



PACIFIC REGION CHECK-IN

Alaska, American Samoa, California, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Oregon, Palau, Washington

MEETING NOTES - TUESDAY, NOV. 3, 2020

Discussion: NACD and Pacific Region Elections

The NACD Board Members in the Pacific Region will need to vote on the region Executive Director (Tom Wehri), Chair (Kit Tillotson) and Vice Chair (Doug Rushton) Positions before the Annual Meeting.

If you would like to run for one of these positions, please submit your name to me by **Nov. 17**. We will plan a separate meeting in the coming months to hold the elections.

Updates: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)

The Task Force is meeting weekly on Mondays and developing a tool kit that will incorporate recommendations and a variety of resources, videos, articles, etc. on various topics such as communications, implementation, data, etc.

The tool kit will be finalized in the coming months and referred to NACD leadership for review.

Updates: NACD Annual Meeting

The NACD Annual Meeting will be held in February spanning several days, with business meetings held the first week, followed by breakout sessions the next week. All activities will be held via a zoom platform. The cost will be approachable for attendees who have not previously been able to participate

Updates: NACD Funding Opportunities

[Friends of NACD District Grant](#) is now open, \$2,500 to 4 member districts. We've had 1 application so far, so please encourage individuals to apply by Nov. 30

Urban and Community Grants will again open this fall, pending updates to RFP and timeline. Approximately 18 grants of up to \$50,000 each will be available for agricultural conservation projects in smallholder and community-focused contexts in both urban and rural contexts.

TA Grants will also likely open in the Spring, with a similar process to the year prior.

Other Updates

Reminder to be participatory in committees and RPGs leading up to the annual meeting. The Public Lands RPG is seeking new members, any district official is eligible to serve as an at-large member.

Several states are holding upcoming annual meetings. All are welcome where noted, or contact the individuals listed for more information.

- Oregon: Nov. 10, 2020, with afternoon sessions on partner activities. Contact [Jan Lee](#) for more info.
- Idaho: Nov. 12, 2020. Contact [Benjamin Kelly](#) for more info.
- California: Nov. 16-20, 2020 (open to all partners). [Agenda and registration info.](#)
- Washington: Nov. 30-Dec. 2, 2020. [Agenda and registration info.](#)

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Pacific Region Elections, TBD – *Zoom*
- Pacific Region Bi-Monthly Zoom, Jan. 5, 2020 – *Zoom*
 - Please send any agenda items and materials to Ariel by Dec. 18.
- NACD Annual Meeting, Feb. 1-10, 2021 – *Virtual*
- NACD Summer Meeting, July 24-27, 2021 – *Chicago, IL*

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