

Illinois Prescribed Burn Manager Certification Board
Minutes of the 17th Meeting
(Subject to approval at the 18th Meeting)

Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Mallard Room
One Natural Resources Way
Springfield, IL 62702

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

1) Call to Order, Roll Call, and Introduction of Attendees

The meeting was called to order by Mike Wefer at 10:04 a.m.

Members Present: Mike Wefer, Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), Division of Wildlife; Todd Strole, IDNR, Division of Natural Heritage; Tom Wilson, IDNR, Division of Forestry; Kent Tomblin, Illinois State Fire Marshall (SFM); Jack Pizzo, Pizzo Group.

Others Present: Kelly Neal and Marni English, INPC; Les Albert, Retired SFM Deputy Director

2) Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Kent Tomblin, seconded by Jack Pizzo. The motion carried that the agenda be adopted.

3) Approval of the Minutes of the 16th Meeting, December 12, 2017

It was moved by Kent Tomblin, seconded by Jack Pizzo. The motion carried that the Minutes of the 16th meeting, December 12, 2017, be approved.

4) Meetings Scheduled for FY 2019

December 10, 2018, IDNR Headquarters, 10:00 A.M.

5) State of Certification of Prescribed Burn Manager Process

Tom Wilson reported that there were 695 Certified Burn Managers. There were 41 that applied and were approved in 2018. Of those, 32 were paid applications from outside the agency and 9 were agency staff. He also indicated there has been no report of problems.

Tom indicated that he was working on getting the application forms on the website..

Old Business

6) Introduction of Members

All present introduced themselves.

7) Apprentice Task Book/Administrative Rule Change

Mike Wefer reported that the administrative rule requiring the task book was approved by JCAR (Joint Committee on Administrative Rules).

New Business

8) Public Comment

No Public Comments.

9) Other Business

Jack Pizzo mentioned that Michigan uses a point system for burn manager that violate their act and shared some of the details of Michigan's process. Jack asked how we enforced Illinois' Act.

Todd Strole asked about communications between meetings. Mike Wefer opined that we could communicate if it didn't lead to official actions covered by the Open Meetings Act.

10) Adjournment

It was moved by Kent Tomblin, seconded by Todd Strole, and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 10:34 a.m.