

# Training Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

**September 13, 2023 – Teleconference and WebEx**

Present: Dave Ange, Cathy Conklin, Gary Drake, Erica Foley, Geoffrey Gloak, Rachel Ingalsbe, Sarah Lippincott, Michael McGuire, Gene Monaco, Anne Sapienza, Denise Trudell, Khristina Ulmer, Warren Wheeler, John Zukowski

## **Get Organized**

This meeting was held using WebEx video conference software. There were no questions about the minutes from the last meeting. ORPTS announced Geoffrey Gloak will now be supervising the Education Services Unit and this unit will now be under the communications bureau. With this change comes the addition of Khristina Ulmer to the EDS/Communications team. ORPTS is looking forward to many exciting new changes within the training unit.

## **NYSAA and IAO Update**

- A) NYSAA
  - a. Wrapped up Cornell with about 200 attendees.
  - b. Courses 1 and 2 had the most attendees.
  - c. Course 2 will be available to take online in November-December
- B) IAO
  - a. Ethics Class 12/8

## **ORPTS Training Update**

The Fall Training schedule is in the works. Hopefully it will get posted in the beginning of October. We are not holding a Farm Appraisal class in the Fall. Our goal with Farm Appraisal is to offer it twice a year, starting 2024.

With 2025 being a reappointment year, we are gearing up to offer basic courses at least twice a year.

We are working on converting all our exams to a WebEx format, by the beginning of 2024 we hope to have all basic courses we provide, except for the Intro. to Farm exam in Webex format.

## **Reimbursement Update**

\$100,000 has been paid out for this year. Total that we are allotted is \$175,000. Discussed the possibility of taking the reimbursement update off the agenda.

## **Adoption of ANSI Standards of Measurement**

John Zukowski gave the group an overview of the adoption of the ANSI standards of measurement.

## **Open Floor**

This will be Cathy Conklin and Anne Sapienza's last meetings. Also, NYSAA is hoping to schedule more basic classes.

## **Next Meeting**

The next Tag meeting is tentatively scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 2024.