complete, confirming time/date with partners
 - Falls Lake is 30 min drive: YCC, FMST, Handshake Fishing Pier, Pollinator Garden, Volunteers, Forest Ridge Park – Leased Area
 - Jordan Lake is 45 min drive: Clean Lake Jordan, Bald Eagle Monitoring Vols ,Safe Kids, NCSU Aquatic Vegetation CESU
 - Lunch- Stop at shopping center near Falls with a number of options
 - Instructors welcome to travel prior Fri/Sat for Raleigh/Durham fun.
 - Scott is joining the CORPS Foundation and will present for the foundation
- FY 25 PROSPECT classes- Select instructors at June PAC meeting
Locations submitted to ULC:
 - Rend Lake: Oct 21-24, 2024
 - Heather, Phil, Jennifer, Mike?, _____
 - Kansas City District: April 28-May 2, 2025
 - Heather, Mike, Keith, _____, _____
 - Raystown: July 21 – 24, 2025
 - Heather, Francis, Phil, Jared, _____
- **Annual Meeting/EiP ceremony dates- week of June 10th**
 - EiP Ceremony on June 11th in Jefferson City, MO
 - Meeting location is Kansas City District Office, with a trip to Jefferson City on the 11th for the EiP ceremony.
 - **Keith working on items needed for Ceremony (Read-Aheads, cake, etc)**
 - Site visit to nearby Smithville Lake on Thursday afternoon.
 - 30-45 min drive north of KC
 - 8972 Project with interesting partnerships
 - They are looking to find a way to jointly manage their VC
 - Draft meeting agenda- **team send discussion topics to Francis**
 - Working time for webpage, handout, and volunteer poster/brochures
 - NRM Gateway updates
 - Develop Partnerships/Volunteers Photo Contest? Tag along with water safety photo contest
 - Succession planning- Jennifer and Francis rotating off this year
 - CF sticker artwork competition development
 - Handshake timeline changes
 - Prospect review of 2 topics to improve
 - September newsletter topics to highlight- partnerships focusing on reducing O&M? Tribal partnerships?
 - MOUS- discussion about which to continue pursuing or drop
 - CWBI changes, review of user manual and screens with whole team
 - Smithville partnerships field trip- horse trail, wetland construction, fish habitat, riprap with Clay County and University of MO?

- Phil and Mike will also have a vehicle to assist with transportation.
- **Volunteer Clothing Additions**
 - Uniform committee is meeting the week of June 24 to discuss- Keith and Taylor will coordinate with Heath to participate
 - Priorities for new additions are:
 - 1. Short sleeve polos offered in the tan color
 - 2. T-shirts in tan or red

These first two were overwhelmingly the primary items people would like to see added.

 - 3. Winter knit cap in black
 - 4. Safety t-shirts in neon green/chartreuse with reflective material
 - 5. Fleece jacket for winter in red
 - 6. Rain shell in red
- **FY 25 Handshake program –**
 - \$125k set aside for FY 25
 - Changes to next years application/scoring.
 - Time frame for submittal – Keep SEP 31 (Look shorten next year)
 - Time frame for CPA – Change to JULY 30 (look to shorten next year)
 - No net gain / Nothing New unless partner is taking on O&M (replace something old, gain efficiencies, remodel, consolidate, etc) Criteria – describe how your project will have no net gain.
 - Bonus Points-
 - Partnerships with Tribes +200
 - New partner that they have never worked with +50
 - Have never received Handshake funds +100
 - Heather sent nomination announcement. All files posted on NRMG. Phil has set up webinars
 - FY24 Challenge Partnerships agreements. (4 of 6 received)
 - Missing final reports from 1 project from FY21 projects (St. Mary's Soo Locks)
 - Missing final reports from 2 projects from FY22 Projects (Perry and Wright Patman)
- **Corps Lakes partner webpage and handout -Keith, Taylor, Mike, Francis, Jared**
 - Team- keep putting new pictures into the Teams folder
 - Website- Ginny has published new Corps Lakes pages
 - Future improvements- new photos, more content
 - Will look at selecting 1 PAC member to monitor the webpage and be POC
 - Handout- draft completed
 - Francis sent to Tara to work on
 - Provide a template for projects to create a local version?
- **New National Youth Conservation Corps**
 - Update from Heather and Jennifer- FOA posted on 19 May. Delegation memo being worked at ASA office. With Mr. Connor for signature to send to SecArmy
- **Fall Newsletter-**
 - Due date for articles: Aug 1
 - SAD- Allatoona Lake CCSCMAs
 - MVD Rend Lake partnership recognition example

- SWD Tribal Outreach
- NAD Technical School adopt a park in Cape Cod? Or partnership with Americore
- LRD
- NWD
- SPD Lake Mendocino Trail Program?

- Look for articles that demonstrate or highlight partners/volunteers reducing O&M, also Tribal partnerships

- **Update on MOU progress-**
 - Girl Scouts- Phil has reached out to the national page without a response, however, has two local contacts (StL and Wappapello) hopeful that this may lead to conversation.
 - 4H- Jennifer Nothing New at this time
 - Pheasants Forever, Boy Scouts- Jared working with Scott – Connected with BSA and will provide draft MOU for their editing.
 - NWTF- Mike Has a POC and plans to be in contact soon. (have been in contact with their Federal Liaison to update their MOU, possibly have drafted by end of the year)
 - Paralyzed Veterans Association (PVA)- Keith has been in contact with someone recently.
 - Kids in Parks: ent out on May 22. Webinar set up for 1 Jul

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- **Webinar schedule development-**
 - Ruffed Grouse- Jennings Randolph and Tionesta projects, NAE projects to spotlight, Jared work with Scott will set up
 - Kids in Parks: July 1 12:30-1:30 eastern
 - Handshake Webinars
 - June 18 @1300 CT
 - July 24 @1000 CT
 - BHA webinar follow up– they are interested. Heather is working on a national list to give to their chapters so that they can reach out to our projects.

- **Regular weekly PAC working hour- (Virtual Study Hall)**
 - Francis will schedule more

- **Qlik-**
 - Ashleigh has implemented requested updates, working on transfer to new Power BI platform.

- **Traveling Miss T-** developed draft math maps and sent for PAC review

- **Tribal partnerships-**
 - Heather finalizing report to ASA(CW)

- Next Meeting- Jul 8, 12,15-18

- **Gateway updates –**

NRMG Page	Lead	
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		Last Review/Update
Awards	Francis	March 22
Challenge Cost Share Coop Management	Francis	Sep 23
Challenge Partnerships	Keith	
Contributions	Phil	Sep 23
Cooperating associations	Mike	
Cooperative agreements	Jennifer	
Economy Act	Keith	
GETS	Jared	Sep 23
Grants	Taylor	
Handshake	Phil	On going
Health/Fitness/Medical	Mike	
Military	Keith	
MOU/MOA	Jared	Sep 23
National Partners	Jared	
CWIBI-OPS	Taylor/Jennifer	Sep 23
PAC	Jared	Sep 23
SCA	Jennifer	
Schools/Universities	Francis	
Special Events	Taylor	
Volunteers	Jennifer	
Water safety	Mike	