



MEETING MINUTES

NTAA STANDING MONTHLY MEETING

April 12th, 2021

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						
Region 2	Angela Benedict	X						
	Steve Smith		Region 7	Billie Toledo	X	Region 10	Carol Kriebs	X
Region 4	Scott Hansen	X		Allison Gienapp	X		Lucas Bair	
	Tiffany Lozada	X						
Region 5	Brandy Toft	X	Region 8	Randy Ashley	X	Alaska	Ann Wyatt	
	Joy Wiecks	X		Linda Weeks Reddoor			Maranda Hamme	

EPA Representatives and others		
Pat Childers	OAR	X
Tina Ndoh	OAQPS	X
Secody Hubbard	IED	

NTAA Staff / Fiduciary Representatives	
Andy Bessler	X
Dara Marks Marino	X
Mariah Ashley	X
Ryan Tsingine	X
Mehrdad Khatibi	

Ex-Officio Members / Others	
Ann Marie Chischilly, ITEP	
Chris Lee TAMS Center	
Hayden Hardie, TAMS Center	

Mark Daniels	X

X = present on the call

**NTAA EC Standing Monthly Call
Monday, April 12th, 2020
10 am AK / 2 pm ET**

1. NTAA Executive Committee Caucus: EC, Staff, and invited guests for the first hour:

- A. Invocation
- B. Roll Call of NTAA EC Members and Staff. EC Quorum reached.
- C. Approval of Associate/Principle Member Applications
 - i. No application(s) at this time
- D. Approval of the January and Supplemental NTAA EC Meeting Notes
 - i. Virtual EC Meeting Minutes and Summary:
Motion to approve Minutes: R5 Alternate Rep; second: none.

Tabled as not enough people have read them. EPA was looking for the minutes to provide a record of the meeting. R9 Representative Motion to finalize summary and minutes with deadline of April 16th by email.

R5 Primary Rep Seconds. No abstentions, no objections. Motion passes.

Action Item: Virtual EC Meeting Minutes and Summary: send out for approval over email.

- ii. March Virtual Meeting Minutes: Tabled until next month

February Virtual Meeting Summary: Tabled until next month

- E. Discussion and Approval of Baseline Needs Assessment Contractor
 - i. EC members completed the matrix for the three applicants. Air Matters Partnership scored the highest. EC members discussed the merits of each applicant.
 - ii. R10 Primary Rep: Motion to accept proposal from Air Matters Partnership; schedule first meeting to specify new data, and reach out to all of Indian Country (not just current air programs); get clarification on how they will collect data and make sure it meets the need of the new proposal: R2 Primary Rep: Seconds. No abstentions, no objections. Motion Passes.

NTAA Project Director will work with Air Matters to secure contract to draft Basic Needs Assessment and get approval from EC beginning in May. Present final report to EC in September of 2021. Timeline is flexible depending on contractor and other factors.

F. Review and Final Approval of Mom's Clean Air Force Fact Sheet

- i. NTAA Project Director: NTAA Program Coordinator and NTAA Project Director are working with Moms to publish a fact sheet. R10 Primary Rep and R9 Primary Rep had edits. Hoping to publish Wednesday morning, host meeting on recorded video to talk about partnership, fact sheet, NTFAQ. Final copy can be sent to EC before Wednesday morning, any requests for more time or other edits will delay by a week.

R9 Representative: Motion to finalize by noon PT tomorrow via email. Second R5 Alternate Rep. No abstentions, no objections. Motion Passes.

- ii. Press Release from Moms includes a quote from R10 Primary Rep, plus a paragraph about NTAA. R8 Primary organizing networking during the NTFAQ; meet with leadership during NTFAQ and will provide good cross pollination with Tribes and their work.
- iii. Upcoming Partnership Opportunities
NTAA Project Director: Similar to how we have EPA lead for work groups, purpose having an EC lead as partnership opportunities come up. Not looking for actions, just wanting to think about this.

R5 Alternate: That would take a load off.

NTAA Project Director: It would help to have someone for news releases, attending events, etc. and have someone on point, rather than just Chair or Project Director, that would help.

G. Planning for the 2021 NTFAQ

- i. Review and Approval of Proposed Agenda for NTAA Annual Meeting

NTAA Project Director: Website registration (which will be free) to view the agenda and presentation; should be ready later this week. The proposed agenda for annual meeting essentially the same as last year without the bylaw amendment vote. STAR presentation, member tribe feedback would be the focal points. One gap; Wood Smoke WG EC lead; could have NTAA Program Coordinator do it if EC does not want to appoint lead.

