



MEETING MINUTES

NTAA STANDING MONTHLY MEETING

July 8th, 2019

NTAA Executive Committee: Primary and Alternate Representatives in Attendance

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

EPA Representatives		
Betsy Shaw	OAR	
Pat Childers	OAR	X
Laura McKelvey	OAQPS	X
Toni Colón James Payne	OAQPS	X

NTAA Staff / Fiduciary Representatives	
Andy Bessler	x
Dara Marks Marino	x
Mehrdad Khatibi	
Lorena Morris-Gonzali	
Jaime O. Yazzie	

Ex-Officio Members / Others	
Ann Marie Chischilly, ITEP	
Chris Lee TAMS Center	
Farshid Farsi, TAMS Center	
Frank Spurgeon TAMS SC	
Ian Fischer, J. Grant law firm	X

X = present on the call

NTAA Action Items Generated During This Call

ACTION ITEMS	DUE DATE
Action Item 1: Submit draft letter of engagement and draft welcome letter for Ian Fischer. Add profile to website.	8/5/19
Action Item 2: Draft welcome letter for Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. Update Member tribe roster, contact list and listserv.	8/5/19
Action Item 3: Send summary/minutes from June to NTAA Secretary to finalize and post to website.	8/5/19
Action Item 4: Include in HUD Letter; the review by NTAA is not an endorsement and do not use NTAA logo as approval in HUD letter. Submit letter by July 10.	7/10/19
Action Item 5: Send talking points to L. McKelvey ahead of time for a call with OAQPS Division Director, Peter Tsirigotis, on ACE, Oil and Gas, Permit and Rule streamlining, co-benefits calculation.	8/5/19
Action Item 6: In next STAR, highlight that NTAA has taken lead on tribal involvement in NRAP.	8/5/19
Action Item 7: Modify letter for alternate leads in two places; remove IAQ request and clarify email is sufficient.	8/5/19
Action Item 8: NTAA Project Director coordinate with Region Alaska Alternate to provide materials for Tribes to become members.	8/5/19

NTAA EC Standing Monthly Call
July 8, 2019
10 am AK / 2 pm ET

1. **NTAA Executive Committee Caucus**—EC, Staff and invited guests only for the first hour:
 - A. Invocation
 - B. Roll Call of NTAA EC Members, NTAA staff, and others. EC Quorum reached.
 - C. Introduction to Region 10 Representatives: Carol Kriebs and Lucas Bair
 - D. Discussion with Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) Nominees:
 - i. Sara Drescher unable to attend meeting. This item is moved to the August EC Meeting
 - ii. Ian Fischer provides brief introduction. He is an attorney with Jill Grant and Associates, a law firm that does environmental work for tribal governments. He has worked with Navajo Air Quality control program finalizing minor source permits. Ian is accessible and available with his time.
 - iii. Motion to accept Ian Fischer as PAC member: Region 6 Representative; second: Region 5. No objections or abstentions. Consensus.
Linkedin: [Ian Fischer](#)
Action Item 1: Submit draft letter of engagement and draft welcome letter for Ian Fischer. Add profile to website.
 - E. Approval of Member Tribe Applications
 - i. Application of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
Motion to accept application: Region 4 Representative; second Region 10 Alternate Representative. No abstentions or objections. Consensus to approve
 - ii. Application of the Native Village of Elim
Working on getting letter signed by Tribal Administrator, have not received
 - iii. Review of May Approval of Red Cliff and Round Valley Tribes
EC meeting during NTF: no written notes when approved. Welcome letters were delivered. Written indications of approval are the welcome letters that were sent.
Action Item 2: Draft welcome letter for Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. Update Member tribe roster, contact list and listserv.
 - F. Approval of the June NTAA EC Meeting Notes
 - i. Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve minutes: Region 1 Representative; second Alaska Representative, No objections and 5 abstentions (Region 6 Representative, R10 Representative and Alternate, R4 Representative and Alternate). Consensus.
 - ii. Meeting Summary
Motion to approve minutes: Region 1 Representative; second Alaska Representative, No objections and 5 abstentions (Region 6 Representative, R10 Representative and Alternate, R4 Representative and Alternate). Consensus.

