

## Southern PLN Conference Call- November 17, 2015- 10am

- **Opening of Meeting and Welcome Remarks-** Billy Lawton, Southern PLN Chair- 10:02am
- **Roll Call-** Melissa Stewart, Southern PLN Secretary
  - Alabama- Uma Karki, Paul Mask
  - Arkansas- Rick Cartwright
  - Georgia- William Hubbard
  - Kentucky- Ken ? sitting in for Louie Rivers, Gary Palmer
  - Louisiana- Rogers Leonard, Dawn Mellion-Patin
  - Texas- Billy Lawton, Travis Miller
  - Virginia- Bobby Grisso
  - West Virginia- Melissa Stewart
  
- **Minutes** from previous meeting approved
- **Old Business-** Bill Hubbard- Updates
  - Opportunities: Feedback from Director Summer meetings in Orlando
    - Pleased with Office Output but needs to get the information out to the Field Agents
      - Sent newsletters and updates to Specialist but not always to Agents
    - Needs input on how to distribute
    - Looking for opportunities to visit states during program planning
      - Highlight programs
      - Already presented to the ANR Leaders in GA
      - Would like to have more engagement with Specialists and Agents and improve electronic distribution of information
  - Open for Questions and Recommendations
    - **Rec-** Send out information to us on the PLN Listserve
      - Maybe bimonthly updates
      - Newsletter on Listserve to be forwarded to others in the states
        - Listserve Access
          - Email has to accept address from listserve
    - **Rec-** Auburn New Forestry Dean
      - Come visit with new Dean at the beginning of the year
      - Possibly do a focus meeting with Auburn
    - **Question-** Is there a standing display that could be available for Winter Conference- Virginia
      - Yes there is along with brochure and display opportunities
      - Available to attend large conferences
- **Plan of Work**
  - Plan of Action 2017
    - Calendar 2017- June 6-8 Joint Meeting @APLU
    - Southern Region Committee
      - Likes and dislikes about the Meeting

- Attended by 13 SPLN and same from North Central
- Timeline was too pushed/developed
- Presentations were posted with link in August along with minutes
- Everyone seemed to get the most out of the contacts made and interesting things that were coming forward (NRCS)
- Liked that agencies were pushed to discuss upcoming funding opportunities
- Would like to see more discussion on information transfer and community engagement
- We need to push agencies for clarification for opportunities
- **Cartwright- Sustainable Ag Minnesota Summit**
  - Field to Market Group
  - Soil Health information being presented
- **Job Announcements- Soil Health Positions**
  - Posted and program forming
- **North Central Committee**
  - Greg Hadley- Kansas State Univ.
  - Andrew Laundo- Ohio State
  - Mark Schutz – Purdue Univ.
    - Looking for time slot in December to start to meet
    - Get a few agenda items established then invite in other regions
    - Feel like we have enough committee members but will look for a Moderator in the future
    - Expand the committee in Nashville
- **Tall Fescue Belt**
  - Updating Specialists
  - Burns to report on at next conference call
  - Cartwright- 4 states TN, KY, AR, MS
    - RCCP Proposal Submitted couple weeks ago
    - Will impact the entire belt
    - Faculty working together and making progress
- **NRCS- Burns**
  - Closer communication
  - 2 Conference calls had not been accomplished yet
  - Grisso has close relationship with VA State Conservationist
    - Seeing trends on efforts at the state level
    - Improving relationships with NRCS
      - Fall Testing with Prairie View
- **New Business**
  - National Meeting
    - August 22-25 Nashville
    - PLN, AEA, ASRED
    - Information on next conference call

- Listserve
  - Go to Website <http://srpln>
  - Go to ANR Committee
  - Click on listserv and it will automatically populate
    - May need to get IT to open
    - Email has to be in the administrative list
- **Other Business**
  - John Leonard- SERA 46 Project
    - RFA release for Extension
  - EPA RFA- Look at a 12 state region
  - Avian Influenza- Arkansas
    - APHIS?
    - VA working with VA Department of Ag (VADSC)
    - Dip pans in front of offices in AK and in front of NRCS
      - Mandatory to dip feet
    - Producers coming into offices?
  - Adjustments?
    - Send and ask for additional agenda items
    - Any issues coming forward
  - Need Information- go to listserv email
    - Other states on Scholarship of Extension
    - What other states are doing this and shared information?
      - VA/NC- 2 pages of information
    - Performance appraisal should be parallel
    - 10-12 page document up for revision
    - Discuss Scholarly activity on listserv
      - Place all documents here
    - TN has a list
    - Good to get South East to collaborate
      - Needs revision
      - Helpful to see what other institutions have in place
- **Additional Follow up?**
  - Next meeting- February 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 10am
- **Meeting Adjourned-** Billy Lawton @ 10:36am
  - Marty will send out the Agenda for the Sea Grant Academy
    - Will get to Billy for distribution
  - Professional Development
    - Online into one website
    - Working with development
    - Info and links will be sent before July
  - Plan of Work
    - Beginning of the year start meeting on this item
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