

National Grants Committee Meeting

Glenn Normandeau (NH) - Chair John Arway (PA) - Vice Chair

> March 29, 2018 10:15AM – 12: PM

Norfolk, Virginia

Meeting convened at 10:15 AM by Glenn Normandeau. 21 participants attended, including 7 (out of 8) current Committee members:

- Glenn Normandeau (Chair)
- John Arway (Vice Chair)
- Jack Buckley (Member)
- Cathy Sparks (Member)
- Gordon Myers (Member)
- Tony Wasley (Member)
- Dale Garner (Member)

Scheduled Discussion Items

Call to Order, Introductions, Announcements, and Agenda Review

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 AM. The Committee Chair, Glenn Normandeau welcomed attendees and asked the participants to introduce themselves.

Approval of the September 2017 Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes from the September 2017 meeting were approved.

 Review of National Conservation Needs (NCNs) proposals and Selection of NCNs for the National

The committee discussed the National Conservation Needs (NCN) scores. Fifteen NCNs were submitted for the 2018 Multistate Conservation Grants cycle. Discussion focused on how many NCNs should move forward. The committee members agreed that all NCNs had merit.

The committee members voted to approve all 15 NCNs. (See attachment).

• Update on 2018 MSCGP Cycle Grant Review (Oral Report) – Bob Curry

The process to get the grants approved has gone through some changes in the last few years. Some grants are going through the review process. There was an effort to exempt the MultiState Conservation Grant Program from the review process but it was not successful. So all MultiState Grant Program Grants over \$100,000 need to go through the Office of the Secretary for review.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.