

ANR – PLN Committee Meeting Minutes
Conference Call
February 13, 2015

Attendees:

Robert Burns	University of Tennessee
Bobby Grisso	Virginia Tech
Billy Lawton	Prairie View A&M University
Marty Main	University of Florida
Tom Melton	North Carolina State University
Gary Palmer	University of Kentucky
Marion Simon	Kentucky State University
Rogers Leonard	Louisiana State University
Edoe Agbodjan	South Carolina State University
Saqib Mukhtar	University of Florida (Effective: April 20, 2015)
Roy Bullock	Tennessee State University

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am on 2/13/2015 by ANR-PLN Committee Chair Robert Burns.

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

1. The North Central and Southern Region Joint ANR PLN meeting will be held in Washington, DC , June 2-4, 2015
 - o June 1 will be a travel day
 - o June 2 the proposed meeting starting time is 8:00 am
 - o June 2 and 3 will be joint meetings
 - o June 4 each region will meet separately
2. The lodging for the Joint ANR-PLN meeting discussion was led by Bobby Grisso, VA. Grisso will send a poll (sent by email on 2/13/15) to the Southern Region committee members to get a count of who is planning on attending each day for room and meal counts and to see who will need lodging accommodations. Polling survey:
3. The discussion concerning the joint ANR-PLN meeting program was led by Robert Burns, TN.
 - o Robert Burns (UT), Bobby Grisso (VT), Billy Lawton (PV-A&M), David Baker (UMO), Gregg Hadley (KSU) and Charlie Stoltenow (NDSU) are working to put together the program.
 - o Both the North Central and Southern Region PLN committees polled their members to see what government and non-government agencies they would like to meet with during the meeting. The Southern Region poll summary is attached to the minutes.
 - o It was decided to invite the following government agencies to give a presentation during the meeting:
 - NIFA
 - IPM – Marty Draper
 - RREA – Eric Norlan
 - Small Farm - Denis Ebodoghe
 - NRCS
 - Farm & Foreign Agriculture Services – Karis Gutter

- Conservation Innovation Grants – Eric Beardsley
 - Regional Conservation Partnership Program – Wayne Honeycut
 - Other possible
 - AFRI
 - EPA – water issues
 - USAID opportunities
 - GMOs & pesticide – Organic organization/Pesticide org.
 - US Fishery & Wildlife Services – why disengaged from Extension
 - Pesticide Safety Program
 - FDA – to build relationships
 - Crop Life America website (<http://www.croplifeamerica.org/about>) includes many of the issues (pollinator protection, GMO's, seed treatments, pesticide safety, etc.).
 - Non-government agencies were discussed.
 - The committee suggested that each organization on the list will be invited to give a 5 minute presentation at an evening networking event that would begin at 4:00 pm.
 - It was also suggested that the presenters be offered the opportunity to set up a display as well.
 - A suggestion was made to create a synopsis of bullet points for committee members to discuss with the presenters.
4. An update on shared on-line agent training resources was given by Marty Main, FL.
- The training resources sub-committee will be meeting later today to discuss the following.
 - How to compile resources
 - How to make resources available
 - How to utilize eXtension
 - How to quantify what is learned
 - It was noted that there will be some difficulties compiling and making resources and training available across the states.
 - The next steps should be laid out at today's meeting
 - It was noted that the on-line training resources are a part of the PLN's plan of work.
5. Robert Burns asked members how the Extension Farm Bill Education Efforts were progressing in their states.
- TN – The program roll out was successful and there were large turnouts for the meetings.
 - TX – The general feeling was that only a small percent of the farmers would actually use the on-line decision making tool. They will have computers and students available to help the farmers create an account and use the tool.
 - KY – They are training agents to help the farmers. Computers will be available at the county Extension offices. So far 1/3 of the counties have had meetings.
 - Robert Burns noted that the impact reporting consolidation may be done at the director level and may come off of this committee's plan of work. This may need to be discussed at the April ASRED meeting.

6. Robert Burns asked for input on Extension publications management systems that others are using. He asked the committee to send him information they have on successful systems. He will compile and send out the suggestions of successful systems to the committee via email.
7. The next meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2015 from 10 – 11 am. Items for the agenda include -
 - Creating the agenda for the August PLN meeting which could include-
 - Extension publications management systems
 - Regional publication peer review
 - Regional in-service training
 - Creating the agenda for the SE regional portion of the meeting on June 4, 2015.
8. For the Good of the Order – no comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 am.

Next Call – May 11, 2015 – 10:00 am Eastern

2015 National PLN Summer Meeting Contacts Survey

Last Modified: 02/12/2015

1. Please indicate how interested you are in meeting with the following governmental agencies.

#	Question	Not interested at all	Somewhat interested	Interested	Very interested	Total Responses	Mean
4	NIFA	0	0	2	8	10	3.8
5	NRCS	0	0	5	5	10	3.5
3	FSA	1	1	3	4	9	3.11
8	USAID	0	2	5	3	10	3.1
6	NSF	1	2	4	2	9	2.78
7	RMA	1	2	3	2	8	2.75
2	EPA	2	1	5	0	8	2.38
1	APIS	2	2	3	0	7	2.14
9	USCIS - Homeland Security	3	1	2	1	7	2.14
10	USDI-CS	2	2	3	0	7	2.14

Statistic	APIS	EPA	FSA	NIFA	NRCS	NSF	RMA	USAID	USCIS - Ho	USDI-CS
Min Value	1	1	1	3	3	1	1	2	1	1
Max Value	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3
Mean	2.14	2.38	3.11	3.8	3.5	2.78	2.75	3.1	2.14	2.14
Variance	0.81	0.84	1.11	0.18	0.28	0.94	1.07	0.54	1.48	0.81
Standard Deviation	0.9	0.92	1.05	0.42	0.53	0.97	1.04	0.74	1.21	0.9
Total Responses	7	8	9	10	10	9	8	10	7	7

2. Please list any other governmental agencies you are interested in meeting with.

Text Response

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	0

3. Please indicate how interested you are in meeting with the following NGOs and producer/commodity groups.

#	Question	Not interested at all	Somewhat interested	Interested	Very interested	Total Responses	Mean
8	National Small Farm and	1	1	2	6	10	3.3
1	American Farm Bureau	0	2	5	2	9	3
2	APLU	0	2	4	2	8	3
4	Fertilizer Institute	0	4	3	1	8	2.63
6	National Livestock Asso	1	1	6	0	8	2.63
9	Nature Conservancy	1	3	3	1	8	2.5
5	National Cattleman's	1	2	4	0	7	2.43
7	National Resources Defi	1	3	2	1	7	2.43
3	Environmental Defense	1	4	2	1	8	2.38

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Min Value	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
Max Value	4	4	4	4	3	3	4	4	4
Mean	3	3	2.38	2.63	2.43	2.63	2.43	3.3	2.5
Variance	0.5	0.57	0.84	0.55	0.62	0.55	0.95	1.12	0.86
Standard D	0.71	0.76	0.92	0.74	0.79	0.74	0.98	1.06	0.93
Total Respc	9	8	8	8	7	8	7	10	8

4. Please list any other NGOs or producer/commodity groups you are interested in meeting with.

Text Response

Statistic Value

Total Respc 0