

SIEC 13AUG24 Meeting Minutes

Member Attendance

- Bill Kehoe, Chair (WaTech)
- Zach Hudgins (WaTech)
- Sharon Wallace (MIL-EMD)
- Adam Wasserman (MIL-EMD)
- Rafael Lucatero (LCB)
- Josh Bossie (T-Mobile)
- John Batiste (WSP)
- Dongho Change (WSDOT)
- Brandon Smith (CISA)
- Marc Biundo (WSP)
- Christopher Welch (DOC)
- Richard Huisingh (WSP)
- Steven Brown (WSP)
- Mike Worden (Okanogan County)
- Katy Myers (APCO/NENA)
- Brandon McKinney (WA Fire Chiefs)
- Tom Wallace (WSP)
- Tim McDowell (WSDOT)
- Anton Damm (Department of Natural Resources)
- Daniel Hypes (Chelan County Public Utilities District)
- Capt. Phil Johnson (Department of Fish and Wildlife)
- Lauren Paolini (ATT)
- Brad Steiner (ATT)
- Kyle Abernathy (ATT)
- Timothy Rajcevich (MIL)

Staff Attendance

- Angela Knight (WaTech)
- Johnathan Brock (MIL-EMD)
- Jon Lee (MIL-EMD)
- Michelle Kohlmann (MIL-EMD)
- Regenal Grant (MIL-EMD)

Call to Order/Roll Call, Welcome and Roundtable 1331

- Meeting called to order by Katy Myers, after a confirmation of a quorum.
- Updates were provided by participating members
 - o Brandon McKinney (WFC) shared with the group that he made a presentation to the WA State Fire Chiefs board on the 4.9GHz change, and the board is waiting to hear the SIEC's thoughts and future actions on the subject.
 - Brandon also shared that WFC is revising their RedNet frequency use agreement using other state agencies as an example. The WFC is seeking partnerships that would allow the expansion of statewide frequencies on larger hazards, such as wildfires.
 - o Bill Kehoe (WaTech)
 - The State and Local Government Cybersecurity Grant Program has completed its second application year
 - 189 applications, \$17 million requested
 - \$5 million distributed
 - WaTech has completed the approval process and applicants have been notified
- After reviewing the minutes from the 6.10.24 meeting, Katy Myers approved the minutes.
 - o A motion was made by Chris Welch and seconded by Dongho Chang.

OLD BUSINESS 1338

SIEC Transition

- Angela Knight and Michelle Kohlmann are working to transfer the SIEC website over to MIL

Bylaws Updates

- Adam Wasserman shared the latest version of the SIEC bylaws, highlighting the changes made
- A discussion was held on verbiage and sentence structure, and the final draft will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- After discussion, Bill Kehoe made a motion to adopt the bylaws changes as presented
 - o Seconded by Chris Welch
 - o None opposed, motion passed

Letter from SIEC to FCC RE: 4.9GHz

- In the 6.10.24 meeting, the discussion concluded with the agreement that a workgroup would be formed to draft a letter
- Jon Lee reported that the SAW group was divided on whether to write a letter to the FCC, and because there was no consensus, it was decided that the SIEC would not be presenting a letter
 - o Jon encouraged members to attach themselves and their agencies to other letters, or write their own letters
- After a discussion on clarification as to why the group was decided, and if there was still a possibility to write a letter, it was decided that the topic will be discussed offline.

SIEC Legislative Outreach

- Angela Kleis presented WaTech's latest outreach efforts, highlighting why it is important to engage with legislators, and their strategies for doing so (Attachment A)
 - o WaTech utilizes briefings and education materials to create trainings for key legislative committees

NEW BUSINESS 1407

SCIP Review

- Adam Wasserman presented the latest version of the SCIP (State Communications Interoperability Plan) and highlighted the changes that have been made/will need to be made.
- The SCIP will be pushed out to the SIEC with 'track changes', and members will be able to provide input.
 - o The plan will be sent out the week of 18AUG24, with the return deadline of next month, and the SIEC will discuss at the next meeting
- Katy Myers requested that an item be added to the next agenda to create subcommittees to work on SCIP objectives and deadlines.

