

# **NPC Fire Science Advisory Committee**

September 23, 2015 1:00p.m.

NATC, Taylor Arizona

## **Minutes of the Meeting**

**Call to Order:** Stuart Bishop at 1:03 a.m.

**Attendance:** Stuart Bishop, Danneel Elkins, Bill Solomon, Lisa Aragon, Peggy Belknap, Ed Lindquist, Jamey Barth, and Steve Hardy.

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

Review of 2015-2016 Advisory Members. No chairman was elected as it was stated the committee could function without one. No representation from Heber-Overgaard Fire or Pinetop Fire due to members being on Wildland assignments.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The two year program/schedule was reviewed. The two year schedule was developed to help students achieve their degree within the two year time frame if schedule is followed properly. A two year schedule running through Fall of 2017 will be distributed soon.

NAVIT is receiving positive feedback with the one year program transition. Chief Wood is working on a presentation to be given to chiefs in the area regarding a mentoring program.

A discussion was held on holding Fire Science classes via either Internet and/or hybrid modalities. The committee agreed that they felt the following FRS classes could be taught via either the Classroom, Internet and/or hybrid setting. Stuart will work on sending the following classes Instructional Council this year for review: FRS 101, 130, 132, 135, 137, 138, 141, 200, 201, 202, 203, 207 and 208. The remaining courses within the FRS section would remain to be taught in a classroom setting. No changes would be made until Fall 2016 pending approval.

Goals for 2016: It was suggested that when NPC contracts out for special instruction through the Community Ed Division that local FRS Adjunct Instructors be used for instruction whenever possible.

### **NATC UPDATE**

Northland Pioneer College recently paid off the GADA loan and assumes control of center. New Fire Science training props have arrived and are being used for training with positive feedback being received. The NATC continues to be busy, for access to calendar please visit [natc.info](http://natc.info)

## **ROUND TABLE**

NAVIT has gone to online orientations, receiving positive feedback from parents. One year program transition has gone smoothly.

Ed Lindquist from SPR is working on training schedule for the upcoming year and will provide dates to be placed on NATC calendar. It was suggested that SRP and APS train together. Ed made a request for Eye-Bolts to be placed on beams for high point repelling. Structural engineering will need to be reviewed before bolts are added to the tower structure. Also a concern was made regarding the birds nesting on top of the tower, preventive measures are being thought of.

TimberMesa Fire and Medical reported that the tasks books have been revised and are available.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Discussion will be held in March regarding the presentation to Instructional Council on internet classes.

**Next Meeting will be held March 9, 2016.**

**Adjournment:** 2:08 p.m.