

NPC Fire Science Advisory Committee

September 27, 2017 1:00p.m.

NATC, Taylor Arizona

Minutes of the Meeting

Call to Order: Stuart Bishop at 1:03 p.m.

Attendance: Stuart Bishop, Bill Solomon, Brent Young, Carrie Jordan, Richard Wallace, Ed Lindquist, Clay Wood, Brian Plumley, Royce Kincanon.

INTRODUCTIONS

Review of 2017-2018 Advisory Members. No chairman was elected as it was stated the committee could function without one.

NEW BUSINESS

Received input from the various advisory members:

- Richard Wallace stated their department had initiated a fuels crew and several of its' members were prior NAVIT or NPC FRS students. He stated his current needs are being met by the FRS program.

- Ed Lindquist wanted to know if we had set a date yet for the NATC 1403 "Live Fire Train the Instructor" class. Discussion among the group was to hold the class in possibly February due to scheduling issues.

- Royce Kincanon introduced himself to the group and explained his position at NPC. Royce offered various training opportunities and a discussion was held for Royce to hire "local" instructors when putting on training at NATC.

- Brian Plumley gave an update on Timber Mesa's hiring process as they went through their whole hiring list last year. Currently running a fire academy with 16 recruits. Several were prior NAVIT or FRS104 students. Brian felt more time was needed for the students in the FRS104 class to get more "hands-on" time.

- Clay Wood also discussed their training academy and the need for Timber Mesa to hire more people.

- Brent Young stated he was an active listener since this was his first time hear, but his needs at NATC are being met.

- Bill Solomon thanked everyone for their input and stated he was wanting the support of the group to implement the FRS104 class into two semesters for the NAVIT students to make it

easier to keep the class engaged and longer to be able to teach them the necessary skills over a period of the year they spend together. The group was supportive of his recommendation.

- Stuart Bishop gave the group an update on the Fall 2017 semester and expressed his frustration that we are still not getting students to sign up for classes, even though the FRS staff worked diligently in getting seven FRS courses onto the Internet modality. The classes were: FRS137, FRS200, FRS201, FRS202, FRS203, FRS207, FRS208. Also tried to push for more “adjunct” faculty as the pool of instructors is getting smaller each year.

NAVIT is continuing to receive positive feedback with the one-year program transition.

Goals for 2017-18: Continue on with the path we are on, “continue to survive”.

NATC UPDATE

Stuart advised the group of the new LP props that were purchased through Carl Perkins funding. It will be a great addition to the center not to mention further meeting the live burn requirements as set forth by the AzCFSE. The NATC continues to be busy, for access to calendar please visit natc.info

ROUND TABLE

Richard Wallace offered the possibility of giving the FRS/AJS program their “used” portable radios as they just received a new radio grant and purchased new replacement radios.

Ed Lindquist requested a list of Instructors so he knew who they were.

Carrie Jordan thanked everyone for the updates and the donation of equipment as it assisted NAVIT in not having to purchase “new” equipment.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No mentioned.

Next Meeting will be held March 28, 2018.

Adjournment: 2:30 p.m.