

Subcommittee on Education and Research
NARUC Winter Committee Meetings
Washington, DC
Saturday, February 11, 2017
Minutes

Closed Session:

Present: The Honorable John “Butch” Howard (SC), Chair
The Honorable Dan Hall (MO)
The Honorable John W. Betkoski, III (CT)
The Honorable Dan Logsdon (KY)
Andre T. Parraway, Chief Financial Officer, NARUC
Miles Keogh, Director of Grants & Research, NARUC
Erin Hammel, Staff Liaison, Director of International Programs, NARUC
Michelle Malloy, Sr. Director of Meetings & Member Services, NARUC
Kerry Worthington, Program Officer, NARUC
Sue Daly, Chair, Staff Subcommittee on Education and Research
Patti Lucarelli, Staff Subcommittee Member

- **Welcome**

Chair Butch Howard welcomed subcommittee and staff subcommittee members.

- Subcommittee Liaisons – vetting programs and guidance for liaisons was discussed.
- Miles Keogh gave an update on the happenings of NARUC’s Research Lab. He reviewed the gaps and non-gaps in training. The Research Lab just published an update to their cyber primer and is available to conduct 5-6 regional trainings. Miles has worked with the International team (Erin) to deliver training in Eastern Europe.
- Michelle Malloy stated the Commission Chair Roundtable will be held March 15-16, 2017 following the New Commissioner Regulatory Orientation. 18 chairs have confirmed their participation to date.

Open Session:

In addition to the Closed Session attendees the following guests attended: Raj Barua, NRRI; Jan Beecher, IPU-MSU; Cindy Blume, CPU/NMSU; Thom Pearce, US DOE; Cara Lee Mahany Braithwait, WPUI; Greg White, Executive Director, NARUC.

Welcome

Chair Butch Howard welcomed all guests.

- **Approval of Minutes**

Approval of minutes was moved and seconded by Comms. Betkoski/Logsdon. Minutes were approved.

- **NRRI Update**

Dr. Rajnish Barua, Executive Director of NRRI gave a brief update on NRRI and distributed NRRI's List of Selected Activities: November 2016-February 2017.

- **ICER VWG 4: Regulatory Best Practices**

Commissioner Betkoski gave an update on ICER. They are in the middle of transitioning/reorganizing ICER. ICER includes the Chronicle, Women in Energy, Distinguished Scholar, and the World Forum which will be held in March, 2018 in Cancun, Mexico.

- **Update on Subcommittee Projects**

Reported by Erin Hammel, Director, International Programs, NARUC

- The 17th New Commissioner Regulatory Orientation is to be held March 13-14, 2017 with 9 confirmed and 6 on a Fall wait list. 165 new commissioners have been trained from 2008-2016.
- Six states applied for the Summer 2017 internships. Alaska, Georgia, and Wyoming were selected for the 3 energy internships. Hawaii was selected for the 1 legal internship in honor of Chuck Gray.

- **Annual Report**

Cara Lee Mahany Braithwait – Director, WI Public Utility Institute distributed the WPUI 2016 Activities Report. Ms. Braithwait is leaving WPUI but will stay until a replacement is found. Commissioner Howard discussed a vetting process. NASB was discussed.

- **Review of Applications for NARUC support**

Reported by Erin Hammel, Director, International Programs, NARUC

- Smart Electric Power Alliance (SEPA) requested Promotor support for their Grid Evolution Summit-A National Town Meeting on July 25-28, 2017. They also requested travel support for regulators in the form of RAFTs. Comms. Betkoski/Logsdon moved and seconded approval of support without funding. Motion carried.

- **Scholarship Review and Selections**

The application for the first round of 2017 scholarships was released December 9, 2016. Application deadline was January 11, 2017. After discussion of applicants, the following names were presented for consideration:

1. EEI 1-\$1,000 Scholarship: Gurudatta Belavadi (AZ), to attend the 2017 Western Rate School
2. NAWC 1-\$1,000 Scholarship: Mark Kaetsu (HI), to attend the 2017 Western Rate School
3. NARUC Rate School 1-\$1,000 Scholarship: Annmarie Baas (OH), to attend the 2017 Western Rate School

4. CPU/NMSU 1-Registration Fee Scholarship: Katie J. Koski (WY), to attend CPU/NMSU the Basics.

It was moved and seconded by Comms. Betkoski/Hall that the slate of scholarship awardees be accepted. Motion passed. Sue Daly will contact all applicants.

Erin Hammel, Director, International Programs, NARUC, announced that there were two-\$500 remaining NCRUCE scholarships. They will be made available until awarded.

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

Dr. Jan Beecher reported that Erin West is a new staffer to her program. They have a new website, new registration system and are rebuilding the database.

- **New Business**

Cara Lee Mahany Braithwait stated that WPUI works with the Veteran's Association and grants 2 veterans free attendance to their program.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by Sue Daly

APPROVED July 15, 2017