

SAMAB Meeting
3/18/13

Jim, Vern, Scott, Adam, Judy

From the agenda:

- Status of workshop outreach by NC on Vitality Index:
 - Jim's group is doing a series of workshops, the first was three weeks ago, more to come in the next month or so. Health Sector will pay to add 10 more health metrics to the report card. Great response so far. Last of the workshops will be April 12.
 - Web application for FS on trails in WNC is another project that is happening.
- Update on final questions being asked of committee members:
 - Vern has a list of contacts, and is trying to contact non-EC people. So far not getting any response.
 - **Scott** will send ideas on the questions to Vern.
- Initial contact or expected schedule for interviews:
 - **Vern** will push on this the following week.
- Stakeholder email contact list completion:
 - Rick was primary contact on this project, so we're not sure what the status is right now.
- Cancellation input received from stakeholders:
 - One individual had a problem with cancelling his hotel at the last minute. Scott was able to talk to him personally.
 - All other contacts have been understanding about cancelling the conference. Adam has talked to everyone personally who had registered. All money has been refunded.
- Primer for survey sent from Scott:
 - Need to talk to Rick about this point. Scott wasn't sure what it was he was supposed to send out – was it the one-page that Judy put together on the Index to the partners? Adam didn't have this specified on past notes, other than speaking with the partners about SAMAB involvement.
- Status of questions/website completion:
 - Adam confirmed that the website has been updated as far as notification of the conference cancellation.
 - Rick can comment further about website needs at the next meeting.
- Expected timeline for spring planning meeting, EC interviews, reports, etc:
 - Need to look at potential dates for a planning process and build support for the meeting.
 - Alice Cohen is willing to help out where needed. Alice is on the EC email list.
 - Scott would like a few more people to help gain support for the conference.
 - **Judy** suggested Jeff Troutman of the Park Service. **Scott will call Jeff**. Judy talked to Gary, and Fish and Wildlife will not be able to make a contribution due to budget problems, but would like to support the process itself.
 - Scott suggested a call out to the member list to get a few more names.

- Judy would like to continue, but it will depend on her work plan. She would like to stay involved from the Vitality Index standpoint and will stay through the November conference. DENR will definitely be represented.
- TVA used to be represented many years ago, but hasn't been represented recently.
- **Scott would like to set a goal to talk to Alice, Jeff, Gary, Charlie and Susan and get them to be involved in conference calls so we can have at least 10 representatives.** Get it back to a regular participation and start moving the organization forward.
- **Adam** will call the Arboretum to see what rooms are available for the fall conference and send out as a list to the EC. We will look into late October through November. Scott has a conflict the first week in November.
- **Judy will make the commitment to talk to Alice and Gary and Scott will talk to Charlie, Jeff and Pat. We will have a Doodle poll to make sure those folks can be in on the call.**
- **Adam will check on Thursday-Friday and Monday-Tuesday options for the rooms.**

Next scheduled meeting is April 15 at 11:00.