

IPM Voice Steering Committee Conference Call
Thursday, July 15th 10:15 PT/11:15 MT/12:15 CT/1:15 ET

Notes:

1. Planning for meeting in D.C. – October 4
 - a. Embassy Suites online group room reservations page (personal room reservations for the night of October 3):
http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/WASOTES-IPM-20101003/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG
 - b. Goals & objectives
 - i. Make decisions about structure & where to direct funds.
 - ii. Future of IPM Voice.
 - iii. Determine the role of an IPM Voice member.
 - iv. Review notes from Phoenix meeting to reassess goals (**Carrie**).
 - Create core principles that members sign onto, Coalition building / partnerships, Research organizational models, Hire a social marketer; it's essential, Need a mechanism for participation for those who can't lobby, Build the movement; Increase understanding of and appreciation for IPM; use science!, IPM: foundation of sustainability, Progressive IPM: Ecological/Environmental; Equitable (to workers/growers); Economical; Evolving, Follow up with Ferd on his info on lobbying vs. info-sharing, Role of EPA in IPM efforts
 - Winnable issues with NIFA priorities:
 - Invasion, Biology
 - Food Safety
 - Resistance
 - P'cide Residue Harmonization
 - Technological innovation
 - Education & Implementation
2. Governance & operating procedures
 - a. To make progress in our startup stage, IPM Voice needs to remain flexible.
 - b. Propose setting governance operating procedures aside as formal structure to work towards. Can review at a future date.
 - c. **Plan for progress going forward:**
 - i. Expand executive committee.
 - Scott Hutchins to join as executive committee member.
 - ii. The executive committee shall have authority to conduct business, provided that it shall provide a copy of committee notes to the steering committee, by email. Within three business days of receiving the email, any member of the steering committee may ask for consideration by the full steering committee, in which case the issue must be considered by the steering committee at its next regular meeting.
 - iii. Votes on issues of contention will be decided by a quorum. Quorum defined as 2/3 of membership of Steering Committee. If quorum not formed on call, issues will be put out to electronic poll.
3. Advisory committee slate

- a. Official slate still in works.
 - i. Canadian interest high.
 - ii. Even if group is small, we will move ahead with those we have.
 - iii. Liaisons designated by an organization will be accepted (no need to gain approval).
 - iv. Carrie will contact those that have agreed to join on; will let them know about future plans, update on D.C. meeting.
 - b. Leigh will help create Listserv for advisory board.
4. Membership & Finance
- a. Total in checking: \$4,566.28
 - b. Michael setting up meeting with General Mills.
5. Advocacy
- a. Leigh sending updated stakeholder letter out to Voice mailing list.
 - b. Bob drafting letter to be sent to members of Senate Ag Approps Subcommittee, those who feel comfortable signing on will be allowed to do so.