



**Southern ANR - PLN
Conference Call
May 23, 2018**

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Chair: Bobby Grisso – Virginia Tech
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Attendance:

Bobby Grisso
Billy Lawton
Marty Main
Alex Bolques
Ricky Yeargan – University of Kentucky
Robert Whitson – Texas A&M University
Steve Martin – Mississippi State University
Tom Melton - NC State University
Mike Buschermohle – University of Tennessee
Saqib Mukhtar – University of Florida
Louie Rivers – Kentucky State University
Victor Ford – University of Arkansas

Roll call – Bobby Grisso, Chair

Agenda:

- 1) Update from the ANR-PLN Advisors & PLC Reps
- 2) Updates concerning the ANR Plan of Work
 - a. Organize a 2019 ANR Program Leaders meeting in DC
 - b. Financial Crisis in Agriculture educational materials
 - c. Pre PLN conference retreat
- 3) Agenda for the 2018 ANR-PLN meeting scheduled for Aug. 20-24 in Orlando, FL.

Meeting notes:

Agenda item 1: ANR-PLN Advisors & PLC Reps updates

Bobby reported that Laura Johnson (Perry), 1862 Advisor, was not able to be on the call. She mentioned that Doug Steal the Extension of Texas has stepped down. Dr. Parr Rosson is the new Interim Director of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Bobby made a call for PLC updates. Louie Rivers reminded everyone that the ??? May 31 deadline is upon us and wanted to remind the committee to submit their application on time. Tom Melton reported that he did not have any new to share since our last meeting.

Agenda item 2: ANR Plan of Work

Agenda item 2.a.: 2019 ANR Program Leaders meeting in DC

Saqib reported that the 2019 Joint Sothern Region and North Central ANR Program Leaders meeting will be held from June 4-6 at the APLU building in Washington DC. APLU building meeting rooms reserved. The block of hotel room reservation is pending since it is based on the number of participants expected to register for the conference.

Agenda item 2.b.: Financial Crisis in Agriculture educational materials

Nathan Smith was not able to attend but submitted a report to Bobby...

An organized symposium was held at the Southern Ag Economics Association Annual Meeting. Below was the agenda:

February 4, 2018 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Pre-Conference Session

Southern Farms Financial Outlook and Extension's Response to Tight Margins and Reduced Liquidity**

Organizer: Southern Farm Management Extension Committee

Sponsor: Southern Risk Management Education Center

Moderator: Todd Davis, University of Kentucky

Presentations:

How do the Macro-Economic Conditions Compare to the 1980's?, by Joe Outlaw, Texas A&M University; James Richardson, Texas A&M University; David Anderson, Texas A&M University

Representative Farms Outlook, by George Knapek, Texas A&M University

Helping Crop Farms Weather the Storm, by Brian Williams, Mississippi State University

Managing Livestock Farms in a Down Cycle, by Andrew Griffith, University of Tennessee

Overview of Farm Papers Resources, by David Anderson, Texas A&M University

** Hard copies of the publication were printed and delivered in March to each state in the Southern Region by the Southern Risk Management Education Center. The SEEC annual meeting is June 11-13 in Myrtle Beach, SC. The original goal is completed and the project is considered done unless additional tasks come up as a result of the committee meeting next month. This will likely be a topic of discussion as the effects are starting to be felt with the downturn continuing. A major outside shock to the industry could create a financial crisis with a lot of operations and support industries are at risk.

Agenda item 2.c.: Pre PLN conference retreat

Marty reported that the PLN ANR pre-conference retreat at the 2018 Program Leaders Conference in Orlando, FL was cancelled due to lack of interest.

Agenda item 3: 2018 ANR-PLN meeting scheduled for Aug. 20-24 in Orlando, FL

Marty reminded everyone of the meeting venue will be, The Florida Hotel & Conference Center, 1500 Sand Lake Rd., 32809. Below, Marty shared a draft (working) agenda for the ANR meetings at PLN as follow:

Tuesday, August 21

10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Introductions and Administrative Updates

- Program Overview/Housekeeping (5 min)
- Introductions of Members and Guests (5 min)

- Circulate sign-in sheet
- Circulate membership roster for update
- Updates from Administrative Advisors
 - 1862/1890 Advisors - Laura Johnson / M. Ray McKinnie (10 min)
 - PLC Reps – Louie Rivers/Tom Melton (10 min)

11:00 – 11:45 a.m. 2017-2018 and 2018-19 Plan of Work (Report)

- Updates/review 2017-18 POW Action Items
- Document progress/status for 2017-18 report and 2018-19 POW

11:45 a.m. Lunch & Ignite Sessions

1:30 p.m. Field Trip/Tour – options – do we need a tour? Link the tour with a dinner out?

6:30 p.m. Evening Committee Night Out - TBD

Wednesday, August 22

8:00 – 10:00 a.m. – Extension Programming

Suggestions for presentations/updates:

- Prescribed and Wild Fire Extension Programming - suggestions
 - 8:15-8:45 – Protecting residential landscapes (firewise training) – Holly Campbell (SREF)
 - 8:45-9:15 – Oregon State U. Wild Citizen Fire Academy Curriculum (Jim Jones (Oregon SU) has offered to present on his own dime)
 - 9:15-9:45 - Discussion re: Prescribed fire private landowner training needs
 - 9:45-10:00 - Discussion re: whether to include fire in the 2018-19 POW?

10:00 a.m. - Break

10:30 a.m. Continued

- 10:30-12:00
 - Review, update and approve 2017-18 POW and finalize 2018-19 POW and submit
 - Election of New Officers
 - Establish dates for 2017-2018 conference calls

12:00 Noon Lunch

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. suggestions for presentations or discussions?

- Issues in the rural/urban interface? (invasive spp, smells, noise, etc.)
- Feral hog control?
- Southern Regional Forestry Update-Bill Hubbard?

3:00 p.m. Break

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. – suggestions?

5:00 p.m. Adjourn

6:30 p.m. State's Night Out

Thursday, August 23

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 State Reports? (Hard Copies Optional?) – Do we want state reports?

10:00 - Break

10:30 - 12:00 p.m. – suggestions?

12:00 p.m. Adjourn

Marty reviewed the draft agenda while providing further information on specific agenda items, group night out, field trip possibilities relative to rural/urban interface. Programs dealing with fire and the urban interface for the field trip are being considered. Several of the committee members found the field trip would have benefits back to their states programming areas. Marty will be working on a revised draft agenda.

Other items of interest: Bobby

Please forward any “hot button” items/issues of concern for the Plan of Work to Bobby and/or Marty prior to the August PLN meeting in Orlando.

The NACAA AM-PIC meeting will be in Chattanooga, Tennessee towards the end of July this year.

A note from Rachel Welborn, please update your PLN directory information.

Further discussions developed on the issue of Dicamba as a broad-spectrum herbicide.

Meeting adjourn

Respectfully submitted by:
Alex Bolques
PLN-ANR Secretary