

## **NWQMC Steering Committee Minutes for March 4, 2016**

**Meeting Attendees:** Mike McHale, Dan Sullivan, Candice Hopkins, Gary Rowe, Jeff Schloss, Wendy Norton, Martha Clark Mettler, Monty Porter

### **1. 2016 Conference (Jeff)**

- Hotels are filling up; there is still room at the Westin and Jeff is working with alternate hotels as the blocks we have reserved fill up
- Current registration for the conference is at 383 people registered
- Philip is trying to finish the field trip pricing; transportation companies have been slow in communication but prices should be solidified next week
- We are looking good so far on exhibitors; Candice will be emailing Council members about contacting other companies next week
- Wendy has some extra registrations that came with the Council's booth; Dan will see if any award winners need to use these free registrations
- The program is close to being completed; Maggie is working to finalize this and should have it done in the next few weeks

### **2. Sensors (Dan)**

- The USGS Continuous Monitors work group will be joining the March work group call
- Arsenic is the new analyte that has been identified for the EPA Sensor Challenge

### **3. NNRW (Mike)**

- Mike Spoke with Britta Bierwagen (EPA) about the reference sites that they are establishing and whether this group can collaborate with the NNRW; one of the largest challenges of this collaboration is the length of water quality records at sites
- Mike is still pursuing other agencies for additional sites and is currently working with NPS

### **4. Collaboration and Outreach (Candice)**

- We got a great turnout for the Newsletter; Candice will be sending articles to editors soon
- C&O is hoping to finalize the Postcard and Calling Card this month and get them printed
- Oil Spill webinar will be hosted on March 15
- Dan added signups for the Listserves to the website