***TAMS Steering Committee Call Notes***

**February 18, 2020 @ 10AM PDT**

Attending: Pat Childers, Ann Marie Chischilly, Vallen Cook, Tennille Denetdeel, Farshid Farsi, Lori Howell, Carma Huseby, Mehrdad Khatibi, Mike King, Monika Lacka, Laura McKelvey, Mike Natchees, Camille QuickBear, Melinda Ronca-Battista, Darold Wallick

**Opening Business**

Roll Call was completed, and there was a quorum of voting members.

The agendawas approved and an addition was made.

**What’s Happening at the TAMS Center** – TAMS Co-Directors

Past and Future Trainings/Courses:

* *IAQ Diagnostics Tools* – January 28-31, 2020, TAMS Center, Las Vegas – overall successful course; 13 tribal professional participated; 12 completed the course
* *Fundamentals of Air Monitoring* – February 25-27, 2020 – 16 participants selected to attend; this course has been revamped; we will have two new tribal instructors

Professional Assistance/MikeKing:

* Mississippi Band of Choctaw has requested a BAM1022 loan; working with the technician to provide a one-on-one training during the MET Monitoring course in April
* Working with Washoe Tribe on request for E-BAM training

**TAMS 20 Yr Anniversary Progress Report** – Subcommittee

* Pat mentions that SC members can request from grantee for the new 5 year Cooperative Agreement to include costs for this event in their application to EPA.
* Ann Marie asks if we can do something at the NTF.
* Mike Natchees talked to a Council member at the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe to see if the tribe can either give us their club house at a reduced rate or sponsor the event. She needs to talk to the rest of the Council and she needs a hard date.
* Mehrdad suggests to talk with the previous SC members that were present at the TAMS 10 year anniversary and also EPA folks such as Jed to find out how they found the funding for the event.
* Mike mentions that the Las Vegas Paiute is about 15 miles North of the TAMS Center; can we look for a closer and cheaper venue?
* Ann Marie suggests to put together an agenda inspired by the past event and start from there.

**Equipment Inventory Update**  **–** Vallen

* Darold and Vallen developed a list using the template that the previous SC members used with assistance from the Regional Tribal Air Coordinators.
* Vallen reported that the list is ready to go and he will share the spreadsheet next month at the in-person meeting.
* Lori asked if this list is going to every tribe to include their monitors.
* Mehrdad mentions that we don’t want to confuse people.
* Vallen mentions that he has a general list of monitoring equipment in Indian Country.
* Mehrdad suggests that the TAMS Center can utilize this list to align their future purchases.

**Draft Agenda for March In-Person Meeting** – All

* The draft agenda will be sent out today.
* People invited to this meeting are:
  + Mark Buford- Executive Director, Northwest Clean Air Agency, Mount Vernon, WA and Co-Chair, Training Committee, National Association of Clean Air Agencies (NACAA) presentation on the NACAA training committee overview
  + Julia Gamas- OAQPS. presentation on the Combined Air Emission Reporting Tool (CAER)
  + Dara Marks/Andy Bessler- NTAA for discussion of Status of Tribal Air Report (STAR) and Role of the TAMS SC in developing the report
  + Jon Edwards- ORIA Director to discuss the future of the TAMS Center and the succession plan after retirement of Current EPA Co-Director
  + Martin Husk- OAQPS presentation on the Tribal AQS Q&A Letter
  + Michael Olson- NADP, discuss the status of the Hg monitoring in Indian Country
  + Lydia Scheer- discussion of NTF Planning and participation

**TAMS Vision Discussion** – All

* Vallen reported that he represented the TAMS Steering Committee at NTAA’s Executive Committee meeting in Washington, D.C. and had an opportunity to look at the NTAA’s bylaws and could not find a parallel between the TAMS Charter and NTAA’s bylaws as far as the vision statement is concerned.
* Vallen suggests that he would like to have a session at the in-person meeting next month to initiate adding a vision statement to the TAMS Charter.

Submitted by:

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