

Hello Site Managers,

Thank you for attending and participating in our February meeting. I am sending out notes from the meeting and additional products requested. You will also be able to find this information in the applicant portal.

## **Meeting Notes**

### *Welcome*

*International Updates* - Still waiting for more information on the 35th anniversary of Blue Flag to send out promotional item information. My meeting with international staff went well. I will follow up with individual communities on their specific questions and go over general updates at our next meeting. Below were the two criteria categories of concern we were looking into.

Water Quality - International staff is still looking into the equivalency of lab training for sampling and volunteer training. My next step on this will be to contact the EPA for more resources. I hope to have a larger update by our March meeting. International staff has indicated water quality will be one of the first things addressed in the criteria update regardless of the EU timeline for the Bathing Water Directive.

Information Board - The “common information board” is not a graphic template but the details required to meet the information board criteria. We already have this information in place and will be reviewing it at the next workshop in March.

*National Updates* - Please remember to take photos and videos of the process of complying with award criteria. Feel free to join us at our marketing subcommittee meetings the First Friday of every month at 2pm E/1pm C. If you want to know more about a topic please let me know and I can do a little research for Coastal Voice articles. ASBPA's National Conference where we will have additional Blue Flag sessions will be held in Long Beach, CA from September 13-16th.

Please remember you as the applicant and awardee have been given permission to use the Blue Flag logo but your partners have not. In addition, all use of the logo and public promotion needs to be sent to me for review. You can find my informational powerpoint and language online under the promotional resources in the applicant dashboard.

### *Site Updates*

*Water Quality Workshop and Toolkit* - Please see the toolkit online for the recording of this presentation. In addition to the recording, I have developed a workshop report draft. This document looks at the national and international level criteria needs; provides direct links to resources; and outlines a table to be filled out by site primary contacts to help identify compliance level and next steps. This is a draft document. If we need to add more detail or table columns, please let me know and I can reformat. I have included an example of how to fill out the table in the first row, criterion 3. I recommend primary contacts take time to think through the workshop information and go through the table first. Then, set up a meeting, if needed, or email your draft to national staff for review before submitting to further parties. I will follow up on March

15th on the draft version and will prepare the next workshops' reports ahead of the meetings to facilitate note taking.