

NWQMC Steering Committee Minutes for September 1, 2017

Meeting Attendees: Wendy Norton, Dan Sullivan, Gary Rowe, Mike McHale, Julie Vastine, Candice Hopkins, Mary Skopec, Aaron Borisenko, Susan Holdsworth, Jim Kreft, Danielle Donkersloot, Jeff Schloss

1. Update on DOI Review (Wendy)

- DOI concluded their review of ACWI and we are allowed to resume activities
- We did not receive any additional feedback from the review

2. Upcoming NWQMC Meetings

- Our in-person meeting is contingent upon several factors, including budgetary support from the USGS. However, we chose the week of November 13-17 as a potential time to meet.
- The next virtual meeting will take place September 25; we will update the proposed agenda to reflect updates from the Water Quality Portal team and address the DOI review.

ACTION: Candice will send save-the-date for in-person meeting and work with Sheri to find a venue

3. 2018 National Monitoring Conference (all)

- We decided to postpone the 2018 National Monitoring Conference (NMC) until a later date due to the shortened timeline for planning
- Options for alternative dates include Fall 2018, Spring 2019, and Spring 2020
- There is interest in joining the NMC with another conference or meeting, such as River Rally, Citizen Science Association, NALMS, or the USGS Water Quality Workshop if timing, venue, and planning work well
- The Steering Committee decided to get more information and bring this item to the whole Council for discussion

ACTION: Gary will check with USGS about upcoming Water Quality Conference, Jeff will continue to communicate with potential venues and with NALMS conference committee, and Danielle will reach out to River Rally group about combining conferences. All members will look for other conferences or meetings to potentially combine with the NMC.

4. Newsletter and Webinars (Candice)

- We are still looking for newsletter articles from many federal and state agencies; please solicit colleagues for articles and send them ASAP
- Our webinar series is back up and running; please suggest potential speakers or topics to Candice

Thanks everyone!