



NTAA STANDING MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
July 8, 2024

NTAA Executive Committee: Primary and Alternate Representatives in Attendance
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Region 1	Marvin Cling	X	Region 5	Brandy Toft	X	Region 9	Syndi Smallwood	X
	Josh Paul			Vallen Cook			Lisa Glover	X
Region 2	Steve Smith	X	Region 6	Tara Weston	X	Region 10	Lucas Bair	X
	Angela Benedict	X		Kristy Lawson	X		Caleb Minthorn	X
Region 3	Vacant		Region 7	Billie Toledo		Alaska	Vacant	
	Vacant			Kurt Lyons				
Region 4	Amy Smoker		Region 8	Janice Archuleta	X			
	Tiffany Lozada	X		Randy Ashley			Quorum Reached	X

EPA Representatives and others		
Pat Childers	OAR	X
Jason Walker	NTC	
James Payne	OAQPS	X
Hillary Ward	OAQPS	

NTAA Staff / Fiduciary Representatives	
Mehrdad Khatibi, ITEP	X
Carolyn Kelly, NTAA	X
Max Benning, NTAA	X
Laura McKelvey, NTAA	X

X = present on the call

NTAA Action Items Generated During This Call

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DUE DATE
ACTION ITEM 1: All Executive Committee members will submit nominations for NTAA Vice Chair to the Secretary.	Executive Committee	Not specified
ACTION ITEM 2: The NTAA Program Coordinator will organize a follow-up meeting for Executive Committee members to discuss and decide on the research partnership proposal.	NTAA Program Coordinator	Not specified
ACTION ITEM 3: The NTAA Program Coordinator will draft a logo contest announcement (ongoing).	NTAA Program Coordinator	Ongoing
ACTION ITEM 4: The Chairwoman will write a letter to the Region 3 Tribe that applied for membership to accept the application.	Chairwoman	Not specified
ACTION ITEM 5: The Executive Committee to provide comments on the Standard Operating Procedures to the Chairwoman.	Executive Committee	Not specified
ACTION ITEM 6: The NTAA Program Coordinator will update the workgroups on the NTAA website.	NTAA Program Coordinator	Not specified

NTAA EC Standing Monthly Meeting

July 8, 2024

NTAA Executive Committee Caucus, NTAA Staff and Invited Guests only

Approximately 2 hours

10 am AK, 11 am PT, 12 pm MT, 1 pm CT, 2 pm ET

Session 1. Discussions/Updates with Invited Guests (Maximum 1-hour):

1. National Tribal Caucus Updates

The NTC liaison to NTAA was unable to participate in the meeting.

2. EPA/OAR Updates – Senior Tribal Program Coordinator, OAR

The OAR Senior Tribal Program Coordinator informed Executive Committee members that the NTC had a meeting with the EPA Administrator to provide feedback on the EPA's budget. They also asked members to provide input on how the TCTACs can better support Tribes. They provided updates regarding ongoing programs and other upcoming events.

3. OAQPS Update – Staff Member, Community & Tribal Programs Group (CTPG), OAQPS

The OAQPS CTPG staff member informed Executive Committee members that OAQPS is publishing a final rule on NESHAP for coke ovens and that OAQPS will conduct outreach with Tribes on a new internal EPA document for Tribal New Source Review minor source guidance. They provided updates regarding ongoing programs and other upcoming events.

Session 2. Executive Committee Caucus:

1. Open EC Caucus

2. Invocation

3. Roll Call of NTAA EC Members and Staff

4. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Region 5 Primary put forth a motion to approve the agenda; seconded by Region 1 Primary. Call for questions, none. No dissensions, and no abstentions. The motion passed.

5. NTAA Staffing Update

The ITEP Co-Director announced that the NTAA Program Manager is leaving their position effective July 15, and a new part-time staff member will join the NTAA staff team this month.

6. Vice Chair Resignation, Nominations and Vote

The Alaska Primary and Executive Committee Vice Chair resigned on June 30. Executive Committee members will vote on the new Vice Chair by email.

Action: All Executive Committee members will submit nominations for NTAA Vice Chair to the Secretary.

7. NTAA Budget Summary Report and Work Plan

The ITEP Co-Director presented the current state of the NTAA budget as of June 2024. The Work Plan and Budget for Year 3 of the cooperative agreement is due to EPA in mid-August.

8. NTAA Research Request

Researchers from the University of Michigan and University of Nevada: Las Vegas provided a presentation on a potential study on which they would like to partner with NTAA. The study would identify if Tribal territories in the Lower 48 are disproportionately affected by pollution and produce a map of pollution source locations.

Action: The NTAA Program Coordinator will organize a follow-up meeting for Executive Committee members to discuss and decide on the research partnership proposal

9. Improve Committee

The Chairwoman forwarded the Improve Committee invitation NTAA received to the TAMS Center Steering Committee Chair.

10. Executive Committee Face-to-Face Meeting

The next in-person Executive Committee meeting will be hosted by Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe from September 23 to 27, 2024. Executive Committee members provided ideas for shortening the event from four days to three.

11. NTAA Logo

Executive Committee members agreed that the logo design should be conducted as a contest with NTAA's member Tribes.

Action: The NTAA Program Coordinator will draft the contest announcement

12. Newsletter

Executive Committee members approved a newsletter redesign agreed to move forward with publishing the newsletter monthly as opposed to weekly.

13. New Memberships

A. Region 3 Principal Member Application

Region 2 Alternate put forth a motion to accept the membership application and was seconded by Region 6 Primary. Call for questions, none. No dissensions, and no abstentions. The motion passed. NTAA is now at 157-member Tribes.

Action: The Chairwoman will write a letter to the Tribe to accept the application.

B. Associate Member Application

This item was moved to the next Executive Committee meeting.

14. PRK Projects

Executive Committee members are providing feedback on the NTC reorganization PRK. A Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) member will track information regarding EPA's Plan to Regulate Existing Gas-Fired Electric Power Plants. The Executive Committee supported a PAC meeting to discuss the implications of the U.S. Supreme Court's Chevron decision for Tribes.

15. STAR

The 2023 STAR will be finalized in the next few weeks. Work on the 2024 STAR will begin once the 2023 STAR is approved by the Executive Committee.

16. SOP Review

NTAA staff created Standard Operating Procedures regarding travel arrangements and Executive Committee meeting minutes.

Action: Executive Committee members should provide comments to the Chairwoman

17. Website Review

The Program Coordinator solicited feedback from Executive Committee members on the updated NTAA website.

Action: NTAA staff will change the website to reflect that some work groups are no longer active or were transferred to a different program

18. Additional Items

The August Executive Committee meeting was moved from August 12 to the 19th.

19. Closed Session

20. Close Executive Committee Meeting

Region 8 Primary put forth a motion to close the Executive Committee meeting, seconded by Region 10 Alternate. Call for questions, none. No dissensions, and no abstentions. The motion passed.