Action Item 3: Send summary/minutes from June to NTAA Secretary to finalize and post to website.

G. Discussion of NTAA Proposed Policy Response Kits

- i. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Tribal Healthy Homes Guidances
There are concerns regarding four draft guidance documents from HUD for tribes regarding healthy homes. The guides are targeted to four audiences: Tribal members, decision makers, housing professionals, and environmental staff. These guidances have not gone out for public review. It has gone through selective peer review, but level of review is unclear. NTAA drafted comment letter; asked for review by IAQ work group and EC.

Action Item 4: Include in HUD letter: the review by NTAA is not an endorsement and do not use NTAA logo as approval in HUD letter. Submit letter by July 10.

- ii. Proposed NTAA White Paper on Science:
The white paper will confirm science behind AQ pollution and human health that NTAA can cite in future NTAA publications. The paper will focus on health of Tribal v. general population, citing scientific papers to remind EPA that science is settled that air pollution is bad for you.
- iii. EPA's Once in, Always In Policy
L. McKelvey finalizing agenda for webinar. Staff will send out draft agenda later this week. Scheduled for July 24.
- iv. Other Policy issues EC members wish to address (none discussed)

H. Discussion on Next NTAA EC In-Person Meeting

- i. Call scheduled for EC members and other to shape agenda. July 16, 10 am PT. Save the date notice was distributed.
- ii. Alaska representative notified local EPA folks, but many cannot participate in building agenda, They will participate that day. She received interest in registering after the save the date was sent. Meeting sites are reserved. Need to solidify agenda to notify others and verify if EPA project officers can't do IGAP workshop/training, ANTHC staff can step in to do it. There was a recommendation to use John Parada as trainer/example outside of EPA of how small tribes do it elsewhere than AK.
- iii. Travel schedule: Travel Monday/return Friday. Tuesday NTAA EC meeting, Wed/Thurs AK air summit. As a reminder: need mock itinerary if traveling days other than Mon/Fri and NTAA will reimburse for the lesser of the costs. Rental cars not reimbursed (will get van/shuttle).

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

A. EPA Updates:

- i. Bill Wehrum stepped down from position. Anne Idsal is now the Acting Assistant Administrator. Next meeting in DC, NTAA will meet her and other new/changes in staff. Idsal was Region 6 administrator. OAR will do a "working effectively with tribes" in person training and invite her. She was a full regional admin, so has been vetted, and confirmation will likely go easily. It is a political appointment.
- ii. American Indian Air Quality Training Program (AIAQTP) grant renewed for final year of 5-year grant program. It takes about 1 year to do a competitive grant. P.

Childers will be going directly from decision on NTAA grant, to developing the AIAQTP grant, looking for feedback on how to make that more effective, better performing grant. This is a 1.6 million/year for training and tech support for air. Provided by Tribes for Tribes through EPA. This could be subject item for AK meeting.

- iii. In October, there will be a meeting of EPA Tribal Air Coordinators (TACs). Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) is only one that has TACs. TACs created specifically for air, incredibly useful, since focused solely on air. OAR looking for feedback/input on roles that regional TACs could do better, process and relationship issues (simpler, consistent, smooth relationships while getting job done).
- iv. NTAA should be looking at ways to empower tribes to move from 103 to 105 and into TAS. But is that NTAA's role? Consider thinking of it as "What are the policies hindering tribes moving to 105/TAS?" What are everyone's roles? We should discuss more in future about working together. NTAA could contact tribes with Water TAS and educate about Air TAS. EC can provide guidance on how much they want to be involved.
- v. Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS) is planning a number of upcoming webinars including: 1) July 24 at 1pm ET: Reclassification of Major sources as Area sources (Once in Always in); 2) Roadmap to Regional Haze in August (more info on next policy call) 3) Modeling for Roadmap to Regional Haze; and 4) Scheduling webinar for Tribal Treaty Tools, working on getting two presenters (one from HUD, one from Forest Service).
Discussion on posters showing tribal work: posters are now up in OAQPS offices to show guests, staff important work that tribal folks are doing.
- vi. Repeal of CPP, replacement with ACE will go in effect today.

