



**MEETING MINUTES**

**NTAA STANDING MONTHLY MEETING**

**June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**NTAA Executive Committee: Primary and Alternate Representatives in Attendance**

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

<b>EPA Representatives</b>		
<b>Betsy Shaw</b>	<b>OAR</b>	
<b>Pat Childers</b>	<b>OAR</b>	
<b>Laura McKelvey</b>	<b>OAQPS</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Toni Colón James Payne</b>	<b>OAQPS</b>	<b>X</b>

<b>NTAA Staff / Fiduciary Representatives</b>	
<b>Andy Bessler</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Dara Marks Marino</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Mehrdad Khatibi</b>	
<b>Jaime O. Yazzie</b>	<b>x</b>

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

*X = present on the call*

### NTAA Action Items Generated During This Call

ACTION ITEMS	DUE DATE
<b>Action item 1:</b> Draft welcome letter for Ted Griswold	07/08/19
<b>Action Item 2:</b> Draft welcome letters for Pueblo of Zia, Tohono O’odham, and Fort Independence. Update Member Tribe roster and contact list and listserv.	07/08/19
<b>Action Item 3:</b> Work with AK Representative and EC to: identify hotel, meeting locations, and draft agenda; have AK Representative ask Tribes what can the NTAA bring forward to them; look into travel scholarships if hosting a conference in Anchorage, or van shuttle to take EC members to Tribes in area; get on the AK air agenda to ask what they would like from NTAA; get out a save the date	08/01/19
<b>Action Item 4:</b> Send email to EC with bylaws letter and amendments; ask for direction on how to proceed.	07/08/19
<b>Action Item 5:</b> Let Ernie know he is the interim IAQ lead.	07/08/19
<b>Action Item 6:</b> Ask work group leads to make a recommendation for an alternate for each workgroup; add to July EC call agenda to approve	07/08/19
<b>Action Item 7:</b> Work with L. McKelvey to formulate a call with OAQPS Division Director, Peter Tsirigotis, on ACE, Oil and Gas, Permit and Rule streamlining, and cobenefits calculation.	07/08/19
<b>Action Item 8:</b> Work with L. McKelvey to hold an EPA webinar on “Regional Haze Roadmap”	07/08/19
<b>Action Item 9:</b> Send VW Tribal Advisory Council list to EC.	07/08/19
<b>Action Item 10:</b> Send out NTFAQ Summary Report draft for final review to the EC and submit on June 20 <sup>th</sup> .	06/20/19
<b>Action Item 11:</b> Have a call with work group leads (staff/EC/EPA) to develop proposed options of what to do with frequency of work group calls. Develop polls; present on July work group calls. Finalize by August.	08/01/19
<b>Action Item 12:</b> Ask for travel reimbursements chart (completed) and send to EC once received.	07/08/19
<b>Action Item 13:</b> Send out contact list with explanations of areas that need completion.	07/08/19

**NTAA EC Standing Monthly Call**  
**June 10, 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. Discussion with Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) Nominees:
    - i. Sara Drescher unable to attend meeting. This item is moved to the July EC Meeting
    - ii. Ted Griswold provides brief introduction. See resume link  
Motion to accept Ted Griswold as PAC member: Region 5 Representative; second: Region 8. No objections or abstentions. Consensus.  
Resume: <https://www.procopio.com/attorney/64/bio>  
**Action Item 1: Draft welcome letter for Ted Griswold**
  - D. Approval of Member Tribe Applications
    - i. Application of Pueblo of Zia  
Motion to accept application: Region 6 Representative; second Region 7 Representative. No abstentions, or objections. Consensus to approve
    - ii. Application of the Tohono O’odham Nation  
Motion to accept application: Region 5 Representative; second Region 8 Representative. No abstentions, or objections. Consensus to approve
    - iii. Application of the Fort Independence Tribe of Paiute Indians  
Motion to accept application: Alaska Representative; second Region 1 Representative. No abstentions, or objections. Consensus to approve  
**Action Item 2: Draft welcome letters for Pueblo of Zia, Tohono O’odham, and Fort Independence. Update Member Tribe roster and contact list and listserv.**
  - E. Discussion on Next NTAA EC In-Person Meeting
    - i. EC and staff review EC caucus meeting held last week. NTAA deliverables will be to meet with Alaska Tribes and Native Villages on September 25, along with other interested groups and possibility the state air quality department.  
**Action Item 3: Work with Alaska Representative and EC to: identify hotel, meeting locations, and draft agenda; have Alaska Representative ask Tribes “what can the NTAA bring forward to them?”; get on the AK air agenda to ask what they would like from NTAA; get out a save the date**
  - F. Bylaw Amendments  
Announced Associate and Ex-Officio membership bylaw amendments at NTAA 2019 Annual Meeting. Revisit language and timeline for this change.  
**Action Item 4: Send email to EC with bylaws letter and amendments; ask for direction on how to proceed.**
  - G. Workgroup Lead Absence/Appointment (IAQ)

- i. Region 2 Representative selected a new IAQ Work Group EC lead. EC would like to set up a formal action for NTAA Work Groups leads and changes. Region 1 Representative suggests designating alternates for work groups.
- ii. Motions to accept IAQ Work Group Ernie Grooms as interim: Region 5 Representative; second: Alaska Representative. No objection or abstentions. Consensus.
- iii. **Action Item 5: Let Ernie Grooms know he is the interim IAQ lead**  
**Action item 6: Ask work group leads to make a recommendation for an alternate for each workgroup; add to July EC call agenda to approve**

#### H. Discussion of NTAA Proposed Policy Response Kits

- i. Proposed NTAA White Paper on Science: This policy tool could take the form of a white paper or short report that cites and details the definitive scientific links between air pollution and human health from a Tribal perspective. No objections for staff to work on paper.
- ii. Update on cost/benefit NPRM: Increasing Consistency and Transparency in Considering Costs and Benefits in the Rulemaking Process has been pushed back to December 2019 and specific to OAR.
- iii. Update on Unified Agenda: Revised NTAA Summary of Unified Regulatory Agenda. There are updates to dates and upcoming rules. We can pass on to the PAC members. EC can take a look and indicate which rules are of interest.
- iv. NTAA comments on EPA NPM Guidance: Responses will be released.

