



**Southern ANR - PLN  
Conference Call  
February 9, 2018**

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**Attendance:**

Bobby Grisso  
Billy Lawton  
Marty Main  
Alex Bolques  
Nathan Smith – Clemson University  
Louie Rivers – Kentucky State University  
Saqib Mukhtar – University of Florida  
Mike Buschermohle – University of Tennessee  
Todd Smith – Texas A&M AgriLife  
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  
Victor Ford – University of Arkansas

## **Agenda:**

1. John McGee an update of a new eXtension tool - NEWT <https://newt.cgkit.vt.edu/>.
2. Update from the ANR-PLN Advisors & PLC Reps
3. Updates concerning the ANR Plan of Work (attached)
  - a. Organize a 2019 ANR Program Leaders meeting in DC
  - b. Financial Crisis in Agriculture educational materials
  - c. Pre PLN conference retreat

## **Meeting notes:**

Roll call – Bobby Grisso, Chair

Agenda item 1.

Bobby introduced John McGee, Geospatial Extension Specialist with VT. John gave a presentation on the Nation Extension Web-mapping Tool (NEWT). NEWT is a cloud based nation-wide dataset consisting of digital maps that can be used to query more effectively use spatial data for decisions regarding programming and strategic planning. It relies on maps and census data to provide Extension administrators and staff with nation, state, and county level with spatial data. An online BETA version is found at: <https://www.mapasyst.org/newt/>. Shane Bradt (UNH) and John McGee are hosting a Webinar through eXtension on the National Extension Webmapping Tool (NEWT) on Thursday, February 22 at 2PM.

Agenda item 2.

Not much to report on Advisors & PLC Reps.

Laura Johnson sent a note on the passing of “Joe”. Tom Melton briefly shared the sudden peaceful passing of Joe. Memorial services will be Sunday, February 11. Joe was 66 years old.

Agenda item 3.a.

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. He is working on the contract for Omni Shoreham Hotel.

Agenda item 3.b.

Nathan Smith shared a document on Surviving the Farm Economy Downturn as part of the Financial Crisis in Agriculture educational materials included in the ANR Plan of

Work. The document is housed on the TAMU Ag and Food Policy Center's website. The papers were reviewed and edited by AFPC for the committee and the Southern Risk Management Education Center at the University of Arkansas is providing project support including helping distribute it by printing copies, <https://www.afpc.tamu.edu/extension/resources/downturn-book/>.

Agenda item 3.c.

Marty on a pre-conference retreat at the 2018 Program Leaders Conference in Orlando, FL. The pre-conference retreat would allow for an opportunity for to spend more time working together on the plan of work and other related areas such as working together across state lines, working collaboratively in the planning of professional development programs that can be utilized and shared by extension faculty. Unfortunately, polling of ANR group did not result in enough interest to have a day or two for the retreat.

Bobby reminded the group of the scheduled telephone calls:

SCHEDULED CONFERENCE CALLS

Please call 605-468-8038 and enter participant code 789360#

9:00 a.m. CST \ 10:00 a.m. EST

January 4, 2018

February 9, 2018

May 23, 2018

Respectfully submitted by:  
Alex Bolques  
ANR-PLN Secretary