

Subcommittee on Education and Research
NARUC Winter Policy Summit
Washington, DC
Saturday, February 10, 2018
Minutes

Closed Session:

Present: The Honorable John “Butch” Howard, Chair
The Honorable Jack Betkoski, President, NARUC
The Honorable Ellen Nowak, WI
The Honorable Rachael Eubanks, MI
The Honorable Harold Gray, DE
The Honorable Thomas Johnson, OH
Greg White, Executive Director, NARUC
Andre T. Parraway, Chief Financial Officer & COO, NARUC
Erin Hammel, Staff Liaison, Director of International Programs, NARUC
Aida Timm, Director of Financial Grants Administration, NARUC
Kerry Worthington, Senior Manager, NARUC
Danielle Byrnett, Director of Cntr for Partnerships & Innovations, NARUC
Sue Daly, Chair, Staff Subcommittee on Education and Research
Patti Lucarelli, RI, Staff Subcommittee Member
Cathy Pedemonti, CT

- Subcommittee Educational Partner Liaisons
 - ❖ Harold Gray – liaison for PURC-FL
 - ❖ Rachel Eubanks – liaison for IPU/MSU-MI
 - ❖ Tom Johnson – liaison for PUI-WI
 - ❖ Dan Hall – liaison for FRI-MO
- **Greg White**, Executive Director, NARUC
Greg gave an update on NRRI which is now housed in the NARUC building.
They are reinventing the program and hiring a permanent director.
- **NARUC Domestic Grants and Research Update**
Danielle Byrnett was introduced as the new director of the newly named Center for Partnerships and Innovations (nee NARUC Domestic Grants and Research).
They are focusing on emerging issues at the moment. Cyber security training is on hold for about a year.
- Certificate of Continuing Regulatory Education (CCRE)
A discussion was held on the different aspects of the program.

Open Session:

In addition to the Closed Session attendees the following guests attended: Jan Beecher, IPU/MSU; Jessi Keeney, FRI; Sarah Goff, FRI; Tommy Oliver, VSCC; Katrina McMurrian, CCIF; TW Patch, Utility Consultant.

Welcome

Chair John “Butch” Howard welcomed all guests.

- **Approval of Minutes**

Com. Johnson moved/ Com. Gray seconded a move for approval of the minutes. Minutes were approved as presented.

- **Affiliated Interest**

A discussion was held on the existence of a standard/definition of an “affiliated” interest. Com. Betkoski will appoint a committee to look at the issue. This should be a July agenda item for this Subcommittee.

- **ICER and Other Matters**

Hon. Jack Betkoski, III, President of NARUC and President of ICER stated that NARUC is secretary to ICER. The World Energy Forum will be held in Mexico in March 2018.

- **NRRI Update**

Greg White reported that NRRI was now housed in NARUC offices with 2 employees working from home offices (Ken Costello and Tom Stanton). NRRI recently provided a tax webinar that had 470 registrants representing all 50 states & DC.

- **Update on Subcommittee Projects**

Reported by Erin Hammel, Director, International Programs, NARUC

- a. 2018 Summer Internships (NARUC) – Com. Hall moved/Com. Johnson seconded the motion for approval of the 2018 NARUC Energy Summer Internships being awarded to: Hawaii, Oklahoma and Wyoming. The Railroad Commission of Texas would receive the 2018 NARUC Legal Summer Internship. Motion carried.
- b. New Commissioner Regulatory Orientation – The October 2017 Orientation had 10 participants. The 19th session will be held April 23-24, 2018 in DC with 10 commissioners registered and 2 on the wait list. The 20th edition will be scheduled for Fall 2018. 185 new commissioners have been trained from 2008-2017.
- c. It was noted that the Subcommittee on Education and Research 2017 Annual Report had been submitted.

- **Review of Applications for NARUC Action**

- a. Critical Consumer Issues Forum (CCIF) submitted an application for NARUC Promoter status of their Spring Summit on Resilience & Security: Integrating Technologies at the Grid Edge. The Summit will be held on 3 different dates and locations. Com. Nowak moved/Com. Johnson seconded the motion for approval. Motion carried.
- b. Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) submitted an application for NARUC Promoter status of their Electrification 2018 International Conference & Exposition to be held Aug. 20-23, 2018 in Long Beach, CA. Com. Gray moved/Com. Nowak seconded the motion for approval. Motion carried.

- **Scholarships Report**

Sue Daly, Chair, Staff Subcommittee on Education and Research, presented a summary of the latest round of scholarship applications. Com. Eubanks moved and Com. Gray seconded the motion to accept Staff recommendations. Motion approved. The following scholarships will be awarded:

- ❖ Lauren Temento, LA – NAWC Scholarship
- ❖ Matthew Oetker, IA – NARUC Water Committee Scholarship
- ❖ Nathan Brennan, WY – EEI Scholarship
- ❖ Eric Bartusch, MN – CPU/NMSU Scholarship
- ❖ James Branscomb, WY and George Brown, GA – NCRUCE Scholarships

The 4 total scholarships from WPUI and FRI will be awarded in the next round of applications.

- **New Business**

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Sue Daly

Approved July 14, 2018