

IPM Voice

Executive Committee Conference Call

March 19, 2013

Participants: Tom Green, Leigh Presley, Carrie Koplinka-Loehr, Jim Van Kirk

Minutes:

- I. Senate and House Continuing Resolution for FY 2013
 - A. Tom will contact Blaine Viator to see if he can connect with Betsy Dina to see if there's a chance to stop additional Senate cuts to IPM programs.
- II. Case statement
 - A. Michael Rozyne and Tom worked on a case statement outline for IPM Voice. Michael will forward draft outline onto Carrie to see if someone at the NE IPM Center can help get it into shape.
 - B. Leigh will compile IPM fact sheets to pull data from for inclusion in the case statement.**
- III. Revisit grower group results: follow-up calls, next steps
 - A. **Tom will work on getting in touch with the top three survey respondents, located in IL and PA.** Will contact Sue Ratcliffe and Ed Rajotte to see if they can participate on a call or help get in touch with others who can.
 - B. Following up with the other respondents:
 1. Can cross list with current IPM Voice members.
 2. Joanne Whalen likely knows the Delaware Soybean Association contact.
 - C. Ideal to have a corn association, a soybean association and 2 or 3 specialty crop representatives in IPM Voice.
- IV. List of IPM service providers and products
 - A. **Leigh is compiling a list of potential new members and will work on developing a mailing to list to explain IPM Voice and membership opportunities. Will follow up with a phone call to mailing recipients.**
- V. Next steps for contacting ag appropriations committees
 - A. Jim Cubie recommended that we start focusing on members of the house and senate ag appropriations subcommittees as they put together budgets for the FY 2014
 - B. Leigh will work on compiling state specific factsheets for chairs and ranking members:**
 1. Chair of Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Ag, Mark Pryor of Arkansas. Ranking member Roy Blunt of Missouri.
 2. Chair of House Appropriations Subcommittee on Ag, Robert Aderholt of Alabama. Ranking member Sam Farr of California.
- VI. Next steps for IPM centers in the farm bill
 - A. Carrie connected with Jim Dill who contacted Susan Collins. Collins willing to help again. Jim Cubie provided eight steps for Susan to take.

VII. Set agenda for a Board of Directors call

- A. Case statement for IPM Voice.
- B. Grower action group – request activity and suggestions from Board on this effort.
- C. Discuss Board member giving – perhaps led by another board member not on the Executive Committee.
- D. Discuss funding goal to start hiring Jim Cubie’s replacement, e.g., have \$X in the bank by X date and have someone working in DC by X date.
- E. Potential dates for BOD call: April 10th, 11th 24th, 25th. **Leigh will send out a doodle poll.**

Next IPM Voice Executive Committee call: April 3 at 10 CT/11 ET.