



State Interoperability Executive Committee Minutes

October 25, 2021

1:30 – 3:30 pm

Virtual via WebEx

1. CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND INTRODUCTIONS

Members/Staff Present:

Chief John Batiste (WSP)	Chad Cross (WSP/FPB)	Chuck Turley (DNR)
Dongho Chang (WSDOT)	Nathan Kresse for Loerts (LNI)	Bill Kehoe (WaTech)
Robert Ezelle (MIL/EMD)	Dan Meyer (ATNI)	Sue Langen (OCIO)
Keith Flewelling (APCO-NENA)	Chief Jim Sharp	Angela Knight (OCIO)
Captain Phil Johnson (WDFW)	Bill Tensfeld	Cece Zenker (OCIO)

Bill Kehoe announced Sue Langen's retirement the end of October.

Review of August 19, 2021 Meeting Minutes:

MOTION: Approve August 19, 2021, meeting minutes with no corrections. This motion was moved, seconded and carried. Effective date October 25, 2021.

2. NEWS AND INFORMATION ROUNDTABLE

D. Chang (WSDOT) – This was Dongho's first SIEC meeting. He was previously a traffic engineer with City of Seattle and Everett, and prior to that with WSDOT in communications and transportation operations. The Land Mobile Radio project will be wrapped up in mid-2022.

R. Ezelle (MIL-EMD) – They continue to support Dept. of Health with their COVID response. The state had about 655,000 acres burned in the fire season.

P. Johnson (DFW) – They are working on replacing legacy portable radios, completed Lion's Ferry radio installation and hiring resources for the dispatch center.

M. Biundo (WSP) – Update included a brief review of WSP's 2021-23 Decision Packages.

K. Flewelling (APCO-NENA) – Keith is retiring the end of January, and introduced Katy Myers who will take his place on the SIEC representing APCO-NENA.

C. Turley (DNR) – Chuck is retiring at the end of the year.

3. Discuss SIEC Chair Appointment

- Bill appointed himself as interim chair and OCIO representative. There were no objections from members.
- The SWIC position currently in progress may be a good candidate for future chair.
- Bill would like to fill the vice chair position. Send any nominations for this position to him.

4. Discuss Proposed Updates to the Bylaws

- Updates to bylaws included adding DFW, DOH, DOC, tribal nations and 911 call centers to the member organizations and to update the agency name in Section 6, to align with the statute.

MOTION: Approve today's edits. This motion was moved, seconded and carried. Effective date October 25, 2021.

- Bill would like honest feedback in terms of whether we need to revisit the responsibilities. Do the responsibilities adequately represent why this committee comes together or are there other responsibilities that should be included?
- Have there been any **policies or standards** implemented related to the interoperability of systems?
- Angela will send to members for review, any current OCIO policies and standards related to state communications systems.
- There have been discussions in the past to have the SIEC be more proactive and engaged in the radio projects at the state level to ensure they were driving toward interoperability. Also work outside of the state government network with other public safety entities to work toward a greater degree of interoperability within the state.
- It's clear the SIEC has authority within state agencies, but regarding other radio systems that interact with state agencies, we should consider a coordination role so that there is an ability to provide advice, or at least review plans beforehand and more of recommendation/advisory body to other systems. As these new radio systems are built out, they are truly interoperable and could become the system of systems. Need this language in the bylaws and/or the enabling RCW.
- Gaps in interoperability - Puget Sound area south to Clark County and along I-5 is mostly interoperable; Spokane and Tri-cities are good as well. As money becomes available and systems age, new systems will be developed, so that is where SIEC needs to become engaged to ensure continued interoperable communications.
- How is the coordination of **state-designated and state-licensed radio frequencies** being handle and who has responsibility?
- The radio frequency coordination has most recently been with the SAW Group. Agencies needing to modify their spectrum have been getting recommendation from SAW to the SIEC for approval.
- Process is working. Continue to have agency-specific requests, such as WSDOT ITS devices, come through the SAW Group and have them decide if it warrants SIEC approval.
- How has the SIEC been complying with the responsibility to **coordinate purchasing of all state wireless radio communications system equipment**?
- The SIEC has not been coordinating the purchases, but reviewing and evaluating requests to ensure compliance with the state interoperability strategy.
- Do we have a process now for **seeking federal or other funding or recommending legislation**?
- Beyond the current responsibilities in the bylaws, are there any missing?
- Some of the responsibilities need to better align with what was is in the RCW. Angela will update and send a new draft along with questions from Bill for review at future meeting.

5. SCIP Review

- The document was last reviewed/approved in 2019 and should be updated annually.
- Objective 1.2 is complete with the update to the Bylaws.
- Need to review all Goals and Objectives and update all complete and how to move forward with others.
- Action item was for SAW Group to update the document and bring back to SIEC for discussion.
- Is it fair to say this is our strategic plan as we move forward?

6. GOOD OF THE ORDER/PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.