

Southern Region ANR – PLN Committee Meeting
Conference Call
July 1, 2015

Tasks

- 1) Main will work on the details of the team building meeting. He will send out an email to the members with meeting details and a poll for attendance.
- 2) A decision (Elective Group + Main) to hold the team building meeting will be made by July 15.
- 3) An email will be sent out by Burns before the meeting asking members to bring peer review information to the meeting.
- 4) Grisso will invite Nancy Franz to the Impact discussion with Joseph Donaldson. Miller will invite Scott Cummings as well.
- 5) Main will invite Florida faculty to the discussion about on-line training resources.
- 6) Committee Night Out will be planned by Main and Angela for approximately 24 attendees.
- 7) Burns will update the agenda and resend to the members.
- 8) Members will invite speakers as noted in the minutes.
- 9) Presentations from the meeting in Washington, DC will be posted on a site that Burns has set up. He will work to post the documents, send the link to Grisso for a test, and then he will send out the link to the listserv.
- 10) Burns will send a copy of the white paper on specialists to Grisso to post and will email a copy to the members.

Minutes

Attendees:

Robert Burns*	University of Tennessee
Billy Lawton*	Prairie View A&M University
Bobby Grisso*	Virginia Tech
Roy Bullock	Tennessee State University
Ross Love	Oklahoma State University
Marty Main	University of Florida
Dawn Mellion-Patin	Louisiana State University Ag Center
Tom Melton	North Carolina State University
Travis Miller	Texas A&M
James Trapp	Oklahoma State University

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Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by ANR-PLN Committee Chair Burns

Roll Call was taken by Burns (see list of attendees above).

- 1) A proposed team building meeting in Haynes City, Florida was discussed by Main.
 - a) This will be held Thursday, August 27, and Friday, August 28, the week of the PLN meeting in Orlando.
 - b) FFA owns a facility about an hour from the PLN meeting that will be used for this meeting.
 - c) This will be a mini retreat to do some team building activities such as:
 - i) Paintball

- ii) Outdoor cookout
 - iii) Information sharing
 - d) A cost estimate with lodging and meals and paintball is \$175 or \$130 without paintball.
 - e) Lodging will be \$90 for double and \$130 for single.
 - f) The directors' meeting at ASRED is also scheduled for Thursday and Friday. Those that have already registered for ASRED may not be able to attend the team building. Some may need to change flights.
 - g) Members could rent a car or a couple of vans to shuttle participants back to the airport. Main will work on the travel arrangements.
 - h) Main will email the listserv with retreat details and a poll for participation (sent on 7/1/15 Subject: "Headcount for optional activity - ANR-PLN 2015").
 - i) A decision of holding the retreat will need to be made before July 15 as ASRED early registration is due then and travel plans will need to be made.
- 2) The Southern Region ANR-PLN Orlando meeting program agenda was discussed.
- a) A draft of the agenda was distributed based on the discussion at the Joint NC/SR ANR PLN meeting in Washington, DC.
 - b) Administrative Advisors will present an update
 - i) James Trapp, as the 1862 Advisor. He is not certain that there will be an hours' worth of information to discuss. This was reduced to 30 minutes.
 - ii) The 1890 Advisor for ANR still needs to be appointed.
 - c) Proposed times on the agenda may change depending on when participants can attend.
 - d) Moved the 2015-2016 Plan of Work discussion later in the program after more information on other items is discussed.
 - e) Joseph Donaldson is the invited speaker for the topic of Measuring and Reporting Extension Programming Economic Impact with ½ hour presentation and ½ hour discussion.
 - f) Carol Somody will discuss PSEP Funding. She had asked to be on the agenda with the ASRED directors and they thought that it would be more beneficial to meet with the ANR Program Leaders.
 - i) Burns displayed a document (Attached - concerning pesticide safety education programs (PSEP)) to give some background on this discussion.
 - ii) Somody would like to talk about strengthening pesticide education and continued funding for the program.
 - iii) She will be given 30 min to present and 15 min to discuss.
 - g) Bill Hubbard asked to give a 30 min update on Forestry. Members agreed this was a good topic to discuss.
 - h) Grassland Sustainability project potentially involves up to 14 states with Tennessee taking the lead. This number may change however their goal is to cover the southern region. Members agreed on this discussion.
 - i) Two new officers will need to be elected, a secretary and 1890 PLC Representative.
 - i) Each position is a three year term
 - j) Melton will assist the members in developing action items, information items and accomplishments. These need to be completed and turned in by 3:00 pm on Wednesday.
 - k) The peer review discussion of Extension specialists will be led by Grisso. Grisso would encourage members to bring their procedures from their institutions to the meeting for a discussion on how to be more uniformed throughout the region or to garner ideas for improvement.
 - i) An email will be sent out by Burns before the meeting asking members to bring peer review information to the meeting.

- ii) A similar process as “Teaching peer review” is warranted.
 - iii) A suggestion was made to have this discussion continue on into the State Report topics.
 - iv) It was decided to make this an hour discussion on the agenda.
 - l) State reports will be given after breakfast on Thursday and could pick up on the discussion at the team building event. A note that hard copies are optional was added to the agenda.
 - m) Committee reports were also added to the agenda with a note that hard copies were optional.
 - n) Burns recommended a talk by Main, FL, as the hosting entity to discuss master naturalist programs. It was agreed to add this to the agenda on Tuesday with 15 minutes to present and 15 minutes discussion.
 - o) Other topics that should be discussed
 - i) Grisso recommended a joint session with Joseph Donaldson and Nancy Franz from 8-9 on Wednesday. Grisso will invite Nancy Franz. Miller will invite Scott Cummings as well. This will be more of a panel discussion based on who commits to attend.
 - ii) It was agreed to have the Shared Training topic be an hour on Tuesday.
 - (1) A discussion was held concerning inviting Florida faculty to give another perspective of professional development. It was decided to invite those that would have valuable input into this program. Main will invite participants.
 - iii) The Joint NC/SR ANR PLN meeting discussion is scheduled for 30 minutes.
 - iv) Farm Bill Impact Reporting is scheduled for 30 minutes.
 - v) A discussion concerning future meeting times and dates for the Southern Region ANR PLN was added to the agenda.
 - p) “ANR Committee Night Out” will be planned by Main and Angela for approximately 24 attendees.
 - q) Burns will update the agenda and resend to the members (email from Burns 7/2/15).
 - r) Members will invite speakers as noted.
 - i) Carol Somody will be attending via distance technology.
- 3) The next meeting date was discussed.
- a) It was decided that another meeting was not needed before August.
- 4) For the Good of the Order.
- a) Presentations received from Washington, DC will be posted on a site that Burns has set up. He will work to post the documents, send the link to Grisso for a test, and then he will send out the link to the listserv.
 - b) Grisso has posted the minutes to the SR ANR PLN website - <http://srpln.msstate.edu/pln/anr.html>
 - i) Burns will send a copy of the white paper on specialists to Grisso to post and will email a copy to the members.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 am.