

## **IPM Voice Executive Committee Conference Call**

**Friday, August 13 10:00 AM PT/11:00 AM MT/12:00 PM CT/1:00 PM ET**

Participants: Tom Green, Scott Hutchins, Norm Leppla, Leigh Presley, Jim Van Kirk

### **Meeting Minutes:**

1. Input from Gail Harmon re: IPM Voice legal needs
  - a. Harmon can handle IPM Voice incorporation, tax status.
    - i. Should consider C4 tax status for IPM Voice (more room for future advocacy/lobbying).
    - ii. ~ \$1500-2000 for incorporation, ~ \$2000-3000 for tax status.
    - iii. For incorporation - will need bylaws, structure and governance firmed up.
  - b. Structure should include 2 groups of members: those that can be involved with advocacy and those that can't.
  - c. Tom will propose plan to go forward during S.C. meeting on 08/19/10, follow up with Gail after.
2. October 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting
  - a. 11 confirmed attendees.
  - b. Tentative agenda:

#### **Sunday, October 3**

PM?: Executive Committee Dinner; followed by reception with Advisory Committee

#### **Monday, October 4**

8:00 AM: **Introductions** (30 min)

8:30 AM: **Brief history & current status** (30 min)

- Updates from subcommittees.

9:00 AM: **Proposal for Governance** (1 hour)

- Governance Committee members will lead; Tom Green, Ferd Hoefner will provide input.

10:00 AM: **Proposal for Advocacy** (1 hour)

- Advocacy Committee members will lead; Jim Cubie will provide input, discuss Farm Bill.

11:00 AM: **Break**

11:30 AM: **Advocacy, Governance (Finance and Membership?) Breakout Sessions Part 1**

(breakout groups divided by topic; led by chair of respective committees).

- Charge to groups: Draft priorities; develop action plan & timetable for next 12 months (30 min)

- Present/post priorities (15 min)

12:15 PM: **Lunch** (during this time attendees may make additions to posted priority lists)

1:00 PM: **Advocacy & Governance Breakout Sessions Part 2**

- Charge to groups: Finalize priorities and plans (20 min)

1:20 PM: **Large group discussion**

- Rank priorities & finalize action plans (30 minutes/breakout)

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM - ?

3. Letter to Ag Approps
  - a. Need to follow up on getting commodity people to contact representatives.
    - i. Have gotten in contact with NY potatoes, PA apple growers.
  - b. Put Ag Approps issue is on the agenda for 08/19/10.