Motion to approve agenda: R5 Alternate Rep; Second: R1 Primary.

No abstentions, no objections. Motion passes.

H. Discussion of NTAA Proposed Policy Resource Kits and Policy Products

i. California Tribes Task Force for Mercedes Benz Consent Decree and Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEP)

NTAA Project Director: Set up meeting with CA Tribes to begin the process of finding a Tribe to take the lead, work with EC. Have tried to reach out to CA Tribal Chairman's association for them to take the lead but they seem too busy to take it on. Would like to set up an initial meeting with tribes and association to get started on getting something together for California Air and Resource Board (CARB) for the consent decree to make sure tribes have a voice, and that there is a SEP for Tribes moving forward. NTAA Project Director put proposal together, date, and if no objection can move forward with it. EC, R9, all welcome to attend.

EPA Representatives and others joined the call at 3:00 pm ET

Joined by: Pat Childers (OAR), Chuck Buckler (OAR) Mark Daniels (ITEP), Mehrdad Khatibi (ITEP), and Tina Ndoh (OAQPS)

2. NTAA/EPA Updates (if needed):

A. NTAA Updates (from first hour of call): recap for EPA/ITEP

B. EPA Updates

Pat Childers: NTAA Letters to American Rescue Plan, Matt Tejada, was groundbreaking. Office of International and Tribal Affairs (OITA) will be responding (went to administrator for American Rescue Plan money). Two pools of money (\$50 million): one is air, the other has air component. We as a group should stay on top of this as it develops. If we do not, opportunities can be missed. Will communicate with NTAA. They are meeting daily to figure out the best way to get message out on what they are thinking.

Joe Goffman got invited to record, with Thomas Carbonell and Ale Nunez, for welcome to NTFAQ.

Pat Childers spoke with the National Tribal Caucus. Have been saying not enough air discussions within. Spoke with them about future of Tribal air program and impact of NTAA. A big focus on environmental justice enforcement. Want to tie this with what NTAA is doing and how important steps are, and Tribes play a role in steps. When we hear discussions on communities and EJ hopefully they are including Tribes. Even if the word Tribes is not used, maybe we should read the fine print on those statements to see if there is a role for us to step in and say here is a good idea. Good meeting between ITEP, NTAA, and OAR on how to step forward spreadsheet, calendar something that allows us to know what is coming up. Make it

easier to know when webinars, meetings, etc. so that we know what is going on and when.

NTAA Project Director: I was looking at the skinny budget and was wondering if you can comment on how much of the skinny budget will go to Tribes.

Pat Childers: We are working to look at what is included in it, but we will start going through it once it comes out and start looking at where the money is going to go.

Tina Ndoh: is the acting lead for Community and Tribal Programs Group (CTPG) (Laura McKelvey's Role) through the end of June. Then a permanent person should be in place. Been with the agency ~12 years; stationary source rulemaking, clean energy incentive plan (part of Clean Power Plan), local government, and private engineering.

Chuck Buckler/OAQPS: No additional information just very busy over here. Busy focusing on several rules that'll impact EJ, Tribal, and small businesses.

Tina Ndoh: We expect that at the NTFAQ we should be able to update you all on what is coming down the pipeline related to rules.

3. NTAA Project Tasks and Updates

A. Review of the 2021 STAR

NTAA Staff: This has been a full team effort. STAR was sent out last Friday for final review. This is the second and we are appreciative for the edits and reviewing specific areas. STAR is out for final review and last time we are accepting edits. Deadline is April 19th. One area to highlight: Section 4, recommendations under the IAQ. We changed the wording and want to get EC approval.

R10 Primary Rep was invited to the National Indian Health Board's (NIHB) webinar on April 28th. NTAA staff will prepare the presentation for Carol to give a sneak peak of the STAR and get priorities and recommendations out there. Will be working with Carol in that. Questions? (None)

High quality of this year's STAR is a testament to all the work put in by NTAA, EC, staff, and partners.

NTAA Project Director: Urge EC members to review what they can.

R1 Primary: Document does read like a unified voice.

- i. Schedule STAR Release Webinar. This would occur after the NTFAQ. Will schedule later.
- ii. Discussion of tracking STAR priorities: will provide updates on how this is moving along. Any ideas on how to do this, let NTAA Project Director know and will seek EC approval.

