

NWQMC Steering Committee Minutes for February 2, 2018

Meeting Attendees: Dan Sullivan, Susan Holdsworth, Candice Hopkins, Aaron Borisenko, Martha Clark Mettler, Danielle Donkersloot, Mary Skopec, Wendy Norton, Mike McHale, Gary Rowe, Marie DeLorenzo, Julie Vastine, Lareina Guenzel

1. Membership Updates (Gary and Susan)

- Gary and Susan have several candidates for the Gulf of Mexico representative. They plan to speak to candidates this month and have a new member soon.
- Wendy Norton announced she will be retiring in late March.

2. ACWI Meeting Update and Business

- The ACWI meeting was held in Reston, Virginia on January 17-18, 2018.
- Gary and Susan both attended, and Gary gave a presentation on the NWQMC.

3. National Monitoring Conference Update (Lareina and Jeff)

- There is only one vacant position left on the Conference Planning Committee (CPC), which is the Extended Sessions Lead. A suggestion was made to break this position up so that two people could lead the group.
- The next CPC call is scheduled for February 6th.
- Jeff is working with several venues in Downtown Denver that are looking at our conference proposal package. He has asked for at least 8 concurrent spaces, so venues are checking to see what is available. So far he has had several potential venues with openings in March and April of 2019.

4. February Web Meeting (Candice)

- Candice is finalizing the agenda for the web meeting on February 21st and 23rd. Please send her any requests for the agenda.

5. WIS Work Group Update (Mary)

- The WIS group met in January and is currently reprioritizing tasks for 2018.
- The next WIS meeting will be on February 7th.

6. Volunteer Monitoring Update (Danielle and Julie)

- The group has a new webinar series that is lining up; this webinar series seems to be generating a lot of momentum.
- The group will have a call with Jane Caffrey on February 5th to talk about data submission to the Water Quality Portal.
- Kris Stepenuck is currently conducting a new survey to update volunteer monitoring groups across the nation.
- Dave Chestnut has been working with his new volunteer monitors in South Carolina to train them to help monitor for HABs.
- The next VM meeting is on February 8th.

7. National Network of Reference Watersheds Update (Mike)

- Mike is planning to work on a communications plan for the NNRW.
- The developers in Fort Collins will be working on the NNRW soon.
- Mike is still working to add data from the Forest Service. He's had several discussions and continues to make progress on finalizing a plan to add their data.

8. Methods Board Update (Dan)

- The Bioassessment had their first call on January 25th; they set out goals to update NEMI's biological fields. They will start with invertebrate techniques.

- The Sensors workgroup will host its next meeting on February 14th. They are considering hosting more webinars on how to handle sensor data.

9. Collaboration and Outreach (Candice)

- The deadline for newsletter articles for the Spring newsletter is the beginning of March. We are still short on articles.
- We will be hosting three webinars in February and are looking to line up speakers for March and April.