***TAMS Steering Committee Call Notes***

**August 15, 2018 @ 10AM PDT**

Attending: Andy Bessler, Joe Cebe, Pat Childers, Vallen Cook, Farshid Farsi, April Hathcoat, Nicole Johnson, Monika Lacka, Chris Lee, James Payne, Camille QuickBear, Kris Ray, Melinda Ronca-Battista, Darlene Santos, Frank Spurgeon

**Opening Business**

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

The agendawas approved.

The July 25 call notes were approved as written.

**TAMS Center Activity Updates** – TAMS Co-Directors

Past and Future Trainings/Courses:

* Melinda reported that the instructor-led online courses are ongoing; she continues to communicate with students, providing assistance and responding to questions-
* *Tribal Data Toolbox Version 3.1*
* *QA Fundamentals (QA 101)*
* *QA Project Plan (QAPP) (QA 201—209)*
* *Emissions Inventory Advanced*
* Melinda continues to work on developing the R Statistic Tools mini-course; a data analysis and interpretation tool to assist tribes with managing their data using open source software; a free versatile tool; script library available; course scheduled the week of October 23 in Fond du Lac, Minnesota; request received from Region 5; course is open nationwide
* Upcoming courses –
* *Reviewing NSR and Title V Permits* - August 28-31, Pueblo of Santa Ana, NM; 24 registered applicants
* *Introduction to Tribal Air Quality –* September 11-14, Flagstaff, AZ; 16 registered applicants
* *Clean Air Act and Permitting* - November 27-30, 2018, Las Vegas, NV; course notice to be sent out on Sept 3rd

Professional Assistance:

* Melinda and Angelique provide continued support to tribes remotely as requested
* TAMS received several requests from Region 9 tribes in California and Nevada for air monitoring equipment due to the recent wildfires; most TAMS equipment are out on loan; a request for the equipment to be returned has been sent to the tribes; Katie Stewart from EPA Region 9 contacted the TAMS Center to assist with equipment requests. Under emergency conditions like the wild fires in CA, normally the California Air Resource Board (CARB) sends monitoring equipment out. Because of large number of fires throughout CA all monitoring equipment from CARB have been deployed.
* A debrief will be planned to discuss the Ft. Sill and Yerington PA’s

Fall TAMS SC Meeting:

* Chris referred to the fact sheet that was sent out reminding SC members and ex officios to schedule their travel with Eleanor from Avenues of the World

Other Updates:

* Technical Specialist III position is now posted on the NAU website; application deadline is August 20; announcement was sent out via the TAMS listserv and the NTAA Weekly
* Melinda shared a letter of appreciation for Mike Papp recognizing his contributions to tribal professionals in Indian Country; request was made for all to review and sent edits to Melinda; developing a plaque or certificate was mentioned; Camille suggested a native star quilt and offered to make the arrangements to personalize a quilt for Mike; all agreed and expressed their appreciation for her generosity; would be ideal for tribes to present award and quilt to Mike at in-person meeting; Melinda and James will work on a plan for Mike to attend
* Melinda reported that the exchange network grant is a long-term project; continue discussion of dataloggers, cost estimates, etc. at next meeting with Mary Fauci; plan to submit proposal well before due date; question was asked whether this proposal is to replace or continue TREX into the long term of 6 to7 years down the line or is it response to year 3 after the emergency funding ends for the TREX service.
* LEAN Kaizen process – continuous improvement to develop more efficient process for QAPP for tribal, state and county; working with Kris Ray

**AQI Index and Tribal Flag Program, Latest Updates** **–** James Payne

* The tribal air quality flag program flyer/poster template is an editable document
* Use to create a flyer and/or poster for your community to share information
* Flag information, photos, health and action messages relating to you and your community can be edited
* Preproduction is available online

**Selection of SC Member** – SC Members

SC members requested additional time to review nominations; all agreed to submit their votes via email to Darlene by 1pm Pacific Time on Monday, August 20; Nicole will send email reminder

**Other Business**

*VW Settlement Update* – Andy Bessler

* Waiting for judge to approve proposed order
* Mailer will be sent out to federally recognized tribes regarding the start date of the second round of funding
* Monthly Alaska Outreach calls; contractor now based in Anchorage to provide technical assistance to native villages

***Next Conference Call*** – Wednesday, September 19

***Next Face-to-Face Meeting*** – October 9-11, 2018 in Las Vegas

Submitted by:

Darlene Santos