

November 15, 2022 Meeting, Key Topics Identified

Common Project Across Committees

Pollinator promotion was one, but the C&H Committee role in that is unclear. How do we make it more clear? How many Interpretive Centers (ICs) currently have pollinator gardens? Which additional sites have the potential for and might be interested in pollinator gardens? Could we inventory ICs in each state?

At Memphis, I proposed that all the committees work together to reconnect and keep connected us to our ICs. I still think all the committees could work with us on this. We should build this out in one of our upcoming meetings.

Interpretive Signage

There is a need for inexpensive signage, and we need to recognize that some sites will prefer interior signage to on street signage. Chris Miller (MN) has provided examples of interior signage that the state acquired at a reasonable cost.

How many ICs need signage? Inside and/or outside? Another survey question for each state. Could we find a common vendor for all states or should each state seek its own?

IC Ambassador Training

The Minnesota example presented at our MRPC Annual Meeting in Memphis is solid but time intensive. Could we produce a short, standard video introduction to the National MRPC and to the roles and responsibilities of ICs and the State and National offices?

Let's scope this out at one of our meetings. This fits with the goal of reconnecting and keeping connected with our ICs.

Model Nomination

This should be a priority, but we need more examples. Let's make an official request of each state and the national office to get the best submissions from each state. Then we can take the best parts of each. Let's identify what makes for acceptable and exceptional answers for each section.

I have looked the submittals from the past several years for Minnesota and Arkansas. I also have the Driftless Center application from Iowa. I'll start building a model nomination for the next meeting with what I have.

Annual Checklist

It has been incredibly hard to get checklists from most states. Let's identify the barriers for states acquiring them and consider how to improve the response rate.

