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Meeting Minutes

2013 NAAML Winter Business Meeting
March 12, 2013
Annapolis, Maryland

The NAAML Winter Business Meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by Vice President Bruce Stover who conducted the meeting on behalf of President Todd Coffelt who was unable to attend.

Proxies: Chuck Williams for Alabama, Wayne Van Buren for Arkansas, and Lawrence Kiser for Virginia.

Roll Call by Vice President - Members Present:

AL (Chuck Williams and Jeff Butler), AK (Justin Ireys and Samantha Hudson), AR (Wayne Van Buren), CO (Bruce Stover, Jeff Graves), IN (Steve Herbert), KS (Murray Balk), KY (Bob Scott), MD (Mike Garner, Constance Loucks, Ed Larrimore, Joe Mills, Tim Miller, Mark Carney), MO (Michael Mueller), MT (John Koerth), Navajo (Madeline Roanhorse), NM (John Kretzman, Lloyd Moiola), ND (Bill Dodd), OH (Jim Bishop and Blake Arthur), OK (Mike Sharp), PA (Eric Cavazza, John Stefanko, Brian Bradley), TX (Mark Rhodes, Roni Anoon), UT (Luci Malin), VA (Lawrence Kiser), WV (Joe Reppy, Robert Rice), WY (Alan Edwards).

Also in attendance: IMCC (Greg Conrad); OSMRE (Joe Pizarchik, Al Whitehouse, Jay Bautista, Tara Shifflet, T. Allen Comp)

Approval of Meeting Agenda-

The meeting agenda was modified by Vice President Stover to move the Old Business item "Grant Funding, Expenditures, and Obligations – Ad Hoc Committee" to just before lunch. Indiana moved to accept the revised agenda, Maryland seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes from 2012 Annual Business Meeting in Des Moines, Iowa-

Minutes were forwarded to attendees via email prior to the meeting. The minutes were reviewed briefly. Kansas moved to accept the 2012 annual meeting minutes, Utah seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report-

Hardcopies of two reports were distributed to all representatives by the Treasurer. These included the 2012 year-end summary and the 2013 year-to-date summary of the NAAML P checking and the certificate of deposit (CD) accounts. As of 7-March 20123 there is \$36,884.66 in the checking account and \$25,346.27 in two CD's. Total Account Value is \$62,230.93.

Kansas moved to Accept Treasurer's Report, Arkansas seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business-

- OSM's new guidance for removal of pre-law gob piles as AML Enhancement Projects:
This issue was previously raised by the State of Virginia. Richard Davis of VA has recently been in contact with other Appalachian states including PA and KY to determine what guidance OSM Appalachian Region staff members are providing with respect reclamation of pre-law gob piles under the AML enhancement rule. Subsequent meetings between VA AML and OSM have occurred and progress is reportedly being made in resolving the issue. This is being handled by Richard Davis of VA and Tom Shope of OSM who were unable to attend the meeting.

New Business-

- Bruce noted that there were no "New Business" items submitted/listed on the meeting agenda. He encouraged members to give more thought and suggest potential items when the draft agenda is circulated. Having items under new business allows everyone to be better prepared and keeps the meetings productive.
- Potential Update/Revision to the Categorical Exclusion of select AML Projects for NEPA Compliance:
Pennsylvania provided a handout which outlines a couple of project types which now require completion of an Environmental Assessment in order to comply with NEPA and receive an Authorization to Proceed (ATP). Utah indicated that some new executive orders should be cited on the Categorical Exclusion form. They usually add them to the form. Al Whitehouse of OSM asked for examples of how Utah is adding to the form and indicated that they would look into the issue and get back to everyone with options, solutions or any needs for additional information after they have a chance to review it.

