

WISCOM Subcommittee Meeting

November 17, 2021
12:30 pm

Meeting held via TEAMS

FINAL MEETING MINUTES

1. Meeting Convened by Chairperson Kesler at 12:30 pm.
2. Roll call: Quorum was established with 14 of 19 members present.

Members present: Darren Chappuies, Tim Halbach, Keith Hurlbert, Katherine Johnson, Keith Kesler, Christopher Lehner, Jennifer Lord, Gary McClelland, Sheriff Miller, Marshall Ogren, Timothy Slater, Jan Victorson, Dan Weber, and Logan Zinsli.

Members absent: Joseph Baasch, Steven Fenske, Steven Findlay, Kirk Gunderson (excused), and Tyler Tuttle.

3. Meeting Minutes
Review and Approval of the September 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Corrections to the September 22nd minutes discussed and made as follows: Christopher Lehner was in attendance; 14 of 18 members present.

Motion to approve the September 22, 2021 meeting minutes as corrected by Slater, seconded by Ogren. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment: There was no public comment.
5. Old Business
 - A. Update on communication with Air Medical
Kesler reported that Hurlbert was working with Air Medical to determine potential role on the WISCOM Subcommittee.
6. New Business
 - A. Resignation of Steven Findlay.
 - 1) Kesler reported receiving a letter of resignation from Steven Findley via email.
 - 2) Copies were enclosed with committee materials.
 - 3) Notice of resignation will be forwarded to the Interoperability Council (IC) at their meeting tomorrow.
 - B. Review and take action on applicants for the WISCOM Subcommittee open positions.
 - 1) Three applicants have been received:
 - Ben Warrington – Emergency Manager for Menominee Tribe applying to fill the Tribal Representative position.

- Logan Milton – Officer with the Lac du Flambeau Police Department applying to fill the NE Region Representative position.
 - Torre Rhodes Peterson-Waldvogel – Communications Specialist with the Wisconsin Army National Guard applying to fill the SE Region Representative position.
- 2) Application information was reviewed.

Motion made by Lord, seconded by McClelland to recommend appointment of the three applicants to the WISCOM Subcommittee as follows:

- Ben Warrington – to fill the Tribal Representative position.
- Logan Milton – to fill the NE Region Representative position.
- Torre – applying to fill the SE Region Representative position.

Motion carried.

C. Open Subcommittee position

- 1) With the resignation of Steven Findlay there is one open position on the Subcommittee representing the West Central area.
- 2) Discussion.

Motion made by Ogren, seconded by Zinsli, to request the IC open the application period for the open position on the WISCOM Subcommittee.

Motion carried.

D. WISCOM system information

- 1) The Subcommittee used to receive usage and number of users information at their meetings.
- 2) Information often stimulated conversation about statewide issues and usage.
- 3) Discussion.

Motion made by Victorson, seconded by McClelland, to bring a request to the IC that WISCOM system user and usage information be shared with the Subcommittee by OEC staff.

Motion carried.

E. WISCOM upgrade questions

- 1) Kesler shared a listing of questions received related to the upgrade of the WISCOM system.
- 2) Discussion.

Motion made by Victorson, seconded by Ogren to carry these questions forward to the IC.

Motion carried.

F. Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Association (WSFCA) letter

- 1) Kesler shared a letter from the WSFCA Board requesting support for local agency conversion and additional time maintaining VHF to assist in the transition of WISCOM to an 800 system.
- 2) TAG response was included with meeting information.

G. 2022 meeting dates

- 1) Meetings have been held the day prior to the IC meeting.

- 2) Discussion as to benefits.

*Motion made by Ogren, seconded by Zinsli, to continue meeting the day before the IC meeting.
Motion carried.*

H. Future activities for WISCOM Subcommittee

- 1) Enhance line of communication with field personnel
- 2) Request IC put together a FAQ document based on questions received and make available via website posting and other avenues.

7. Future Agenda items

A. Air medical involvement with WISCOM Subcommittee

- 1) Keith Hurlbert will continue to research.
- 2) Request continue listing on agenda.

B. Please contact Keith Kesler (khkbrule@yahoo.com) with additional agenda items for the next meeting.

8. Next meeting – scheduled for Wednesday, January 26, 2021, 12:30 meeting time. Location to be announced.

9. Adjournment

*Motion made by Lord, seconded by Hurlbert to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 1310.*

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Victorson