

MPFC Committees and Summary of Duties

Consultant Committee

(Chair – Mike Appel)

- Act as liaison between the Fire Council and consultants, namely private burn contractors and private land managers.
- Express consultant's needs to the Fire Council and act as an advocate for these issues at Council meetings.
- Highlight and pass along information of concern from the Fire Council to consultants.
- Advocate for consultant's concerns outside of the Fire Council.
- Work with the Legislative Committee Chair, consultants and the Council to encourage the appropriation of funds for SB925, The Michigan Prescribed Burn Law (more immediate goal)

Education and Outreach

(Chair – Michele Richards)

- Work to educate the public about Rx Fire
- Work in concert with the Training and Certification Committee to provide opportunities for professional and lay person training.
- Assist in the development, publication and maintenance of outreach materials

Legislative

(Chair – Amy Spray)

- Work to educate the Michigan Legislature about prescribed fire and its benefits
- Review and track relevant legislative bills as they are introduced
- Gather comments/input from Council on bills and provide testimony to state legislative committees
- Work with the Consultant Committee and Council to identify policy changes needed to improve the use of prescribed fire in Michigan.

Training and Certification

(Chair – Steve Cross)

- Survey, on an annual basis, the membership and steering committee to determine the need for, and type of training to offer. This may be in the form of standard NWCG courses or Fire Council specific opportunities to enhance the skills and knowledge of attendees in relation to various prescribed fire elements.
- Ensure that any training opportunities offered by the Fire Council meet the requirements set forth by the Council in the By-laws under Article VI Section 1 parts A thru D.
- Review any training opportunities posted on the Fire Council web site to ensure that the material supports the objectives of the Fire Council as stated in Article I of the By-laws.
- Provide the Steering Committee with any updated information related to changes in NWCG standards or other Agency related standards that may affect the Council's mission.

Currently the only active members of the Task Group are Steve Cross from MDNR-FMFM, Jack McGowan-Stinski from the Nature Conservancy, Don Mikel from the U.S. Forest Service and Paul Rogers from the Michigan Association of Conservation Districts.