

NWQMC Steering Committee Minutes for June 1, 2018

Meeting Attendees: Dave Chestnut, Mike McHale, Mike Eberle, Dan Sullivan, Jeff Schloss, Lareina Guenzel, Martha Clark Mettler, Julie Vastine, Gary Rowe, Candice Hopkins

1. Agenda for June 11th Web Meeting (all)

- Candice asked for comments on the June 11th draft agenda. Susan requested another technical speaker, and Dan suggested Mark Bushnell from NOAA
- Our next Web Meeting will be in August. Candice is inquiring about our fall in-person meeting but has no news yet.

2. National Monitoring Conference Update (Jeff, Gary, and Lareina)

- Jeff is close to finalizing conference costs. He hopes to have costs nailed down (give or take a bit) within the next several weeks.
- Gary and Tim are working on a conference approval package for the USGS. The 2019 NMC was not classified as Mission Operational, but Gary hopes that it makes the list of large conferences that the USGS plans to send people to in 2019.

3. 12th National Monitoring Conference

- We need to start thinking about the timing of the next National Monitoring Conference so it does not overlap with other important meetings and conferences.
- The group discussed several options for the next conference, including holding it in 2020 (to get us back in sync with even years), 2021 (to keep it every other year), or pushing it until 2022 to give us more time to plan.
- Julie suggested considering holding the meeting in the fall instead of spring so it doesn't conflict with other meetings.
- We will present options to the entire Council at our web meeting for further discussion.

5. National Network of Reference Watersheds (Mike McHale)

- Mike has been firming up membership in the NNRW group. He plans to only meet with the group one or two times per year, but talk with members individually throughout the year.
- Mike is planning to add NADP total deposition data to the database soon.

6. Bioassessment Workgroup (Dan)

- The group has been working on lots of items, including adding new biological methods to NEMI.
- The group wants to hold a data management workshop at the 2019 NMC and address many of the issues they've encountered so far.

7. Sensors Workgroup (Dan)

- The sensors workgroup has been meeting regularly and discussing uncertainty. They had conversations with representatives from InSitu at their last meeting and plan to have another industry representative at their next meeting.

8. Volunteer Monitoring (Julie)

- The group met on April 10th and discussed many topics, including ideas for fact sheets that they could develop in conjunction with WIS.
- They are also working on continuing their webinar series and have a new webinar scheduled in August.
- The next VM meeting is June 25th.

9. Collaboration and Outreach (Candice)

- We need new speakers and ideas for our webinar series; please submit ideas to Candice.

- Julie suggested we hold a webinar advertising the 2019 NMC to the Volunteer Monitoring Community. Another spin-off idea for a webinar could be on developing strong abstracts for the Conference.
- Candice mentioned that there has been a desire to reignite the “National Assessment” group that Larry Willis started. She will present ideas at our June 11th meeting.