

NWS Diversity Management Council Meeting
2:30 p.m. ET, Wednesday, April 30, 2014 Minutes

Present:	Ursula Jones	Dave Rowell
	Margi Garner	Hope Hasberry
	Marie Hoffpauer	Sabrina Johnson
	Kim Montgomery	Shari Mutchler
	Monique Royal	Pat Taylor

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm Eastern Time, led by Ursula Jones. The following agenda items were discussed:

Diversity Council Business:

Focal Point Certification – Pat shared that she has been working with Jerry Griffin adding the final touches to the certification. Jerry Griffin put together the learning plan and Pat is taking all the courses for the certification to test it. She has run into a few issues and is working with Jerry on fixing the problems.

Essay Contest – Hope is in the process of preparing an all-hands email advertising the contest and we should see something soon.

Training Team – The group is continuing their review of the courses.

Ambassadors – The group had a conference call and discussed the upcoming Council newsletter and some of the activities the ambassadors had done. The ambassadors should be able to write an article or two for the Council newsletter.

Roundtable:

Regional Reports –

Central Regions Diversity Workshop – Dave said that although the numbers were down a little this year he felt that the enthusiasm by the attendees was still good. The surveys returned were all positive. There were a few comments about running the concurrent sessions asking if there could be only one or two sessions being offered at a time. Some attendees wanted to attend more sessions, but ran into time slot conflicts. There was also a request to hold it over two days, but then we might run into staff not receiving approval to attend both days. Hope attended and she was glad to be invited to participate. She hopes that each region does something similar. Hope and Ursula both felt that the presenters were excellent.

Hope – next Tuesday she will be attending WCM pre-brief session.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2014 at 2:30 pm ET.