

Quality Partnership Initiative, QPI Update

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QPI Memorandum of Understanding

Excerpt from 2004 AAPA/ASA(CW) MOU:

“The shared principles expressed below are intended to create a high trust culture between our organizations, where we work seamlessly, exchange information freely, and spend the public’s money wisely.”

AAPA members are public ports and cost sharing non-Federal project sponsors

QPI Structure

- **Three workgroups:**
 - **Authorities**
 - Issues requiring legislation
 - **Project Delivery**
 - Issues requiring change to policy
 - **Communication & Collaboration**
 - Existing policy sufficient, pursue consistent application at Corps District level

QPI Workgroup Leaders

- **Authorities**
 - Ports: Grady Bryant
 - Corps: Wes Coleman
- **Project Delivery**
 - Ports: David Miller
 - Corps: Amy Frantz
- **Communication & Collaboration**
 - Ports: Hope Moorer
 - Corps: Joe Vietri

Current Issues

- **Back to ‘regular order’ - WRDA’s 2014, 2016 and 2018**
- **QPI Leader Conference Call, July 30**
 - Review remaining items after WRDA 2018
 - Identify new items
- **Fewer legislative issues, mostly policy**

AAAPA/Corps Webinar Topics

STUDIES

- **Feasibility Study Initiation Process**
- **Planning Toolbox Overview**
- **Future ship size selection for studies**
- **New Dredged Material Management Plan guidance**
- **Best practices on community outreach**

NAVIGATION

- **5-year dredging schedule**

AAAPA/Corps Webinar Topics

REGULATORY/PERMITS

- **Contributed funds for expedited Environmental agency reviews**
- **Improve consistent review/referrals of Section 408 permit applications**
- **One Federal Decision overview**
- **Update of Webinar 14 – Ports, Planning and Regulatory**

Summary

- **Great progress has been made in all 3 QPI areas**
- **Top 3: Communicate, communicate, communicate**
- **Ports discuss with Corps District and elevate issues as needed**



Thanks for all you do!