

# GATR CONFERENCE CALL NOTES

## January 14, 2015

D = Decision Item, I = Information Item

Topic	D/I	Leader
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In Attendance: Renee Beams – NW(Chair), Kelly Woods - GB, Melissa Wegner- NR, James Villard - SW, Doug Gibbs - AK, Cindy Forrest-Elkins - AK, Kim Bang - RM, Woody Kessler - Development, Debra Burgos - AK, Chris Buhrig - Facilitator, Steve Griffin – CA, Matt Dillon - EA

Guests: Mike Ellsworth, Amy Skraba, Ted Mason, Russ Babiak, Shane Olpin

Not On Call: John Burfiend - NAFRI

### **Priority Trainee Report Update**

**Matt Dillon**

All data has been submitted to Matt and the spreadsheets seem to be working, but may need a little bit of tweaking to make them better. The data has been merged and is ready to be presented to NMAC, etc.

***ACTION ITEM – Kim, Renee, Melissa, Matt – Draft spreadsheet update will be developed, National list of prioritized candidates, google doc opportunities, (Debbie at WFTC to help with google docs development), for May meeting***

### **M-581 Proposal**

**Renee Beams/Mike Ellsworth**

HO #1 – This is similar to the way the Training Committee (TC) chartered the NAFRI committees. They would like to use that same format to charter the M-581 Committee and would like the GATRs to be in charge of that course committee.

Q&A – Would the group be a steering committee or a sub-committee? A sub-committee of the TC. This is in line with the way the TC is chartering all the committees that maintain the various NWCG courses that have not been maintained by the development group in the past.

What would be the roles responsibilities of the GATRs – They would be that the GATR vice-chair would keep the steering committee on a realistic level in the development. The intent is to get GATR involvement in the group since they are the ones that present the course and have the expertise on the course and its presentation.

What does it mean that M-581 is not certified? – Has not gone through the same process that development uses to generate the certification sheet like the course certification process that development uses.

Who would be the chair of the group? – The TC would elect a chair from the sub-committee once it is determined who would be on the sub-committee (composition of committee would probably be a couple current leads, fire SMEs, Agency representatives, etc.). The Vice-Chair would be a GATR determined by the GATRs and the National Training Committee would determine the rest of the committee SME representation.

Would it still be a NAFRI steering committee/maintained by NAFRI? – The committee would not be a NAFRI committee. Mike Pietz has said that he would help support the course.

Is it funded? – It would be funded like every other committee – by each agency.

The GATRs will discuss further on next call and make a decision.

#### **L-480/OL**

**Kelly Woods/Ted Mason**

Kelly is scheduled to deliver L-480/S-420/Organizational Leadership for Command and General Staff course in February. The L-481 course is in development and the leadership committee has asked that she put on the Alpha L-481 course during those dates so they could look at the MCS package and evaluate it. The students are expecting to get certificates for the L-480 and S-420 course. There is a proposal in the works that the L-481 course be interchangeable with S-420, but is not approved yet. They want to present an enhanced OL course to protect the integrity of the course originally advertised by Kelly and be able to give the students certificates for L-480/S-420 and the students would be given a letter that states once the L-481 course was certified/approved the students would be able to get the competency for the L-481 course. Ted further explained the rationale behind this request. There was extensive discussion of exactly what they are doing and if other vendors would have the same opportunity. This would have to be approved by the National Training Officers before it is done.

#### **L-580 Update**

**Kelly Woods**

Great Basin is doing the coordination part from Boise and Eastern Area is taking care of the logistics piece at Gettysburg and Kelly/Matt are working together already to accomplish the course. They are working through the rotation for the course and trying to make sure that everyone understands that. It looks like Wildland fire will have 3 groups this year. Rotation is: 2015 - AK, SW, GB; 2016 - NW, RM, EA; 2017 - CA, SA, NR. Other GAs can still send in nominations for individuals and conference groups if they want.

## All-Hazard Courses

Cindy Forrest-Elkins

They are having a meeting with the AK Division of Homeland Security to discuss and build partnerships on NWCG courses that now sit with EMI and look at what they can share and how they can work together more in the presentation of the all-hazard courses.

### Development

RX-310 goal was to just create a course outline of things that are common throughout the geo areas and they have quite a bit of it nailed down right now. If you have a course coming up Woody can get the information out to you. That way each geo area can tailor the course to their specific needs. There was discussion of the way the testing would happen and how to ensure it was consistent throughout all areas.

RX-410 – they are working with the smoke committee now and it will be similar to the RX-310 format. They are developing content as they can; it is sort of following the Smoke Guide so it is kind of waiting on that guide to be done.

They are updating the FAQs on the All-Hazard courses. They have almost completed the dual path for instructor qualification to be included in the EMI handbook.

### Round Robin

AK – About 5 weeks from the training season kicking off, working on M-581, have a student attending an EMI presentation of ICS-300 course and will see how that goes.

CA – S-470 is a go for April and they will not be doing S-375. The group working on the standardization of the Engine Academy course is in San Bernardino this week and all areas except Alaska are represented at that meeting.

SA – Been working with Rosie on the tuition collection and they are waiting on information from the finance person now that she is back from leave.

### **Agenda item for next call.**

EA – nothing to report

SW – Nothing new to report. In the midst of training season and they have good numbers in their classes.

NR – Matt Gibson is detailed into the Vice Resa position; started this week. Hope to have the announcement out for that soon. Tara Gillespie is the new front office staff working for Rosie. They are collaborating with University to present ICS-300/400 and will send out when ready.

GB – Nothing to report

NW – Nothing to report

RM – Nothing to report

Next call is March 18.