

## **NWQMC Steering Committee Minutes for October 6, 2017**

**Meeting Attendees:** Wendy Norton, Dan Sullivan, Gary Rowe, Candice Hopkins, Mary Skopec, Susan Holdsworth, Martha Clark Mettler

### **1. Membership Updates (Gary)**

- The Council has several vacancies that still need to be filled; Gary and Susan are currently working to fill the current vacancies
- Gary is in contact with NRCS about finding a replacement for Shaun McKinney
- Gary mentioned a potential member that would represent ARS; he previously served on the Methods Board

### **2. DOI Review Update (Wendy)**

- Wendy has not received any updates on the status of the DOI review.
- Don Cline was planning to give a briefing to DOI on many items, including ACWI. Wendy gave Don information about ACWI activities, and included travel expenses.

### **3. National Monitoring Conference (NMC, all)**

- After the September 25 NWQMC web meeting, Candice compiled the results of the poll about moving the NMC. Most respondents preferred to move the NMC to spring of 2019.
- The Steering Committee decided to move the Conference to spring of 2019 and start planning efforts as soon as possible.
- The Conference Planning Committee (CPC) will need to meet soon to start discussing planning efforts. Both Gary will contact Tim Oden about being the USGS Co-Chair for the NMC, while Susan will work on finding a Co-Chair from EPA.

### **4. Water Information Strategy (WIS) Work Group Updates (Mary)**

- The WIS group met but had a small turnout for their meeting on October 4
- The group wants to help Laura Shumway and Jim Kreft with the Water Quality Portal Communications Plan; they will move forward with these efforts at future meetings.

### **5. Collaboration and Outreach Work Group Updates (Candice)**

- The Fall 2017 Newsletter is close to finalized and will be going to layout soon
- The work group's focus this month will be on finding a suitable medium for archiving photos

### **6. Sensors Work Group and Methods Board Update (Dan)**

- The Biological Comparability Assessment and Metadata groups have not met since resumption of NWQMC activities
- The Sensors Work Group will have their first call soon
- Dan will write up conclusions from the USGS Continuous Sensors Meeting and share that with the Sensors Work Group.