

NWQMC Steering Committee Minutes for January 6, 2016

Meeting Attendees: Susan Holdsworth, Candice Hopkins, Martha Clark Mettler, Mary Skopec, Gary Rowe, Wendy Norton, Alice Mayo, Jeff Schloss

1. Membership (Susan)

- Chris Bellucci (Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection) is our new Region 1 representative
- Susan has a recommendation for a Region 7 representative (Liz Smith) and will reach out to that contact
- Gary and Susan are currently looking for a Gulf of Mexico representative

2. 2018 Monitoring Conference (Jeff Schloss)

- Our two final potential venues are Kansas City (April 9-12) and Albuquerque (May 5-11). Neither set of dates is in conflict with River Rally.
- The federal presence at past Conferences has been about 45% of total attendees; if major budget cuts are made to federal agencies, this could greatly affect our attendance numbers.
- Jeff is going to look more thoroughly into each venue with the potential that we may have a decreased attendance at the 2018 Conference. He's planning for now to base estimated attendance numbers on Cincinnati's attendance.

3. WIS Update (Mary)

- Aaron developed an Work Group Planning template with areas for deliverables and timelines; Mary will distribute this to other Work Group chairs.
- The next WIS meeting is scheduled for February 1.

4. NNRW (Mike, via email)

- NNRW will have January meeting and Mike will go over a revised work plan

5. Methods Board (Dan, via email)

- The Methods Board will be sponsoring a webinar on January 17th on the GLT Nutrient and Sediment and Monitoring Program; this is advertised on our website
- Dan has been talking to the Methods Board about the Bioassessment Comparability work; there seems to be some interest and momentum here.

6. Collaboration and Outreach (Candice)

- Newsletter articles are due on March 3, 2017; please encourage people to send these in
- 3 webinars are scheduled for January and early February
- C&O is working on finalizing posters for the Council and Portal that can travel to various meetings
- Aaron organized a meeting for the Certification and Training Group in late January