

NWS Diversity Management Council Meeting
2:00 p.m. ET, Wednesday, July 16, 2014 Minutes

Present:

Ursula Jones	Mary Dunbar
Hope Hasberry	Dean Hazen
Sabrina Johnson	Cheryl Latif
Diane McArthur	Kim Montgomery
Pat Taylor	

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm Eastern Time, led by Ursula Jones. The following agenda items were discussed:

Diversity Council Business:

Newsletter – Ursula created a mock-up of what the newsletter might look like and shared it with Council members asking for feedback. She will prepare an announcement for the NWSNews and send it to the Council for feedback to be submitted by Monday, July 21. The plan is to have the newsletter naming contest article ready for publishing in the first NWSNews after July 23.

Essay Contest – A suggestion was made to include the essay contest announcement in the first issue of the newsletter. The Council thought it was a good idea so Ursula will run it by Dave to make sure that will work for him.

Training Team – The training team has been working diligently to review all the course replacements and should have something ready to share by this fall.

Focal Point Guide – The Council decided to share the Focal Point Guide now rather than wait for the new diversity courses to be selected for the actual certification. Pat will share the updated draft with the Council and then send it out to the Focal Points.

Roundtable:

Regional Reports –

Hope asked the Council to ensure that their office has posted the NOAA Policy Statement on Non-Discrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity sent out by Under Secretary Sullivan on June 17.

Hope wanted to remind people to input their EEO and Diversity accomplishments in the NOEES. We are coming up on the end of the year and we want everyone's activities to be included. Here is a link to the site:

<https://verification.nws.noaa.gov/services/public/login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fIDEA%2f>

Next meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2014 at 2:30 pm ET.