OSM Update – Joe Pizarchik, Al Whitehouse, Jay Bautista, Tara Shifflet and T. Allen Comp

- Sequester Impacts: Joe Pizarchick indicated that the 2013 AML Grant Distributions were announced and that 10% was being withheld to cover the impacts of the Federal Budget Sequester. OSM is waiting for OMB to provide final details on the percentage of the sequester. Once final percentage is known, it is possible that additional Title IV funds will be available for distribution to the states/tribes. John Stefanko, PA, requested that OSM send out a letter to all states/tribes explaining the details of reduced AML grant amounts. Joe Pizarchik agreed to send each program a letter explaining the reduced grant awards due to the sequester. Mike Sharp, OK, asked about the mandatory \$3 million distribution to minimum program states/tribes prescribed in SMCRA and why OSM did not award the full \$3 million. Joe

Pizarchik indicated that the Budget Act did not exempt the AML Programs from the sequester, so OSM made awards in a manner that impacted all states/tribes equally. This issue was reviewed and concurred to by OSM solicitors. Joe went on to indicate that the contributions to the UMWA Combined Benefit Trust Fund were determined by OMB to be exempt and therefore they received 100% of their payment. Greg Conrad of IMCC brought up an email request that was submitted to OSM by IMCC to exempt AML Grant distributions from sequestration impacts. Kansas proposed having NAAMLPL submit a request to OSM for a written explanation of the OMB determination concerning mandatory payments, why sequestration applies to AML grants, and why the CBF was exempted.

- Title IV and Title V Funding Issues and other Budget Sequestration Issues/Impacts:
 - OSM is funded through March 27, 2013 via a Continuing Resolution (CR).
 - Title V Grants are based on a full fiscal year budget. There is no budget for FY 2013. House is working on a proposal to fund the federal government through the remainder of the fiscal year which includes across the board cuts as a result of the sequester. Senate also working on a proposal with more flexibility on where cuts can be applied. The CR expires March 27, 2013. OSM may be able to supplement Title V grants with carryover funds to avoid reductions for the remainder of the fiscal year.
 - Wyoming raised the issue of where is the line when it comes to cuts due to the sequester – Agency, Program or even lower level? Joe P. responded that sequester hits all four programs within OSM equally, and there is no flexibility on where to apply funding cuts.
 - OSM NTTP and TIPS Training Programs will be cut. States/tribes will be notified. More training classes geared toward the Title V program will be cut as opposed to those geared toward Title IV.
 - OSM is under a hiring freeze. No furloughs of existing OSM staff are anticipated at this time.
 - North Dakota raised the issue of how the sequester was applied to each subaccount used in the payment schedules outlined in the 2006 amendments to SMCRA, particularly prior balance replacement funds versus state share funds. Cuts in funds coming from the Treasury will likely be gone while cuts in funds coming from the AML Trust Fund will remain in the AML Trust Fund for the foreseeable future. If sequesters continue, the balance in the AML Trust Fund will again begin to build up.
 - Maryland raised the questions of whether or not 2013 AML Grant Funds can be drawn down yet or not. OSM indicated that the funds can be drawn down now.
 - No Active Mining (Title V) or AML Reclamation (Title IV) Reclamation Awards will be given by OSM this year.
 - Wyoming asked about prior balance replacement funds and the requirement in SMCRA to distribute them in 7 equal payments. Specifically what will happen to the PBRF if they are impacted by the sequester? Jay Bautista answered that OSM does not know at this time whether that funding goes away or not, but that OSM is tracking the PB funds that have been withheld. OSM will track down an answer. The state share funds will remain in the AML Trust Fund.

- AML plan revision: Al Whitehouse indicated that the requirement for AML Plan revisions is still on hold. 884 letters previously sent by OSM are in abeyance and no action is planned until clarity develops in the federal budget. He warned that if the budget gets resolved, 884 letters could be re-issued with very tight or even unreasonable deadlines for compliance of only 90 or 180 days.

