

NWI Standards Committee Meeting Minutes June 26, 2009

Respectfully submitted by, Gerry Rodriguez

Attended by: John Van den Berg, Neil Brown, Michael Rauso, Angela Shields, Bunny Hentschel, Sharon Morrison Velasco, Shannon Fagon, Michael Rauso, Gerry Rodriguez

- Every committee member will obtain a copy of the standards Travelogue and Cookbook from Janet as soon as possible and hopefully by July 1st.
- Committee members will read and review materials looking for any “Big Picture” issues related to philosophy or practice that have not been addressed which should be included. They will make note of any of these “Macro” issues and be prepared to share them with the committee.
- While reviewing the materials committee members will make a list of locations and contact people that successfully exemplify the issues being described in the travelogue or cookbook.
- Committee members will make a list of “Administrative Reviewers” not previously involved in this project that may possibly be able to add value to the products under construction.
- By, on, or before August 1st the committee members will send the following information to Gerry Rodriguez, grodriguez@emqff.org and Neil Brown, nebyrwn@aol.com
 1. Any “big picture” issues not included in the current draft
 2. List of sites and contact information for individuals regarding specific examples of successful implementation of elements that are included in the materials. Please include a short description of why this would be a good contact for those using the materials. (Please do not contact the individuals until you hear from Gerry and Neil regarding which have been chosen for contact and inclusion)
 3. List of administrative reviewers with their phone numbers, and email addresses.
- By, or on, August 15th
 - a) Neil and Gerry will review all of the revisions.
 - b) We will get back to each person who identified a specific location or contact person and let the committee member know whether to make contact with the resource or not.
 - c) We will send copies of the new draft out to the Administrative Reviewers with instructions and the deadline.
- End of August a conference call will be set up for the committee members to check in with each other and to review the progress of the committee. The number date and time to be determined.
- September 15th all edits and suggestions will be received by Neil and Gerry from the Administrative Reviewers.
- By, on, or before October 15th Neil and Gerry will send the draft to Janet and Eric to post on the NWI website.

Other NWI Business

John Van Den Berg would like to host a "Think Tank" of no more than 40 handpicked individuals to begin to shape the "Next Steps" for the NWI. The committee discussed this and voted that this would be a very good idea. John has a site in mind in Paonia, Colorado. As he stated, "A quiet rural place good for thinking and planning!" No hotels nearby but some great Bed & Breakfasts! We thought that this should take place as soon as possible and everyone on the standards committee was interested in attending.