

IPM Voice

Board of Directors Conference Call

July 14, 2011

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Minutes:

- I. Review of yesterdays Voice call
 - A. 406 funding for programs will likely dry up soon.
 1. Need to look for more permanent USDA funding.
 - B. No immediate items that require board approval.
 - C. AFRI/NIFA
 1. Currently are no specific programs/grants that are available to IPM.
 2. Need to include Farm Bill language that specifies funding to be set aside for IPM in AFRI.
 - D. Need IPM leader(s) who report to the USDA secretary/undersecretary.
- II. Legislative fact sheet
 - A. Jim C is working with Matt to finalize as well as contact sheets for congressional priorities.
- III. 501c(3) update
 - A. Need to do final review and then we will send to lawyers to finalize and send to IRS.
- IV. 2012 IPM Symposium
 - A. Carrie, Kim and Michael will begin working on booth and table ideas.
 - B. Check box to join IPM Voice on registration not recommended, rather a box to find out more about any and all other IPM organizations.
 - C. IPM Voice will have a booth, session and time in plenary program.
 - D. Possibility of IPM booth being free or sponsored.
 1. Has not been discussed, will be on future call agendas when other general financial aspects have been considered finalized
- V. Lobbying issue concerns preventing IPM Voice membership
 - A. Harold Coble and Jim VanKirk volunteered to draft letters stating how they feel comfortable joining IPM Voice as federally funded employees.
 - B. Should have a newsletter and website blurb "Why I believe in IPM and why I'm trying to support it through IPM Voice" from one of the leaders.
- VI. Budget update
 1. \$3,749 in checking, \$25 in savings.
 2. Memberships averaging one a week.

VII. Letter Update

- A. Leigh will send out a copy of the newsletter including the fact sheet as soon as Jim C returns a polished version, end of next week at latest.

VIII. Work to be done

- A. Think of one simple idea we can do with current resources to address broader issues on awareness and broader advocacy – will discuss on next call.