Action Item: Send talking points to Laura McKelvey ahead of time for a call with OAQPS Division Director Peter Tsirigotis, on ACE, Oil and Gas, Permit and Rule streamlining, and co-benefits calculation.

B. Tribal Air Monitoring Support (TAMS) Center: No updates.

C. National Tribal Caucus (NTC):

OAR asked Office of International and Tribal Affairs (OITA) to explain what direction tribal program is taking. OAR suggests NTAA ask same of NTC. It is unclear what direction they are going and this would help drive EPA OAR direction.

D. Clean Air Act Advisory Committee (CAAAC):

Committee selections are not finalized, but the Tribal recommendations were raised to the highest level.

E. ITEP: VW Settlement Technical Assistance Program (TAP)

Tribal Advisory Council (TAC) met for the first time. TAP is holding webinar for Round 2 Tribes. Funding for first round Tribes is going out.

F. National Radon Action Plan

NTAA representatives attended last call. Different partners appointed to strategy plan to see how they can incorporate Tribes more. They discussed databases and adding Tribes in. Good conversations going on to include Tribes more. Region 7 Representative will be attending upcoming NRAP meeting in July 17.

Action Item: In next STAR, highlight that NTAA has taken lead on tribal involvement in NRAP.

G. AAPCA and NACAA

NACAA Public Outreach Committee call was regarding app used for reporting commercial trucks idling violations. The next call is 7/9/19.

3. NTAA Project Tasks and Updates

A. Discussion of next NTAA EC In-Person Meeting in Alaska: EPA updated on details confirmed/discussed under Agenda Item 1, H (above).

B. Work Group Updates

i. Discussion of NTAA Work group schedules of monthly calls

An email sent out last week of the draft letter regarding nomination for work group alternate leads. We would like to mention this all on work group calls.

Motion to approve letter with those changes: Region 10 Representative, second by Region 1 Representative. No objections or abstentions. Consensus.

Action Item: Modify letter for alternate leads in two places; remove IAQ request and clarify email is sufficient.

There was a discussion about the frequency of the calls. WG leads will poll the groups about combining the IAQ and WS work groups.

ii. IAQ: Hosted webinar on vaping. Recording webinar will be posted soon.

iii. Wood Smoke: Focusing on action items of short and long term goals. Next call on July 10th 3 pm ET.

iv. Mobile Sources: Next call on Thursday, July 11th, to determine direction priorities. Discussion on involvement of VW TAC to provide updates for the work group, looking into.

4. NTAA Staff Updates

A. NTAA Website Updates:

The website now includes new Region 10 Representatives and the newest PAC member, Ted Griswold. Once I. Fischer approved, the website will be updated. Regularly updating the roster list.

B. Member Tribe contact list: List is 100% up to date. We are looking into ways to keep updated with contacts of member Tribes. We plan to immediately address emails with bounce backs

C. Review of NTAA Action Item Matrix: up to date with scheduling of webinars.

D. Updates: There is a Southeast AK Environmental Conference the same week as NTAA EC meeting in AK. Region AK Alternate will attend and requests information for Tribes on how to become members.

Action Item: NTAA Project Director coordinate with Ann Wyatt to provide materials for Tribes to become members.

Next NTAA EC In-Person Meeting, Week of September 23, 2019 in Anchorage, AK
Next NTAA/EPA Policy call on Thursday, July 25, 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Mullan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mary" being more prominent than the last name "Mullan".

Mary Mullan - NTAA Secretary
8/14/19