



MEETING MINUTES

NTAA STANDING MONTHLY MEETING

October 14th, 2019

NTAA Executive Committee: Primary and Alternate Representatives in Attendance

Region 1	Bill Thompson		Region 6	Craig Kreman	X	Region 9	Wilfred J. Nabahe	X
	Marvin Cling			Cherylin Atcitty			John C. Parada	
Region 2	Angela Benedict							
	Steve Smith		Region 7	Billie Toledo		Region 10	Carol Kriebs	
Region 4	Scott Hansen			Allison Gienapp	X		Lucas Bair	X
	Tiffany Lozada	X						
			Region 8	Randy Ashley	X	Alaska	Mary Mullan	
Region 5	Brandy Toft	X		Linda Weeks Reddoor			Ann Wyatt	X
	Joy Wiecks							

EPA Representatives		
Pat Childers	OAR	X
Laura McKelvey	OAQPS	
Amanda Kaufman	OAQPS	
James Payne	OAQPS	

NTAA Staff / Fiduciary Representatives	
Andy Bessler	X
Dara Marks Marino	X
Mehrdad Khatibi	

Ex-Officio Members / Others	
Ann Marie Chischilly, ITEP	
Chris Lee TAMS Center	
Farshid Farsi, TAMS Center	

X = present on the call

NTAA Action Items Generated During This Call

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DUE DATE
Action Item 1: Separate out Shelly Wade's recommendations, use numbers/letters rather than bullet points, separate planning session component from the remainder of the notes and actions.	NTAA staff	11/1/19
Action Item 2: Send email separately from feedback call notes; send draft to R9 Rep this week.	NTAA staff	11/1/19 10/20/19
Action Item 3: Add Vallen Cook to EC call list	NTAA staff	11/1/19
Action Item 4: prep for meeting with Peter Tsirigotis; list questions to ask him	NTAA staff	11/1/19

NTAA EC Standing Monthly Call
October 14, 2019
10 am AK / 2 pm ET

1. **NTAA Executive Committee Caucus:** *EC, Staff, and invited guests for the first hour:*
 - A. Invocation
 - B. Roll Call of NTAA EC Members, NTAA staff, and others. EC Quorum reached.
 - C. Approval of the September NTAA EC Meeting Notes
 - i. Meeting Minutes
 - ii. Meeting Summary
R5 Rep motion to table until next meeting, R8 Rep seconded. No objections.
 - D. Approval of Member Tribe Applications
 - i. None at this time
 - E. Follow up from AK meeting
 - i. Recommendations from Shelly Wade:
 - a. Create NTAA vision to go along with mission and goals to help guide
 - b. Use notes to help with strategic planning such as: communication, funding diversification, increasing effectiveness and efficiency in productivity. Ideas are color coded in notes.
 - ii. Request from R5 Rep to shorten the wording of the notes for easier reading. **Action item 1: Separate out Shelly Wade's recommendations, use numbers/letters rather than bullet points, separate planning session component from the remainder of the notes and actions.**
 - iii. Bylaw amendments: **Action item 2: Send email separately from feedback call notes; send draft to R9 Rep this week.**
 - iv. Review of Action Items from AK
 - a. Follow up with Peter Tsirigotis
 - b. P. Childers and L. McKelvey to send list of trainings on how to work with tribes
 - c. Make a plan to recruit new treasurer
 - d. R10 Rep taking over secretary position
 - e. Send draft of job posting to EC
 - f. Work on hotels for DC meeting in February. Meet with NCAI at same time.
 - g. Figure out location for Aug/Sept meeting. Need information from R5 Rep, R6 Rep, and P. Childers by end of November
 - h. Outreach to tribes for TAS; create toolkit on website
 - v. Review of 2020 calendar of NTAA meetings.
 - a. Main change is that IAQ/Wood Smoke will be on every other 3rd Thursday.
 - b. NTFAQ dates not yet set; preferred dates of May 11-May 14. RFPs are due October 29.
 - c. Proposal to EPA to combine Nov/Dec calls into December 12.
 - vi. Discussion of viability of a new NTAA Climate Change Work Group

- a. Recommend we stay focused on air quality. This is similar to not having an “ambient air” work group since it is in everything we do.

F. Discussion of NTAA Proposed Policy Resource Kits

- i. Methane NSPS PRK update: Deadline for comments November 25; October 17 is public hearing. Informational webinar will be held on October 30; comment letter will be developed by then.
- ii. Taconite NESHAP update: R5 Alternate looking into writing the comment letter as a contractor. Call scheduled with MPCA for Tuesday, October 15, to discuss the issue; open to all.
- iii. Other Policy issues EC members wish to address: none stated.