B. Update on NTAA Work Plans

i. TAS Outreach

NTAA Intern: Making progress. Tribes have been inquiring about being included in the Webinar. Basic agenda has been developed.

Pat Childers: Have EPA talk about the process. Limit Pat's time and use Tribal folks instead. Morongo's approval should be coming through in the next couple of weeks.

NTAA Project Director: Final time and day. May 4th 10am PT. But may conflict with another ITEP webinar (QAPP). They could reschedule if needed. Presenters for webinar will R1 Primary, R5 Primary, and Pat Childers. Kalispell is too busy to be a presenter.

R5 Primary: Forest County Potawatomi may be good for showing breadth of what can be done with TAS.

ii. EC Update Videos

Region 1 is up on the homepage. Region 2 Primary Rep is working on producing next video and they are going to film next week.

iii. Mobile App

NTAA Project Director: 30 people have downloaded the app. 20 on Apple and 10 on Google. Hopefully more interest after the NTFAQ.

C. Work Group Updates

- i. IAQ – call scheduled on how to do outreach for resource directory.
- ii. Wood Smoke – a) Request for new EC lead. b) White Paper with Bill Droessler. C) Interagency Task Force with NESCAUM: North East States Coordinated Air Use Management – air monitoring group has done verification tests on step 2 stoves to see if they are meeting EPA standards and they are not. State of Alaska also found that step 2 stoves were not meeting EPA standards; want interagency task force. Invited WSWG to have representation. John Boulafentis volunteered. Penobscot Nation is involved with NESCAUM. Maine can only bring complaints, so rely on NESCAUM to do the science.

EPA put together webpage that tells the story of where things are with this.

- iii. Mobile Sources: Excellent call last month; R2 Primary Rep. gave a presentation on implementing EV charging stations. Indicative of deep interest that folks have on this topic. Would be great area for others who may be interested in learning more. Tribal Match for 2021 RFP was eliminated, it is not out yet. Courtney gave info on upcoming legislation.
- iv. NTFAQ Planning Committee

Moved on to CAAAC without objection.

4. NTAA Staff Updates

- i. Website Updates
Moved on to CAAAC without objection.
- ii. Review of NTAA Action Item Matrix
Moved on to CAAAC without objection.

5. Regional And Other Updates (*If needed*)

- i. CAAAC
Request for NTAA Review of Draft CAA 50th Recommendations

Gillian Middlestaedt co-chair of CAAAC committee will be giving recommendations to EPA leadership in the 50th Anniversary report. Lots of recommendations – asked R5 Alternate Rep to review, but they feel there is so much there that more input is needed. Asking EC if they are willing to help – possibly subcommittee? Tribal designations were first question. Possibly break down section by section.

R9 Primary Rep is willing to help. R5 Primary suggests having a call to go over, then break it up from there. Four other Tribes on CAAAC (Kris Ray, Gillian Middlestaedt, Natalene Cummings, and Elizabeth Jacobs). Work with them, possibly TAMS too. NTAA PAC members
- ii. Tribal Air Monitoring Support (TAMS) Center: Steering Committee call will be next week on Wednesday; if anything, to be shared, forward to NTAA Project Director, Chris Lee, or Vallen Cook.
- iii. National Tribal Caucus (NTC): Great meeting on air quality. Gerald Wagner has been coming to EPA policy calls.

- iv. ITEP: VW Settlement Technical Assistance Program – 25 Tribes submitted paperwork to become new beneficiaries. Last time to become beneficiaries. Trustee and court need to review documents, then announcing new beneficiaries middle of May.

AIAQTP: Finished pilot intro to AQ workshop for 10–15 folks. Looking forward to feedback from cohort. AQS database webinar. Wildlands Smoke and Community Preparedness will be postponed. Woodstove and chimney sweep training will be posted soon. AK Villages training on project planning, grants, and QAPPs. Will reschedule other QAPPs training.

- v. National Radon Action Plan: Workgroup is moving forward.
- vi. AAPCA and NACAA: None at this time
- vii. Regional Updates: R6 RTOC starts tomorrow.

NTAA Project Director: Discussion with Gina Allery of DOJ, re: SEPs, communication, consent decrees, etc. Discussed what is happening in CA and how CARB has set up menu options for defendants to choose from as part of settlement. Consider if this could be done for Tribes at National level., Open line of communications. She mentioned how they are trying to restructure their office based on those executive orders and that is what they are working on now.

Next EC Monthly Meeting: May 10, 2021, 2pm EST



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