

WISCOM Subcommittee Meeting

January 26, 2022
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 18 of 21 members present.

Members present: Darren Chappuies, Steven Fenske, Kirk Gunderson, Tim Halbach, Keith Hurlbert, Katherine Johnson, Keith Kesler, Christopher Lehner, Jennifer Lord, Gary McClelland, Dan Miller, Logan Milton, Marshall Ogren, Timothy Slater, Jan Victorson, Torre Peterson-Waldvogel, Ben Warrington, and Logan Zinsli.

Members absent: Joseph Baasch, Tyler Tuttle, and Dan Weber.

3. Meeting Minutes:
Review and Approval of the November 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes

*Motion to approve the November 17, 2021 meeting minutes by Slater, seconded by Fenske.
Motion carried.*

4. Election of WISCOM Committee Chair and Vice Chair:

A. Keith Kesler was nominated for Chair. Nominations were requested three times.

Motion made by Kirk Gunderson, seconded by Lord, that nominations be closed and a unanimous vote be cast for Keith Kesler as Chair. Motion carried.

B. Keith Hurlbert was nominated for Vice-Chair. Nominations were requested three times.

Motion made by Steve Fenske, seconded by Victorson, that nominations be closed and a unanimous vote be cast for Keith Hurlbert as Vice Chair. Motion carried.

5. Public Comment: There was no public comment.

6. Old Business:

A. Update on communication with Air Medical.
Hurlbert reported contacting air medical. Chad Crowley of Flight for Life will attend meetings on their behalf.

B. Questions received concerning WISCOM upgrade.

The National Guard/Waldvogel planning for WISCOM system changes. Will upgrades be needed to software in 900 aircraft radios with changes to the WISCOM system?
Discussion with resources identified to assist.

C. Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs letter

Kesler informed the committee that the Fire Chiefs did not receive a reply to their letter sent to the Governor last fall. Discussion. Open communication to field agencies and organizations continues to be important. Please contact DMA with any questions.

D. Discussion of open committee position West Central Region

The position for a West Central Region representative to the WISCOM committee was opened for application with no applications received.

Motion made by Gunderson, seconded by Hurlbert, to request the IC open applications to the WISCOM subcommittee from the West Central Region. Motion carried.

7. New Business:

A. National Weather Service future use of WISCOM

Tim Halbach of the National Weather Service (NWS) asked that the NWS be considered in future development of the WISCOM system. He discussed the history of NWS using WISCOM for PSAP notification of severe weather warnings and gathering damage information, the improvement it has provided and the challenges with current RCALL talk group usage within the three regions they serve.
Discussion of potential solutions and resources.
Consensus to continue considering NWS is future planning.

B. SCIP Update:

Webinars have been scheduled for the IC and subcommittees.

Webinar – IC – February 1st

Webinar – WISCOM Subcommittee – February 22nd

Detailed information should have been received by members.

SCIP Workshop will be held April 28th.

Subcommittee members are encouraged to attend both the WISCOM Webinar and the SCIP workshop.

C. WISCOM System information

1) Graphic examples of PTT, airtime and busies was reviewed.

2) 2400 Talk Groups currently on WISCOM – 35-38% usage.

3) New users:

- Richmond
- City of Peshtigo Fire
- Lafayette
- Watertown

D. Future activities:

1) NWS consideration and problem solving.

2) Open committee position – West Central Region

- 3) Please contact Keith Kesler (khkbrule@yahoo.com) with additional agenda items for the next meeting.
8. Next meeting – scheduled for Wednesday, March 23, 2022, 12:30 meeting time. Location to be determined.
9. Adjournment

*Motion made by Fenske, seconded by Hurlbert to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 1330.*

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Victorson