2. **NTAA/EPA Updates:** *EPA Representatives and others joined the call*

A. EPA Updates:

- i. Expressed appreciation for Alaska meeting, enjoyed the Alaska Air Summit component and conversations. Would like to build informal conversation times into agendas for the future.
- ii. EPA meeting in DC with Regional Tribal Air Coordinators (TAC): had an amazing agenda, with credit given to Monica Lacka; great discussions.

B. Tribal Air Monitoring Support (TAMS) Center: will have Vallen Cook as NTAA/TAMS liaison (**Action Item 3: add Vallen Cook to EC call list**); will do a monitoring equipment request on behalf of TAMS, ITEP, and tribes to figure out how old/what equipment/what needs replacement. Had been hearing that equipment requests were being seen as the EPA Region making them do it, rather than on behalf of the tribe, so tribes not always giving full list of monitors so EPA wouldn't know they had a monitor that wasn't paid for by EPA.

Looking at doing a simplified Needs Assessment survey, TAMS may ask for help spreading word to increase number of responses.

Looking for feedback on things to be changed/improved with AIAQTP grant. Alaska Native Villages want specific Alaska training; may need outside/additional funding, so that it doesn't take away from other tribes. Work with ORIA on that.

20th anniversary of TAMS Center next year; will have special meeting to celebrate.

3. **NTAA Project Tasks and Updates**

A. Discussion of NTAA EC In-Person Meeting and Tribal Air Summit in Alaska:

Action Item 4: prep for meeting with Peter Tsirigotis; list questions to ask him.

List of trainings from EPA on how to work with Tribes: shared materials with regional staff of their trainings. L. McKelvey to provide a history summary.

B. Work Group Updates

- i. IAQ: call coming up on Wednesday this week. ORIA in process of hiring to replace Chris Griffin with full time staffer; in process of interviewing. Farshid Farsi likely leaving TAMS in a year as well. Ernie Grooms still interim chair of work group.
- ii. Wood Smoke: next call November 21; helping Larry Brockman from OAQPS to develop agenda for residential wood smoke workshop with Hearth and Patio tradeshow in New Orleans in March of 2020. NTAA co-sponsoring with EPA OAQPS and NESCOM; emphasis on tribes engaging. Once draft put together will send to EC; will discuss on next wood smoke call as well.
- iii. Mobile Sources: last call October 3, lots of interest. Columbia Willamette Clean Cities Coalition presented; one of the reasons they wanted to be on call was to provide more information and outreach to tribes. Highlighted Green Transportation Expo coming up. Jason Wilcox/DERA program discussion. VW settlement update: second year funding will be allocated to tribes.

Discussion on how to expand the reach of DERA funds to be more nationally dispersed, similar to VW funds.

MSWG Lead is going on to paternity leave; Joe Cebe from Forest County Potawatomi will be alternate lead in the interim, likely for December.

Presentation by Clean Cities has been posted to MSWG page and VW page.

November 7 call: first tribal presentation: Victoria Flowers and Tracy Horst attended National Association of Convenience Stores Convention. Will present perspective on convention and what they learned. Also will have discussion with Kayla Krauss on road dust in Alaska. Will advertise the call on Quarterly Alaska Air call.

4. NTAA Staff Updates

- A. NTAA Staffing: drafting job description for Program Coordinator position to replace Jaime Yazzie; will send out to EC later this week. Once reviewed, will post publicly on NAU HR page, can share with anyone via separate email. ITEP hiring committee will review and interview; hopefully decision by January.

Utilizing no cost extension to finish website work.

Shelly Wade (facilitator from Alaska) recommended sending an evaluation for Summit participants. Sent draft out last week, based on Shelly's previous evaluation with tribes. No objections or feedback for sending out.

- B. NTAA Website: call scheduled with Julie Sullivan to discuss website overhaul; run through site map outline. Will begin building pages for approval on November 12 call.

- C. Review of NTAA Action Item Matrix: reviewed earlier in call.

5. Regional and Other Updates:

- A. Tribal Air Monitoring Support (TAMS) Center: discussed above
- B. National Tribal Caucus (NTC): no one on. Invited Scott Clow but haven't heard back.
- C. CAAAC: no one on. Clean Air Excellence awards: Kris Ray on behalf of wildfire program will be receiving on November 4, likely tied into CAAC meeting near that date.
- D. ITEP: VW Settlement Technical Assistance Program: second round plans being finalized.
- E. National Radon Action Plan: no updates, working on finalizing actions and inputting info.
- F. AAPCA and NACAA: no one on; NACAA had public outreach committee call last week
- G. Regional Updates
 - R10: Biannual meeting at end of month
 - R9: RTOC next week at Ak Chin; annual conference following
 - R7: quarterly RTOC beginning October 22
 - R6: RTOC in November week before Thanksgiving
 - R4: RTOC second week of November

Next call (rescheduling Nov 11 due to Veterans Day): Tuesday, November 12, 10am PT/1pm ET

N7AA Secretary approves 11/19/2019

Carol Kriebs