Review of Membership and Vacancies

- The group reviewed a chart of current membership and vacancies (Attachment B)
- Michelle Kohlmann will reach out to the three agencies with current vacancies
- A discussion was held on if the group would like to add any other positions or agency representatives, keeping in mind that the maximum number of members is 22 people.
- Alternate vacancies will be added to the list next meeting.

Future Meetings

- The group discussed the rhythm of meetings in 2025 and decided that SIEC meetings will take place on the 2nd Tuesday of every even month in 2025, with an understand that adjustments will be made for holidays and unexpected events.

- SAW meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of every odd month.
- For the rest of 2024, meetings will be held at 0900, and switch to afternoons (most likely 1330) in 2025.
- Katy Myers brought up the idea of continuing to hold hybrid meetings, and then holding a few meetings only in-person.
 - o She highlighted that the in-person meetings could create the opportunity to hold workshops or discussions.

DECISION PACKAGES 1422

- Tom Wallace presented a Decision Package Request regarding WSP Land Mobile Radio (LMR) Modernization (Attachment C)
- Tom highlighted that the presentation would focus on work that the WSP plans on executing according to their strategic plan through 2027, and the outcomes that have been produced due to their vision.
- After presenting, Tom answered questions from members.
- Motion made by Bill Kehoe to move forward with the decision package
 - o Seconded by Dongho Chang
 - o None opposed; motion passed

SWIC UPDATES 1443

- Jon Lee spoke about his efforts within ESF2 and what the role of the SWIC looks like in an EOC activation. He recently deployed on an EMAC to Oregon to assist in the wildfire efforts in their ESF2, so will be utilizing that experience in his WA strategies.
- Jon also talked about the WA state CommU (Communications Unit). He recently completed the *COMML TtT* course 'train the trainer,' and will now be working on building a team of in-state COMML trainers for hazards.
- Jon recently discovered that CASM (Communications Assessment Mapping Platform), which is used to hold resource and asset data, appears to be nonfunctional. Later in the meeting, he discovered that CASM is now accessible, but the concern is that there is no point person/developer to troubleshoot CASM glitches or outages
 - o Jon is asking Brandon Smith, the CISA Emergency Communications Coordinator, to investigate the issue
- World Cup planning is moving forward with the goal of collective efforts on the state and national level
- Brandon Smith spoke on the status of the RRAP (regional resiliency assessment program), and explained that PSAP assessments have been completed, and they are currently gathering GIS data. Both will be generated into a report for the state to utilize in grant applications or legislative efforts.

WORLD CUP UPDATES 1456

- Adam Wasserman informed the group that 7 workgroups have been created to encompass the FIFA 17 areas of tactical planning

CARRIER UPDATES 1500

- Armada
 - o No updates
- FirstNet
 - o Kyle Abernathy presented an update on FirstNet's most recent activities (Attachment D)
- Verizon

- Devin McCoy and Scott Leonard informed the group on the Verizon Crisis Response efforts during the 2024 wildfire season in WA and OR.
- Verizon is currently holding ‘tabletop’ summits, training first responders and government agencies in Verizon technology during a major disaster. All members of the SIEC are invited to attend these summits, and to contact Devin McCoy if interested.
- T-Mobile
 - Josh Bossie introduced himself to the group, and provided T-Mobile’s update for the 2024 fire season
 - T-Mobile has recently entered a partnership with Starlink, and Josh will have more updates regarding this at the next meeting

GOOD OF THE ORDER/PUBLIC COMMENT 1513

- Further discussion was conducted regarding the Letter to the FCC RE: 4.9GHz. It was concluded that the discussion will continue at the next SAW meeting.

ADJOURNMENT 1521

- Next Meeting 8OCT24 0900

Attachment A: WaTech Slides

Attachment B: Current Membership/Vacancies

Attachment C: WSP Decision Package

Attachment D: FirstNet Update

Minutes prepared by Michelle Kohlmann