- OSM VISTAs and Interns – OSM is providing 50% of the funding right now and will not be providing any more money than that. There will be no interns for states paid for by OSM this year.
- OSM's proposed Coal Combustion Residue (CCB) Rule
 - The rule is in internal review within OSM.
 - There is currently no date scheduled for the rule to be published.
- Proposed Limited Liability Provision (amendment to SMCRA)
 - Out for public comment.
 - Comments will be received for about one more month.
 - If anyone has comments, submit them to OSM in writing.
- Undelivered Orders and Open Grants
 - Jay Bautistas of OSM passed out a handout showing that states/tribes have over \$744 million in grant funds available but not yet drawn down.
 - The graph does not reflect the 2013 grant distributions recently announced by OSM and the numbers will look even worse once those funds are added in.
 - Wyoming raised the issue that the graph represents only a snapshot in time and that the graph would look different as we move toward the end of the fiscal year.
 - Consensus of states/tribes is that the graph shows a very distorted and inaccurate portrayal of the AML Program nationally.
- OSM VISTA Program
 - Allen Comp of OSM provided a summary of the OSM VISTA Program
 - Last year was the 10 year anniversary of the program.
 - 214 Vistas over that ten year period
 - Organized over 520,000 hours of volunteer time
 - Raised more than \$8.5 million in grants
 - Organized nearly \$8 million in in-kind services
 - About 70% came from outside of Appalachian region
 - 60 % stayed in region after their term of service and continued to work
 - 90 young professionals have stayed in region after completing 1 or 2 years of volunteer service
 - Total cost annually is about \$1.5 million with OSM providing about \$200 k which will likely be cut in half due to sequester impacts
 - Americorps positions also available
 - If anyone has questions or would like to pursue VISTAS should contact Allen Comp directly.
- e-AMLIS and AML-1
 - Tara Shifflett of OSM provided an update
 - A handout was provided showing the status AML Inventories in GIS format by state/tribe
 - e-AMLIS went live in May 2011
 - In May 2012, OSM hired Aaron Eckert to work on the technology side of e-AMLIS. Aaron came to OSM from USDA and has a lot of technical experience with GIS applications
 - OSM will be contacting states with a list of data or information which needs updated

- Al Whitehouse indicated that AMLIS is the official inventory of the AML Program.
- AML-1 was signed on 12/12/12
- PA provided Al and Tara copies of comments and questions concerning AML-1 which were submitted to the OSM Appalachian Region.
- Maryland raised the issue of why previous comments submitted to OSM by states/tribes concerning earlier drafts of AML-1 were not acknowledged or responded to
- Al Whitehouse indicated that AML-1 is a directive and there is no formal comment and response procedure for directives.
- The e-AMLIS user's guide should be available soon

NAAML P Award and Certificate of Appreciation for Roger Williams for 40 Years of Service –

Bruce announced that the Association was providing gifts and a card in appreciation for his many years of support and service to NAAML P. Members were encouraged to sign the card and examine the gifts. Roger will have 40 years of service with the State of Virginia when he retires on April 1st.

Interstate Mining Compact Commission (IMCC) Update – Greg Conrad

The following is a summary prepared by Greg for the IMCC update:

Legislation

- SMCRA Legislation
 - S. 222 and H.R. 488 – revival of S. 897 which failed to gain a vote in the House in the 112th Congress even though it passed the Senate. Letters of support to the House leadership were sent on December 15 supporting passage of S. 897. S. 222 was approved by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on March 14 and is ready for a vote by the full Senate. Action in the House will likely require a legislative hearing.
 - S. 468 introduced by Sen. Rockefeller (D-WV) and H.R. 980 introduced by Rep. Rahall (D-WV)– revival of CARE Act regarding use of accrued interest and excess treasury funds under Title IV to pay for UMW retirees. The bills are identical and are very similar to CARE Act bills introduced in the 112th Congress. The bills expand coverage for miners that impacted by recent bankruptcies, such as Patriot Mining.
 - What will be in FY 2014 proposed budget for OSM? In past years, two legislative proposals – one to reform how the Title IV program operates under SMCRA, with limitations on payments to certified states and tribes, and another regarding hardrock AML fee and program.
 - Possible fix for MAP-21 legislation of last session regarding restrictions on payments to Wyoming? This may compromise potential action on H.R. 488 in the House.
- Other possible legislation
 - Mining Law Reform, including hardrock AML program
 - Good Samaritan protections in House
 - Defense Authorization Bill passed in last Congress calls for report on uranium AML associated with the production of uranium for the U.S. weapons program.

