

Below are minutes from today's Steering Committee call.

Meeting Attendees: Mike McHale, Susan Holdsworth, Alice Mayo, Dan Sullivan, Candice Hopkins, Gary Rowe, Mary Skopec, Callie Oblinger, Jeff Schloss, Danielle Donkersloot

1. Membership Updates (Gary and Susan)

- No new membership updates. However, [GLEON](#) has asked to join the Council which is leading to discussions of which organizations and groups should also be asked to join the Council.

2. 2016 Conference (Alice and Jeff)

- Monty is working to cut sessions down and finalize the program
- Jeff is working to get final poster numbers
- Jeff and NALMS folks are working on the registration website and hope to have it launched by next Friday
- Other aspects of Conference Planning, such as the Fluid 5K, plenary, and field trips, are moving forward as planned

3. Dates for Future Meetings (Candice)

- NWQMC will have two web meetings before the 2016 Monitoring Conference
- Tentative dates for the web meetings are the week of February 22, 2016 and April 11, 2016

4. WIS (Mary)

- The recent WIS meeting included a Portal Strategy discussion which went well
- The group is still working on several fact sheets

5. Sensors (Dan)

- The group is working on a deployment guide and hopes to get it out by the end of the month
- The long-term planning network white paper has been submitted to AWRA with revisions

6. NEMI (Dan)

- Additional biological protocols have been added to NEMI

7. Volunteer Monitoring (Danielle)

- Danielle is working with Dan, Kris S, and Cheryl to update the VM directory and map
- Julie is currently finishing addressing comments on the Charter

8. Collaboration and Outreach (Candice)

- Our next webinar will be on Jan 19th; Ted Stets will be presenting
- Candice is working with Kim on a layout for the postcard and calling card

9. NNRW (Mike)

- The website is moving to the cloud
- Mike met with Alan Ellsworth about incorporating NPS watersheds into the network; right now the focus is on core sites but the plan is to fill in gaps for optimal coverage
- Mike will be working more with Mark Nillis in the future

Thanks,
Candice Hopkins