

Southern Region ANR – PLN Meeting Agenda
Thursday, June 4, 8:00 am Eastern - Noon
APLU Multi-Purpose Room, Washington, DC

TASKS

1. Planning committee for 2017 Joint ANR-PLN Meeting will consist of Grisso (VA), Stewart (WV), and Mukhtar (FL).
2. Burns will send a survey to the presenters & NGO's as follow-up concerning how things worked.
3. Grisso/Burns determine how to share the PowerPoints to the region.
4. Tasks for ANR-PLN meeting in Orlando. Main will invite agents to the PLN meeting as feedback to core competency training concept. Main will check on options for a team building exercise. Burns will develop a session on program team structure and gathering impacts (invitation of Joe Donaldson). Burns will develop session on Fescue-Belt Forage Innovation. Grisso will develop session on peer-review of extension specialists.
5. Burns will set-up and send agenda for phone conference on July 1 at 10 EST.

Minutes

Attendees:

Robert Burns*	University of Tennessee
Bobby Grisso*	Virginia Tech
Billy Lawton*	Prairie View A&M University
Rick Cartwright	University of Arkansas
Marty Main	University of Florida
Saqib Mukhtar	University of Florida
Dawn Mellion-Patin	Louisiana State University Ag Center
Travis Miller	Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
Joshua Idassi	North Carolina A&T State University
Tom Melton	North Carolina State University
Brian Benham	Virginia Tech
Lonnie Johnson	Virginia Tech
Melissa Stewart	West Virginia State University Extension

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1. Comments from the joint meeting were very positive and a committee was selected for the 2017 joint Meeting.
 - o 22 persons attended from the two regions.

- The planning committee will be Grisso (VA), Stewart (WV), and Mukhtar (FL). The NC Region consists of Hadley (KS), Stoltenow (ND) and Londo (OH).
 - Dates were set as June 6-8, 2017 and location will be same (APLU) for the conference and Omni Shoreham for lodging.
 - The group acknowledged that much work was needed for a short turn around.
 - The group felt that a survey should be sent to the presenters and the NGO's to gain feedback about the interaction and subject matter covered. Ask the NGO's how we can better work with them to achieve their mission. Burns will send a survey to garner their feedback.
 - The group felt that following the discussion with NRCS and FSA that each state should follow-up on how details are being implemented within their state.
 - Joint issues from the meeting that needs attention:
 - FSA Pilot Training – Was extension considered a vendor? Focus on the StrikeForce Counties.
 - NRCS Soil Health Division – Specialists/soils labs could be more involved in the development. Burns sent the upcoming phone conference.
 - The TFI requests proposal for total annual amount of \$2M to solicit proposals for educational programs for the 4-R's
 - The hope is more time for dialogue and more effective use of the working lunches.
 - The PowerPoints were stored on the NC Regional Drop box. Burns and Grisso will figure a way to share with the region members.
2. 2015 Southern Region ANR-PLN Orlando Meeting Agenda Planning.
- http://srpln.msstate.edu/pln/2015_srpln_conference.html
 - *State Reports* – Were seen to be valuable but hardcopies were not required. Keep concise and timely.
 - *Shared On-line Agent Training Resources*. Main (FL) discussed some options for the Orlando Meeting. A proposal of the concept will be developed by the committee (Marty Main, Todd Hurt and Gary Palmer) and some discussion of next steps will be discussed. Such as: guidelines of materials, review and venting, incentives, and use of

- eXtension as a delivery mode. Main will invite agents to attend to consider the concept.
- *Fescue-Belt Forage Innovation*. Burns (TN) shared a regional proposal that developed and suggested that two of UT specialists come and discuss their concepts and timelines. Feedback from the ASRED meeting was shared by Melton (NC).
 - *Peer-Review of Extension Specialists*. Grisso and Benham discussed the need and concept of a process similar to the peer-review of teaching for un-tenured faculty. Grisso will develop a short presentation for the group and encourage the group to bring common processes to discuss.
3. ANR-PLN Resources: When reviewing the sites <http://srpln.msstate.edu/pln/anr.html> several resources appear to be missing. Including minutes and white papers. Burn and Grisso will discuss with Rachel Welborn the options for assuring these items are posted and archived.
 4. Set Next Meeting Date – A Phone call was set that would finalize the agenda for the Orlando Meeting and to bring other items to the forward. Through a Doodle poll sent by Burns (emailed 6/2/15), the group determined the best time was July 1 at 10 EST. Burns will set-up connection and send agenda.
 5. For the Good of the Order – Cartwright (AK) discussed funds held in non-university accounts that could be used by specialists. Specialists were mostly in the crop protection and seed emphasis and discussion focused on conflict of interest. Cartwright wondered if a common university warning should be attempted before a media release occurred.

The group adjourned at 10:39 am and headed home.