

NWQMC Steering Committee Minutes for December 7, 2018

Meeting Attendees: Lareina Guenzel, Gary Rowe, Candice Hopkins, Susan Holdsworth, Dan Sullivan, Mike McHale, Marie DeLorenzo,

1. Membership Updates (Gary and Susan)

- No updates on membership.

2. National Monitoring Conference Update (Lareina)

- Registration for the 2019 NMC opened on December 6th
- Candice forwarded the information about registration to the entire NWQMC listserv
- The Program Committee is still working on determining how many posters we will have space for. They hope to inform all presenters (oral and poster) by the holidays.
- The Exhibitor and Sponsorship Committee now has the information it needs to start making calls; they will try to meet in January
- Susan suggested having the EPA Deputy Assistant Administrator for Water speak during the plenary as she plans to attend the NMC
- Tim Petty (DOI Assistant Secretary for Water and Science) committed to speak at the plenary as well, and Gary will follow up with Don Cline to make sure he is still planning to speak
- Mike McHale has updated the code of conduct and plan to meet with legal teams from AGU or another organization to discuss liability to the NWQMC

3. National Network of Reference Watersheds (NNRW)(Mike)

- Mike plans to meet with Candice and Jim Kreft in January to talk about the Internet of Water and the future of NNRW

4. Volunteer Monitoring (Julie, via email)

- Julie is going to send out a doodle to plan a call in January

5. Collaboration and Outreach (C&O) Work Group (Candice and Danielle)

- C&O plans to meet in January and discuss the Water Quality Portal communication plan
- We need more speakers for webinars; the last webinar had almost 450 live attendees

6. Methods Board (Dan)

- Dan met with Laura Shumway about bioassessment comparability. He plans to convene the workgroup after the holidays.

7. January Meeting Agenda (all)

- Candice asked for topics for the agenda
- Suggestions included covering Council Member responsibilities at the NMC, an update on the NMC Code of Conduct, and Volunteer Monitoring technical speakers