

Navigation 2021 Summit Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2021

[Agenda](#)

Attendees:

1. Mike Kretzler (Olympia)
2. Alan Davey (Foothills)
3. John Gilbert (Foothills)
4. Wesley Rogers (Seattle)
5. Jerrick Linde (Tacoma)
6. Megan Hartness (Tacoma)
7. Tina Fox (Kitsap Chair)
8. Jordan Kott (Kitsap Chair)
9. Michael Westbrook (Foothills)
10. Susan Conbere (Foothills)
11. Otto Gruele (Seattle)
12. E. Andrea Shadrach (Foothills) - working with Susan C on *Staying Found*
13. Michelle Song (Staff)

Meeting Minutes

Branch Updates

- Coassemble is now the new e-learning module, replacing LITMOS.
 - All questions to be directed to Becca Polglase at beccap@mountaineers.org
 - Branches expressed their concerns with Coassemble's technological growing pains - slow and confusion with admin features
 - Becca is holding a Coassemble admin training
- Kitsap shared issues with non-branch members registering for courses which results in branch members not being able to obtain a spot
 - Tacoma suggested to add "Permission Required" to all course listings and open to branch only members for a limited time
- Mountaineers books no longer carrying specific maps
 - Suggestion: print directly from Caltopo maps
- Course progression needs to be updated, current progression is not intuitive and the material can be confusing for new students
- Issues with testing for "equivalency"
 - Concerns with prospective instructors "faking it" or unfamiliar with Mountaineers Navigation curriculum

- Vaccine requirements are set by individual leaders, concerns with anti-vax/anti-masks attendees
- Agreement that having one universal e-learning course for lectures across branches is helpful and maintains consistency with students.
- Idea! Attend courses with each branch to better understand how other branches teach their courses

New Navigation Council Charter Draft

- Agreement that a council and charter is beneficial
- Edits added to the [first draft of the Navigation Council Charter](#)
 - Michelle will finalize changes and send updated draft to committee chairs and vice-chairs to approve

Broadening the scope of the standards

- Agreement that [current Navigation Standards](#) needs to be broadened to encompass the different facets of Navigation courses
 - Diverge the standards to encompass on-trail and off-trail Navigation
- “Staying Found” will now be called “On-trail Navigation”
- Created working groups to create new standards for “On-trail Navigation” and “Off-trail Navigation”
 - Timeline:
 - Create Standards
 - Submit to Navigation Council for approval
 - Then submit to Branch Leadership Committee for approval

Other Business

- GPS Navigation will be a future project and will also be another facet of Navigation standards
- Will not add Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) functionality for students to future GPS Navigation standards
 - Keep PLB as an instructor’s aid for instruction and safety
- Unanimous rejection of Stewardship badge as a co-requisite for Navigation courses
- Agreement that an instructor badge for Navigation courses will be a good incentive and will be a future project
- Reach out to Peter Hendrickson for Navigation NW Quarterly Updates
- Agreement that GPS is not a blanket requirement for Navigation courses
- Becca Polglase will reach out to committee chairs on an annual basis or every couple years to seek input on course pricing guidance
 - 2021 has been set, keep in mind for future guidance
- arterly Publication updates

- Basecamp will remain as the main form of communication. If an email notification is received from Basecamp, the recipient will log on to Basecamp and check messages/message board

Action Items:

Committee Chairs Tasks:

- Review and approve updated final charter draft sent by Michelle
- Go through Basecamp and add/remove members who are no longer part of Navigation summits
- Continue working through Basecamp. Check messages and message board when notified through email

Susan, Andrea, and Megan Tasks:

- Develop new standards for “On-trail Navigation”
- Will follow timeline dates sent by Michelle
- Working groups’ responsibility to establish frequency and schedule of other non-summit meetings

Wes, Mike (FH), and Mike (Oly)

- Develop new standards for “off-trail Nav”
- Working groups’ responsibility to establish frequency and schedule of other non-summit meetings

Considerations for 2022:

- GPS course standard (Alan?)
- Instructor badge standard (Alan?)
- Michelle will reach out in January to seek 2022 summit date
 - Possibly Tacoma PC.
 - Move to Late October / November
 - Alternate between Seattle and Tacoma
- Possibly a *shorter*, halfway *focused* remote meeting in late spring?
 - Quarterly?