For further information or updates on legislation and related legislative activity, please go to www.thomas.loc.gov .

Budget and Appropriations

- AML Grant Distribution on February 21 (minus 10 Percent). When will we get our additional money?
- Sequester – went into effect on March 1. Will likely be factored in to the continuing resolution for the balance of FY 2013, although the CR will use FY 2012 numbers (which generally don't apply to the mandatory appropriation under Title IV). When will OSM give us final numbers? NAAML P and IMCC weighed in on the sequester with letters to House and Senate Appropriations Committees on November 27. IMCC and NAAML P also sent a memorandum to OSM requesting that the AML mandatory payments be exempted, just as the UMW payments are supposedly exempted from sequestration.
- CR – expected to be resolved well before March 27. House has already passed its version of the CR. Senate to follow the week of 3/11. Obama will not veto. Again, it will likely be based on FY 2012 numbers with across-the-board cuts for all programs at 5%. What ever happened to the percentages in the Budget Control Act (7.6 for mandatory appropriations and 8.2 for discretionary)?
- FY 2014 Budget – was due to be released on February 4. Still have not seen one. House is expected to release its version of a budget on 3/11. Senate hopes to follow the week of 3/18. The Administration may be waiting for either or both of these to happen first, before releasing its own budget. Also may be tied in to the CR. Another key date will be resolution of the debt ceiling, which is set to expire on May 19, but could be extended to August 15.

Rulemakings

- Limited Liability Proposed Rule – was finally published on February 6. Comments are due April 8. NAAML P and IMCC are working on comments (to be discussed during Winter Meeting). Need states to send in letters supporting the rule and our comments. IMCC will provide a template for such letters.
- CERCLA 108(b) rulemaking on hardrock mining financial assurance – is still in undergoing facilitated discussions between BLM, USFS and EPA in an attempt to find middle ground. Do not expect a proposed rule until some time next year.
- Mine Placement of CCRs – rule has begun the surname process at Interior. Then will proceed to OMB. OSM hopes to propose a rule by year's end.
- Stream Protection Rule – OSM has recently re-engaged on this rule and associated EIS. OSM's contractor will be developing several additional alternatives along with a revised economic impact analysis. Nothing is expected until early next year. OSM is facing a renewal of litigation on the rule by several environmental groups who agreed to an abeyance while the agency developed the proposed rule and EIS. They have now given up on progress and want the courts to weigh in. The House Natural Resources Committee continues its investigation on the rule as well, with another oversight hearing expected sometime this spring.
- Cost Recovery Rule – OSM hopes to publish a rule soon for federal program states. It will address permit fees that recoup the costs incurred by OSM to review and approve permits.

OSM-BLM Consolidation

- This is still rumbling around, with most of the discussion focused on OSM's AML fee collection being handled by ONRR, a consolidation of IT functions within DOI, and consolidation of various administrative functions, such as HR. It does not appear that OSM's AML program or training programs will be handled by BLM.
 - Joe Pizarchik of OSM added that no functions have been merged to date, and there are ongoing evaluations in four areas.

IMCC Contract for Services with NAAMLPL

- Greg provided the following list of items completed by IMCC under the terms of the contract for services with NAAMLPL:

List of Services Rendered by IMCC During Contract Period of 9/26/12 – 03/31/13

10/17/12 – Letter to OSM Director Joe Pizarchik regarding interpretation of amendments to SMCRA under Title IV and possible sequestration impacts to AML grant distribution

11/19/12 – Memo to NAAMLPL membership regarding congressional and regulatory updates

11/27/12 – Letters to House and Senate Appropriations Committees on behalf of NAAMLPL regarding possible impacts of sequestration on funding for state and tribal AML programs.

