



Technology and Data Committee
DRAFT AGENDA

2023 North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference, St. Louis, Missouri
Tuesday, September 26 - 10:00 AM - Noon

Chair: Brian Clark (KY)
Staff: John Lord, AFWA

Agenda

10:00 AM	Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions	Chair
10:10 AM	Meeting sponsor presentation	TBD
10: 15 AM	Review of Last Meeting and Charge	Chair
10:30 AM.	Demographic questions used to monitor participation and evaluate DEI efforts	Brian, from Census
10:45 AM.	National Survey results	NORC designee
11:15 AM	Real-time dashboard Update Discussion about how to access state data	Southwick
11:30	Agency geospatial data use: results of WMI's survey of agencies for NASA	Brian; 5 minutes
11:45.	TBD Data Discusion	TBD
	New Business	Chair
12:00	Adjourn	

Committee Actions and Updates from North American, 2023

<p>Technology and Data Committee</p>	<p>The Committee discussed several important topics including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ï Measuring DEI Progress (Jared Romero, TRCP); ï Real Time Data Dashboard (Southwick and Associates); ï 2022 National Survey Update (NORC); ï Implementing CRM at State Agencies (Peter Novotny (OH) and Stephanie Hussey (RBFF); creating CIO directory and survey of states about IT; and ï Sharing documents and other resources in an online space. <p>The Committee strongly recommends that all states collect voluntarily from customers and program participants demographic data, and work to integrate this information into real-time licensing data dashboards, to enable monitoring and evaluation of our collective DEI efforts. To facilitate this, the Committee will work with states and partners to create for adoption a standardized set of demographic questions. The Technology and Data Committee also supports the submission of a multi-state conservation grant application from TRCP to assist with evaluation of our mutual DEI efforts</p>	<p>GOAL 3. Provide leadership in developing fish and wildlife conservation science and its application in decision and policy making. Obj.3.3 Goal 6: Improve fiscal and operational excellence of the Association. Obj. 6.3</p>
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Committee Actions and Updates from September 2022 Annual Meeting

Actions & Updates: 2022 Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies Annual Meeting

COMMITTEE	Actions	AFWA STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL# & OBJECTIVE(S)
Technology and Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ï DEI Think Sheet – After discussing the think sheet and where they believe they can best contribute, the Committee noted that only 10 states collect data to measure the success of their DEI efforts. The committee plans to form a small work group which will develop best practices for collecting this data to help states that may be looking for guidance in this area. ï CIO Survey – At the request of several members, the committee plans to revise and repeat its survey on the ‘state of state technology.’ ï Real Time Dashboard – Rob Southwick gave an update on the real time license dashboard that is funded by a MSCGP grant. The dashboard is fully functional and States are urged to work with their license vendors to provide data to this effort which will be crucial in focusing regional, national, industry and NGO support for R3. 	Goal 5 Provide communication, training, and capacity-building to support member fish and wildlife agencies. Objective 5.3, 5.4

Committee Charge

To assist state fish and wildlife agencies with the evaluation of new and emerging technology (e.g., mobile applications) and data management systems, and to provide guidance or recommendations for using and improving these applications to sell licenses, collect and utilize data, disseminate information, and build customer relationships.

Are you considering any changes to your committee charge?

Yes, charge is updated from original version.

Committee Work Plan

Focus Areas and Goals:

1. Chief Information Officer (CIO) Network
Goal: create a web-based forum for state CIOs to discuss applications of technological advances, identify trends, share best practices, and seek advice to help agencies enhance fish and wildlife conservation and better serve their constituencies.
2. Guidelines for Remote Participation at AFWA’s Annual Meeting
Goal: develop recommendations for holding a hybrid annual meeting that enables virtual participation.
3. Voluntary guidelines and best practices for sharing state, provincial and territorial data
Goal: identify opportunities for states, provinces, and territories to share geospatial and other “big data” sets.

Expected Actions / Activities:

1. Build the CIO Network: update contact list, create group SharePoint site, attend the Conservation Business Managers Association Meeting (CBMA), host a virtual CIO Network meeting.

2. Convene a Remote Participation Working Group: conduct an assessment of technologies already in use by states; perform a cost assessment/cost recovery model for hybrid meeting solutions; initiate a pilot project; draft an implementation plan for AFWA's 2016 Annual Meeting.
3. Spend more time discussing "Big Data" and how the committee wants to address it.