

Steering Committee Minutes – October 7, 2016

Below are minutes from today's Steering Committee call.

Meeting Attendees: Susan Holdsworth, Candice Hopkins, Martha Clark Mettler, Danielle Donkersloot, Dan Sullivan, Mary Skopec, Larry Willis

1. Membership (Susan)

- Susan has emailed three potential new members to fill in EPA Regional Representative spots but has yet to hear back
- Susan is still looking for a Gulf of Mexico replacement

2. October Web Meeting Agenda (Candice)

- The October web meeting agenda was discussed as it stands, and technical presentation speakers were discussed
- Candice invited Bruce Lindsey, Pete McMahon, and Elin Betanzo as technical speakers and is waiting to hear back about their availability
- Dwayne Young and Jon Marshack were also mentioned as potential speakers to conduct trainings; they will be asked to present at the December in-person meeting
- ACTION: Candice will send out draft of agenda to all NWQMC members once speakers are lined up

3. Data Into Action (Larry)

- Larry Willis presented his idea about turning data into insights and action, and the role the Council can take over the next several years
 - Larry wants to focus on what water-quality information the public wants and needs
 - Larry would prefer to kick this idea off under the banner of the WIS group, and Mary agreed that the group could discuss taking this concept on for now
- ACTION: Mary and Larry will talk further about this idea and present it to the Council during our December meeting

4. Suggestion Box (Candice)

- Gary suggested opening up a Suggestions Box for our audience to contribute ideas about newsletter articles, webinar topics, and issues for the Council to address
 - The Steering Committee liked the idea and approved it to go forward
 - For now, people will email ideas to NationalMonitoringCouncil@gmail.com
- ACTION: Announce Suggestion Box through newsletter and website

5. Implementation of Round Robin (all)

- Susan suggested implementing a "Round Robin" session as part of our regular meetings to allow Council members to provide brief updates
- Round Robin groups will be broken out as state reps, feds, and others. Each Round Robin will be about 30 to 45 minutes during our regularly scheduled meetings.
- ACTION: Candice will contact EPA State Reps about our first Round Robin during our Oct meeting

No work group updates were given since we ran out of time. We'll hear more from work group chairs during our meeting on Oct. 17th.