12/5/12 – Letters to House Leadership regarding a vote on S. 897

12/13/12 – Memo to NAAMLPL membership regarding new policy memo from EPA concerning Good Samaritan protections under the Clean Water Act

12/19/12 – E-memo to OSM Director Pizarchik on behalf of NAAMLPL regarding exemption from sequestration for AML funding under the Budget Control Act

1/7/13 – Memo to NAAMLPL membership regarding plans for AML grant distribution under Title IV of SMCRA

1/28/13 – Memo to NAAMLPL membership regarding briefing from OSM on FY 2013 appropriations and sequestration impacts

1/30/13 – Facilitated conference call between OSM and NAAMLPL membership regarding FY 2013 appropriations and sequestration impacts. Prepared information from NAAMLPL membership as follow up to conference call.

2/5/13 – Memo to NAAMLPL membership regarding budget follow up

2/6/13 – Memo to NAAMLPL membership regarding proposed rule on limited liability protections under Title IV of SMCRA

2/21/13 – Memo to NAAMLPL membership re AML grant distribution for FY 2013

List of Services Rendered by IMCC During Contract Period of 9/26/12 – 03/31/13(cont.)

2/26/13 – Memo to NAAMLPLP membership regarding analysis and draft comments on limited liability proposed rule

3/1/13 – Memo to NAAMLPLP membership re Sequestration

3/11 – 3/12/2013 – Attended NAAMLPLP Winter Meeting in Annapolis, MD and provided regulatory and legislative updates.

March – preparation for FY 2014 budget oversight hearings

Old Business (continued from earlier)-

- **Grant Funding, Expenditures and Obligations – Ad Hoc Committee:**
 - Bruce Stover provided a handout put together by Todd Coffelt showing a compilation of the data collected from each state/tribe as of 10/01/2012.
 - A discussion of the definition of the 5 subcategories ensued.
 - The consensus of the states/tribes is that we need to keep compiling the information and presenting as our view of the grant obligation picture.
 - The information needs to be presented with more explanation of what the graph is showing.
 - Several states encouraged OSM to consider including the state's data on committed funds with their reporting of Undelivered Orders and Open Grants so that a more realistic status of the funds would be portrayed

Lunch Break (Noon – 1:00 pm)

The NAAMLPLP Winter Business Meeting was called back to order at 1:00 pm by Vice President Bruce Stover who continued the meeting on behalf of President Todd Coffelt who was unable to attend.

Committee Reports and Discussion

A copy of the NAAMLPLP Committee Membership roster was circulated for updates/revisions. The updated list of memberships is attached.

- **Research Committee-** John Koerth (MT):
 - There have no applied Science Grants awarded by OSM for the last three years.
 - OSM is soliciting comments from the National Technology Transfer Team (NTTT) on the Applied Research Program.
- **Training Committee –** Luci Malin (UT):
 - Luci indicated that she had recently spoken to Ann Walker of NTTP who indicated that OSM is looking at all course and prioritizing offerings from high to low.
 - Classes scheduled through the end of March will be conducted as scheduled.
 - All courses planned for April 1 or later will be looked at and some may be cancelled.
 - The training steering committee is looking at more web-based training in the future.
 - Ruth Stokes who is the training budget person at OSM will have significant input in what courses get cut.

