

Southern PLN Conference Call- November 17, 2015- 10am

- **Opening of Meeting and Welcome Remarks-** Billy Lawton, Southern PLN Chair- 10:02am
- **Roll Call-** Melissa Stewart, Southern PLN Secretary
 - Alabama- Uma Karki, Paul Mask
 - Arkansas- Rick Cartwright
 - Georgia- William Hubbard
 - Kentucky- Ken ? sitting in for Louie Rivers, Gary Palmer
 - Louisiana- Rogers Leonard, Dawn Mellion-Patin
 - Texas- Billy Lawton, Travis Miller
 - Virginia- Bobby Grisso
 - West Virginia- Melissa Stewart
- **Minutes** from previous meeting approved
- **Old Business-** Bill Hubbard- Updates
 - Opportunities: Feedback from Director Summer meetings in Orlando
 - Pleased with Office Output but needs to get the information out to the Field Agents
 - Sent newsletters and updates to Specialist but not always to Agents
 - Needs input on how to distribute
 - Looking for opportunities to visit states during program planning
 - Highlight programs
 - Already presented to the ANR Leaders in GA
 - Would like to have more engagement with Specialists and Agents and improve electronic distribution of information
 - Open for Questions and Recommendations
 - **Rec-** Send out information to us on the PLN Listserve
 - Maybe bimonthly updates
 - Newsletter on Listserve to be forwarded to others in the states
 - Listserve Access
 - Email has to accept address from listserve
 - **Rec-** Auburn New Forestry Dean
 - Come visit with new Dean at the beginning of the year
 - Possibly do a focus meeting with Auburn
 - **Question-** Is there a standing display that could be available for Winter Conference- Virginia
 - Yes there is along with brochure and display opportunities
 - Available to attend large conferences
- **Plan of Work**
 - Plan of Action 2017
 - Calendar 2017- June 6-8 Joint Meeting @APLU
 - Southern Region Committee
 - Likes and dislikes about the Meeting

- Attended by 13 SPLN and same from North Central
- Timeline was too pushed/developed
- Presentations were posted with link in August along with minutes
- Everyone seemed to get the most out of the contacts made and interesting things that were coming forward (NRCS)
- Liked that agencies were pushed to discuss upcoming funding opportunities
- Would like to see more discussion on information transfer and community engagement
- We need to push agencies for clarification for opportunities
- **Cartwright- Sustainable Ag Minnesota Summit**
 - Field to Market Group
 - Soil Health information being presented
- **Job Announcements- Soil Health Positions**
 - Posted and program forming
- **North Central Committee**
 - Huddley- Kansas State
 - Andrew Laundo- Ohio State
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 - Looking for time slot in December to start to meet
 - Get a few agenda items established then invite in other regions
 - Feel like we have enough committee members but will look for a Moderator in the future
 - Expand the committee in Nashville
- **Tall Fescue Belt**
 - Updating Specialists
 - Burns to report on at next conference call
 - Cartwright- 4 states TN, KY, AR, MS
 - RCCP Proposal Submitted couple weeks ago
 - Will impact the entire belt
 - Faculty working together and making progress
- **NRCS- Burns**
 - Closer communication
 - 2 Conference calls had not been accomplished yet
 - Grisso has close relationship with State Conservationist
 - Seeing trends on efforts at the state level
 - Improving relationships with NRCS
 - Fall Testing with Praire View
- **New Business**
 - National Meeting
 - August 22-25 Nashville
 - PLN, AEA, ASRED
 - Information on next conference call

- Listserve
 - Go to Website <http://srpln>
 - Go to ANR Committee
 - Click on listserv and it will automatically populate
 - May need to get IT to open
 - Email has to be in the administrative list
 - **Other Business**
 - John Leonard- SERA 46 Project
 - RFA release for Extension
 - EPA RFA- Look at a 12 state region
 - Avian Influenza- Arkansas
 - APHIS?
 - VA working with Department
 - Dip pans in front of offices in AK and in front of NRCS
 - Mandatory to dip feet
 - Producers coming into offices?
 - Adjustments?
 - Send and ask for additional agenda items
 - Any issues coming forward
 - Need Information- go to listserv email
 - Other states on Scholarship of Extension
 - What other states are doing this and shared information
 - VA/NC- 2 pages of information
 - Performance appraisal should be parallel
 - 10-12 page document up for revision
 - Discuss Scholarly activity on listserv
 - Place all documents here
 - TN has a list
 - Good to get South East to collaborate
 - Needs revision
 - Helpful to see what other institutions have in place
 - **Additional Follow up?**
 - Next meeting- February 2nd @ 10am
 - **Meeting Adjourned-** Billy Lawton @ 10:36am
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- Marty will send out the Agenda for the Sea Grant Academy
 - Will get to Billy for distribution

- Professional Development
 - Online into one website
 - Working with development
 - Info and links will be sent before July
- Plan of Work
 - Beginning of the year start meeting on this item
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