## 2. NTAA/EPA Updates

### A. EPA Updates:

- i. Review of applications for the next three years operation of NTAA is almost complete.
- ii. Leadership changes in Office of Transportation and Air Quality (OTAQ) and Office of Atmospheric Programs (OAP): Chris Grundler will be office director and should do equally well in his role at OAP on climate issues, and overseeing the Clean Air Status and Trends Network (CASTNET) program. Sarah Dunham will be at OTAQ.
- iii. OAR is planning a meeting of all our regional and HQ TACs to discuss how we can operate better and more consistently (likely in September). Please feel free to contact Pat Childers or your regional TAC suggestions on topics you believe we should discuss to improve our partnership with Tribes and NTAA.
- iv. Chris Griffin is moving on from ORIA, this leaves a bigger void on indoor air issues coverage for Tribes at EPA. Something that I hope the NTAA IAQ work group can discuss and make recommendations to OAR.
- v. Affordable Clean Energy rule should be released soon. Oil and gas is moving forward to OMB as well. There is a final FIP for oil and gas which included allowing Tribal NSR coverage in non-attainment areas.
- vi. Reorganization of OAQPS: Outreach and Information Division is adjusting to small business program and figuring out partition of resources.
- vii. NTAA requested to begin quarterly calls with OAQPS Division Director, Peter Tsirigotis. L. McKelvey work on setting up the calls, however, NTAA and EPA will need to produce an agenda.

**Action Item 7: Work with Laura McKelvey to formulate a call with OAQPS Division Director, Peter Tsirigotis, on ACE, Oil and Gas, Permit and Rule streamlining, cobenefits calculation.**

**Action Item 8: Work with Laura McKelvey to hold an EPA webinar on “Regional Haze Roadmap”**

B. Tribal Air Monitoring Support (TAMS) Center: June 19 is next call.

C. National Tribal Caucus (NTC):

Bill Thompson, Region 1 Representative, is now alternate on the NTC. No other updates.

D. Clean Air Act Advisory Committee (CAAAC):

Committee selections have not been finalized, but the Tribal recommendations have been raised to the highest level.

E. ITEP: VW Settlement Technical Assistance Program

Tribal Advisory Council (TAC) met for the first time.

**Action Item 9: send VW TAC list to EC**

List of Members on the VW TAC

- Amy Mignella: White Mountain Apache Tribe
- Carter Thomas: Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, Siuslaw Indians
- Dave Messier: Tanana Chiefs Conference
- David Wagner: Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation
- Joe Cebe: Forest County Potawatomi Tribe
- Shain Heiss: contractor to Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
- Stephen Kullmann: Blue Lake Rancheria

F. National Radon Action Plan

NTAA representatives talked about Tribal issues and needs as well as Tribes as individual nations on recent Outreach Work Group call. Work group was receptive. Region 7 Representative will travel to National Radon Action Plan (NRAP) on July 17 in Washington D.C., let her know if there are any items of interest

G. AAPCA and NACAA

NACAA: If you want to join the Policy and Outreach committee, you can contact NTAA’s Andy Bessler or NACAA’s Stephanie Steigman and they will add you to the listserv.

AAPCA presented on NTAA/EPA Policy call on April 25 and received STAR.

3. NTAA Project Tasks and Updates

A. Debrief of NTFAQ and NTAA Annual Meeting

NTFAQ Summary Report almost completed, looking for edits and recommendations from EC on any changes.

Next NTFAQ Planning Debrief Call 1030 am PT on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Action Item 10: Send out NTFAQ Summary Report draft for final review to the EC and submit on June 20<sup>th</sup>.**

- i. NTAA Suggestion Box responses: Transcribed comments were displayed and available. Seven total comments from NTFAQ.

B. Work Group Updates

- i. Discussion of NTAA Work group schedules of monthly calls  
A number of individuals voiced concerns over frequency of work group calls.  
Should calls be combined into one long call instead of separate calls? WG leads can poll the groups.

**Action Item 11: Have a call with work group leads (staff/EC/EPA) to develop proposed options of what to do with frequency of work group calls. Develop polls; present on July work group calls. Finalize by August.**

4. NTAA Staff Updates

- A. Staffing Updates: Carli is working remotely and still available for webpage tasks.
- B. The current NTAA grant ends October 1, 2019. The Alaska meeting will close out the grant. We are still waiting on bills and travel reimbursement for NTFAQ/Pechanga.

**Action Item 12: Ask for travel reimbursements chart and send to EC once received.**

- C. NTAA Website Updates: Averaging 2000 visits a month. NTF and PRK pages highest popularity. Also, redesigned VW work group to Mobile Source group.
- D. Member Tribe contact list update

**Action Item 13: Send out contact list with explanations of areas that need completion.**

- E. Review of NTAA Action Item Matrix: NTAA follows up on OAQPS regulatory schedule. OAQPS will look into restarting it, depending on leadership.

**Next NTAA EC In-Person Meeting, Week of September 23, 2019 in Anchorage, AK**  
**Next NTAA/EPA Policy call on Thursday, July 8, 2019**



Mary Mullan - NTAA Secretary  
7/9/2019