- Al Whitehouse asked whether states/tribes would consider paying for some portion of the cost. Luci indicated that this can be problematic for many program's out-of-state travel authorization and administrative policies
- An option discussed was to bring instructors to a locale to present a course rather than having the students travel to help reduce costs.
- Blake Arthur of Ohio shared with the group that an NTTP class scheduled for the week of March 19 in Ohio for Historical and Archeological Resources was cancelled.
- **Scholarship Committee – Murray Balk (KS):**
 - The committee will teleconference in June or July after all of the scholarship applications are received.
 - Will be awarding 3 scholarships this year.
 - Members were asked to help get the word out by notifying colleges and universities in their area. If anyone has any questions, forward them on to Murray.
- **Minimum Program Committee – Mike Sharp (OK):**
 - Mike asked if a letter could be sent to OMB asking why minimum program states did not receive full funding and why the UMWA Combined Benefit Fund (CBF) was exempted.
 - Greg Conrad of IMCC outlined an email that IMCC had sent to OSM with similar questions earlier this year.
 - Mike recommended that if a letter were sent, that it be sent to both OMB and OSM.
 - Oklahoma motioned to have NAAML P work with IMCC to draft a letter regarding the reasons why mandatory payments were not made and submit that letter to both OSM and OMB. The motion was seconded by Utah and passed unanimously.
 - Mike Sharp (OK) and Murray Balk (KS) will work with Greg Conrad (IMCC) to draft a letter to be submitted to OSM and OMB regarding the mandatory payments issue.
- **Finance Committee – Murray Balk (KS):** The Finance committee met on March 11 and updated the Association on the following issues/topics:
 - The signature authority for the Associations two certificates of deposit had not been update for last five years. The signature authority is being updated to include the current secretary-treasurer and the vice president of the association
 - Due to the financial health of the Association, nothing needs to be done with the CDs right now.
 - The committee met with representatives from WV concerning start-up funding for the annual conference. WV will develop a budget and a request to be submitted to Murray Balk for consideration and approval by the finance committee.
 - The Iowa conference accounting is complete and the conference ended up with a surplus of approximately \$8,800. This money should be submitted to the Association along with an itemized accounting of the conference.
 - Alan Edward (WY) suggested the Association consider implementing a registration fee for the winter business meetings to help defray the cost. Murray Balk (KS) and Chuck Williams (AL) indicated that the cost is low and not currently a problem for the Association to pay, so there is currently no need to have a registration fee.
 - Eric Cavazza (PA) plans to send out the notices for the 2013 NAAML P Publication Fees (now \$100 annually) to states/tribes by early April.

- **Membership Committee-** Bruce Stover (CO): – (Nothing to report)
- **Public Relations Committee -** Luci Malin (UT):
 - Luci discussed the idea of preparing a video or PowerPoint presentation in honor of the 35 year anniversary of NAAML P Annual Conference.
 - Luci is requesting that each state/tribe submit photos or videos complete with a narrative description for about six showcase AML projects completed by their program.
 - Luci would like this information submitted to her by June 1.
 - Luci will send out a formal request to each state/tribe with details including formats for pictures and videos.
- **Hardrock Committee –** Bruce Stover (CO): The following is a summary of the items discussed during the hardrock committee meeting held on March 11:
 - EPA’s Good Samaritan Guidance Memo- Discussions on the 12/12/12 EPA “CERCLA Tool” for Good Samaritan hardrock reclamation, (at behest of Senator Udall and others); summary of legal views, as well as distribution of comments from several NGO watershed groups. Word from EPA is that they don’t believe there’s going to be any serious attempt at Good Sam legislation anytime soon.
 - SMCRA Limited Liability Provision for Certified States and Tribes- new OSM rulemaking announced to reverse the previous ruling that re-interpreted this provision after the 2006 amendments. Discussion of future implications for certification by other states. Develop NAAML P position on the rulings change.
 - Hardrock AML Initiatives- review where things are; Issues, 1872 Mining Law Reform vs. any other new proposals.
 - Hardrock Funding Bill for Un-certified States Re-introduction of bill from last session, now S222 and HR488- allowing states to use SMCRA pay-back funds for hardrock safety projects (Priority 1 and 2). Media has continued to misconstrue this, and keeps saying the funds can be used for hardrock “cleanup” [environmental], which is not the case.
 - DOE Abandoned Uranium Mines Report- DOE must provide to Congress pursuant to the Defense Reauthorization Act... update from Greg
 - CERCLA 108(b) Financial Responsibility Rule- Quick Update, as not much happening right now; states may undertake an information gathering initiative re: the status of state regulatory program requirements.
 - Western Small Miner’s Association Public Relations Initiative: “*Preventing Mining Property Scams*” – “The WSMA is looking to support, once properly presented and considered by its Board, a communication campaign to get articles, news stories and perhaps some TV coverage warning the public of the potential mining property scams operating at present. Such activities hurt the overall public perception of mining, despite the fact it is not the mining industry that is perpetrating the frauds. What WSMA has uncovered recently is a striking resemblance to some of the classic

"Florida Swampland" scams of years gone by... promotions of mineral properties that flirt with or have crossed the line of legality and are clearly morally and ethically challenged. With the high price of gold, these scams still work; duped people have bought 'mines' and in some cases started mining operations without permits".

