

Southern ANR-PLN Conference Call – May 17, 2017

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ANR Representatives

Officers

Bobby Grisso, Chair - Virginia Tech

*Melissa Stewart, Vice-Chair - West Virginia State University (*unable to attend)

Marty Main, Secretary - University of Florida

Attendance

Billy Lawton - Prairie View A & M University

Victor (Vic) Ford - University of Arkansas

Ron Brown – Mississippi State University

Gary Palmer – University of Kentucky

Randy Taylor – Oklahoma State University

Marion Simon - Kentucky State University

Tom Melton - NC State University

Meeting Notes

Meeting Updates – Bobby Grisso, Chair

- North Central and Southern Region ANR Program Leaders meeting - June 27-29, 2017 (tentative program attached). Lodging will be at the Omni Shoreham, register by May 26.
<https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/washington-dc-shoreham/meetings/joint-asred-nccea-anr-program-leaders-meeting>. For more information contact: Drs. Grisso, Stewart, or Mukhtar
- 2017 SRPLN/ASRED in Fort Worth, TX – August 21-25, 2017. Drs. Stewart and Miller working on program items/committee's night out. Registration (\$370 before July 15).
http://srpln.msstate.edu/pln/2017_srpln_conference.html
- 2018 SRPLN/ASRED in Orlando, FL – August 20-23, 2018. Save the date. Potential ANR retreat prior to the SRPLN/ASRED meeting to discuss ANR subject matter core competency training prior to meeting (Aug 18-20 – details follow).

Subject Matter Core Competency Training for ANR Extension Agents

(Robert Burns, Marty Main, Billy Lawton, Matthew Burns)

Updates: M. Main

- A survey will be developed and submitted to the SRPLN-ANR membership prior to and results be discussed at the 2017 SRPLN/ASRED in Fort Worth, TX
- Discussion of potential ANR-PLN retreat prior to the 2018 SRN/ANR-PLN meeting in Orlando, FL to work collectively on this effort. Details of the proposed retreat follow:

Proposed dates: the proposed retreat beginning on Sat. Aug 18, ending Monday Aug 20. We would begin the retreat Saturday afternoon, have a full day on Sunday, and depart for Orlando and the SRN meeting after breakfast on Monday morning.

Retreat purpose – to discuss how we might be more strategic and collaborative in the development of online training modules for building subject matter expertise (subject matter core competencies) in our extension agents. Currently, subject matter training for extension agents is often ad hoc and non-strategic. In some subject areas there is a great deal of duplication of effort in training extension agents both within and among states. The purpose of this retreat will be to identify high-priority needs, existing online training programs, and strategies to develop needed subject matter training programs that can be used by the ANR in multiple states. The retreat would include planning and discussions, but also fellowship and team building components.

Proposed retreat logistics and costs: The proposed plan is to have the retreat the weekend before the SRN/ANR-PLN meeting in 2018, which is going to be held in Orlando, FL (August 20-23, 2018). The retreat location is the FFA Leadership Center in Haines City (www.flaltc.org), which is approximately 45 min from the Orlando International Airport. The Center is on a beautiful lake surrounded by a conservation area that provides various recreational opportunities (hiking, etc.). Food is excellent and provided on sites, as is lodging. Main has used the Center multiple times and it is a great place for a retreat. The cost is modest for food and lodging and will vary depending on buffet menu choices and added activities, but this is a very close estimate:

- Lodging: 2 nights = \$85/night for single room, \$100/night for a 2-person shared room.
- Meals: \$102/person for 2 dinners, 1 lunch, 2 breakfasts
- Estimated Total Cost per person: Single room = \$275; Double room = \$205

Presentation: University of Florida/IFAS Assessment for Invasive Plants (Dr. Deah Lieurance, Host: Main)

Overview: The UF/IFAS Assessment of Non-native Plants in Florida's Natural Areas uses literature-based assessment tools to evaluate the invasion risk of non-native species in 3 categories: (1) those that currently occur in the state, (2) new species proposed for introduction (such as for biofuels), and (3) novel agricultural and horticultural selections, hybrids, and cultivars proposed for cultivation and sale.

The overarching goal of the Assessment is to prevent or reduce the environmental and economic impacts of non-native plant invasions in natural and agricultural areas of Florida and throughout the Southeastern USA. A more detailed description of the UF/IFAS Assessment is available in UF/IFAS EDIS:

<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/ag376> The UF/IFAS Assessment Website: <http://assessment.ifas.ufl.edu/>

Link to recording: <http://mbreeze.ifas.ufl.edu/p49u8xme6ye/>

Note: Link did not work for me using Google Chrome (Explorer did work)

Future items:

- June 27-29, 2017 - NC & SE ANR Program Leaders Meeting, Registration coming.
- August 21-25, 2017 - PLN Conference (Fort Worth, TX). Registration (\$370 before July 15) and agenda: http://srpln.msstate.edu/pln/2017_srpln_conference.html
- August 20-23, 2018 - PLN Conference (Orlando, FL)