

Subcommittee on Education and Research
NARUC Annual Meetings
Palm Springs, CA
Saturday, November 12, 2016
Minutes

Closed Session:

Present: The Honorable, John "Butch" Howard, Chair
The Honorable Thomas Johnson, (OH)
Greg White, Executive Director, NARUC
Andre T. Parraway, Chief Financial Officer, NARUC
Erin Hammel, Staff Liaison, Director of International Programs, NARUC
Miles Keogh, Director of Research Lab, NARUC
Michelle Malloy, Senior Director of Meetings and Member Services
Kerry Worthington, Senior Program Officer, NARUC
Sue Daly, Chair, Staff Subcommittee on Education and Research
Patti Lucarelli, (RI), Staff Subcommittee Member

- **Welcome**
Chair John "Butch" Howard welcomed Subcommittee and Staff Subcommittee members.
- **NARUC Research Lab Update**
Miles Keogh discussed the role of the Research Lab and its vision.

Open Session:

In addition to the Closed Session attendees the following guests attended: Raj Barua, NRRI; Cindy Blume, NMSU/CPU; Judith Ikle, CA.

Welcome

Chair John "Butch" Howard welcomed all guests.

- **Approval of Minutes**
Com. Johnson moved/ Com. Howard seconded a move for approval of the minutes. Minutes were approved as presented.
- **Commission Chair Roundtable Update**
Michelle Malloy advised the group that the Chair Roundtable has been scheduled for March 14-15, 2017 to tie into the new commissioner orientation which is March 13-14, 2017. They are anticipating approximately 20 chairs.

- **University Relationships –**

This issue was tabled until the Annual meeting in February, 2017. Current assignments: Commissioner Howard-CPU/New Mexico, Commissioner Betkoski-IPU/Michigan, Commissioner Dan Logsdon-PURC/Florida, Commissioner Dan Hall - WPUI/Wisconsin.

- **NRRI Update**

Dr. Rajnish Barua, Executive Director, distributed a handout with the 3 NRRI presentations for the NARUC 2016 Annual meeting as well as a list of ongoing research. NRRI Research Reports 2012-2016 can be downloaded, 300 are digitized. NRRI averaged 75 registrants from nearly 30 states at their 2016 Webinars. Staff of NRRI participated in several conferences as listed on the handout.

- **Certificate of Continuing Regulatory Education (CCRE) Update**

Dr. Jan Beecher – Director, Institute of Public Utilities, MSU, was unable to attend the meeting but sent a handout. The handout stated that some TIER 1 certificates have been awarded and Tier 2 certificate criteria is being reviewed.

- **Update on Subcommittee Projects**

Reported by Erin Hammel, Director, International Programs, NARUC

- a. 2017 Summer Internships (NARUC) – The NARUC Energy Summer Internships will be awarded to: Alaska, Georgia, and Wyoming. Hawaii will receive the 2017 NARUC Legal Summer Internship.
- b. New Commissioner Regulatory Orientation – The September 2016 Orientation had 8 participants. The 17th session will be held March 13-14, 2017 in DC. 165 new commissioners have been trained from 2008-2016.
- c. It was noted that the Subcommittee on Education and Research 2016 Annual Report had been submitted.

- **Review of Applications for NARUC Action:**

- a. Financial Research Institute, Univ. of Missouri, requested approval for Promoter Status of the 2017 FRI Public Utility Symposium, Reimagining Regulation: Designing a Regulatory Paradigm for the 21st Century. It is to be held September 20, 2017. Com. Johnson moved/Com. Howard seconded the motion for approval. Motion carried.
- b. University of Tulsa –this is an on-line program. The Subcommittee would like to have UoT Law School present at the February 11, 2017 Annual meeting to explain more about their program. Erin Hammel and Sue Daly will hold a telephone conference with the organizer to discuss this possibility.

- **Scholarships Report**

Sue Daly, Chair, Staff Subcommittee on Education and Research, announced that WPUI/Wisconsin is sponsoring spring and fall Registration Scholarships to their Energy Utility Basics program held in October of each year. A fall 2016 scholarship was awarded to Brad Pope, IN.

- **International Confederation of Energy Regulators - (ICER)**

In the absence of Commissioner John W. Betkoski, III, Erin Hammel reported that they are having some transition issues. It is desired to have the website transferred by the end of December but it has been more than anticipated.

- **New Business**

- a. NARUC's Western Rate School had 165 attendees and the Eastern Rate School had full enrollment.
- b. Cindy Blume, CPU/NMSU, stated that attendance is up to The Basics Practical Regulatory Training program and they are finalizing issues for the Santa Fe class.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Daly