- **E-AMLIS Committee** – Todd Coffelt (IA): – (Nothing to report)
- **Policy and Procedure Committee** – Mike Garner (MD):
 - The committee has completed their assigned task of updating the policies and procedures manual for NAAMLPL.
 - The updated manual was provided to the Association's officers at the annual conference in Des Moines, Iowa.
 - Because the committee's assigned task is now complete, Maryland moved to abolish the committee. The motion was seconded by Kansas and was approved unanimously.
- **National Coal Mining Geospatial Committee** – Mike Sharp (OK):
 - The committee is now also known as the "GEO" Committee.
 - Mike participated in a conference call last week and provided an update on the status of a number of items.
 - GEOMINE project update – A draft report on pilot project should be out for comment by July.
 - National Data Steward Coordinator – Arielle Avishai from OSM in Pittsburgh was hired last fall. Each state/tribe and OSM office will also have a data steward which will be published on the TIPS website.
 - ASTM Data standards were mailed out to each state/tribe AML and Regulatory Program by Arielle. The standards are voluntary but OSM is encouraging each state/tribe to follow them. If anyone has any comments concerning those standards, submit them to Arielle who will compile and submit them.
 - Geospatial Conference talks are now nixed due to budgetary concerns.
 - The annual TIPS questionnaire is being sent out to users, administrators etc. to solicit input on the services the TIPS program provides.

Future Meetings Update:

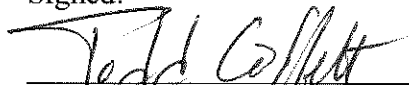
- **Fall 2013 – West Virginia:** The 2013 NAAMLPL Conference will be held at the Resort at Glade Springs in Daniels WV. The dates of the conference will be September 22-25, 2013. A brochure from the facility was distributed. A conference website is under development. West Virginia will be providing information to NAAMLPL to get a small amount of start-up money until revenue from registrations and sponsorships can be generated. There are a lot of AML projects in the region for various fieldtrips.
- **Winter 2014 – Alaska:** Justin Ireys (AK) is proposing Anchorage in late February. The proposed dates are Thursday February 27 and Friday February 28. The hotel rate has been quoted at \$99/night plus taxes. March 1 is the ceremonial start of the Iditarod classic. Justin will follow up with final arrangements and costs based on the input received. He will solicit a quote from the facility in the next 7-10 days and forward a cost estimate on to the Finance Committee for consideration.

- **Fall 2014- Ohio:** Ohio has committed to fall 2014. The conference may be held in the Columbus area.
- **Winter 2015- Alabama:** Alabama has agreed to host the winter 2015 Business Meeting at Orange Beach AL.
- **Fall 2015- New Mexico:** New Mexico and Navajo have committed to collaborate to host the 2015 NAAML P Annual Conference in the Santa Fe, NM area.
- **Winter 2016 – Pennsylvania:** Pennsylvania has tentatively agreed to host the 2016 Winter Business Meeting.
- **Fall 2016- Montana:** Montana has agreed to host the 2016 NAAML P Annual Conference. Several sites were discussed including Billings, Great Falls, Kalispell, and Helena. John Koerth will scope out facilities and field sites and make a final determination on the location. If anyone has a recommendation for the Montana conference location, John would welcome the input.

Meeting Adjournment:

Kansas motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Indiana. The vote to adjourn the meeting was unanimous. VP Stover adjourned the meeting at 3:00 pm.

Signed:


 Todd Coffelt, NAAML P President

Date: 9/25/13


 Eric Cavazza, NAAML P Secretary/Treasurer

Date: 09/25/2013