

MINUTES

ANR – PLN Conference Call Friday, November 14, 2014 10:00 am Eastern

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am EST

Roll Call – Uma Karki, Rick Cartwright, Marty Main, Gary Palmer, Louie Rivers, Marion Simon, Dawn Mellion-Patin, Paul Mask, Tom Melton, Ross Love, Edoe Agbodjan, Robert Burns, Billy Lawton, Bobby Grisso, James Trapp, (Cindy Tietz taking minutes)

1. R Burns thanked the committee for allowing him to move the dates and times of the scheduled conference calls. He asked the committee to let him know if there are any major conflicts with the new dates and times. (Feb. 13, 2015 and May 11, 2015 from 10-11 am EST)
2. **The ANR email listserv was discussed. B Lawton has the signup sheet from the last conference. He sent a copy to Rachel Welborn to have the listserv updated. He will follow up with R Welborn to be certain that the list has been updated. If you are not receiving emails please check your spam folder.
3. The 2014-15 Plan of Work was reviewed.
 - a. Item #1 – Recommendation report on sharing of on-line agent training resources.
 - i. **M Main will contact T Hurt to ask him to be the key contact for item #1 and for putting together the report.
 - ii. G Palmer has been using Linc and eXtension for agent training resources.
 - b. Item #2 – Work with North Central Region (NCR) to plan possible national ANR PL meeting.
 - i. The May 2015 meeting can be used to plan the national meeting.
 - ii. National meetings have previously been held in Washington DC.
 - iii. The committee agreed that the meeting could be national or just the North Central and South East Regions program leaders.
 - iv. Proposed dates were the first or second week of June 2015, fall 2015 or spring 2016. The Pork Expo and Climate Community meeting conflict with the first week of June and R Burns & B Grisso have conflict the third week of June.
 - v. B Grisso will look into possible locations once the dates are determined. Some suggestions were Virginia Tech, APLU headquarters, Crystal City Marriott and the Whitten Building in DC. Two rooms may be needed if breakout sessions are planned.
 - vi. It was also suggested to check with Jane Schuchardt (jane.schuchardt@extension.org - 202.478.6029 Or Chrystal Checketts, Staff Associate - chrystal.checketts@extension.org 202.478.6088) with the USDA to see if the USDA has a contract with a local hotel and to check the best dates to meet with NIFA leadership.
 - vii. The proposed agenda is as follows:
 1. Day 1 – begin at noon
 2. Day 2 – all day meetings

3. Day 3 – adjourn by noon
 - viii. The last meeting with SER and NCR in DC had about 75 attendees and was held in the spring.
 - ix. The next SRPLN meeting will be at the joint meeting, August 24-28, 2015 in Orlando, Florida.
 - x. **R Burns and B Grisso will contact David Baker and John Lawrence of NCR to discuss possible dates – Second week of June or fall 2015.
 - xi. **Once possible dates have been established R Burns will contact Jane Schuchardt and set up a conference call with NCR to discuss dates and locations. They will also look at dates to meet with NIFA leadership and NRCS leadership.
- c. Item #3 – Reporting of impact from USDA formula funding or SER Farm Bill Extension Education.
 - i. T Miller is the key contact.
 - ii. This will be a report of what happened due to the Farm Bill roll out.
4. For the Good of the Order
 - a. **Joan Dusty (UFI) is retiring. R Burns will draft a letter and share with the rest of the committee for edits. The letter will be sent from the committee. Committee members can also send letters individually. The reception is December 17 at noon in Florida.
 - b. **Steve Brown (UGa) is also retiring. R Burns will draft a letter for him as well.
 - c. FSA funding for Farm Bill education evaluation forms need to be filled out. TN has signed the contract but hasn't billed for reimbursement yet. KY is the same. FSA wants KY to send a mailing to 128,000 addresses in the database but the national contract doesn't call for that.
 - d. **FSA wants the county agents to verify in the form of a letter when livestock is killed by a predator if the producer wants to be reimbursed. R Burns had a draft letter that he will send to Jim to get assistance at the national level.
5. Next Call – February 13, 2014 – 10:00 am Eastern.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.

** Action Items to be completed

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