**National School IPM Working Group Joint Steering and Advisory Committee Meeting Notes, Monday, March 2nd at 11:30am CT**

1. **Roll:** Dawn Gouge, Janet Hurley, Deborah Young, Lesley Deem, Tim Stock, Gregg Smith, Michael Herring, Russell Noratel, Thomas Green, Mariel Snyder
2. **SIPM at IPM Symposium**

Open National School IPM Meeting

March 24th, Tuesday evening from 6:30 – 8:30 PM, Room TBD.

**Agenda**

* National School IPM Update (Dawn)
* What’s working and what’s not (Marc)
* EPA Update From Center of Expertise (Sherry)
* National School IPM Priorities (Tom)
* EPA Pesticide Program Dialog Committee Update (Marc)
* An update on the iSchool Pest Management project (Janet)
* Stop School Pests – Emerging Needs Identified (Dawn)
* Second School IPM Legislation Publication (Janet)

**Don't miss the opportunity to hear plenary talks from:**

* Dr. Sonny Ramaswamy, Director of USDA's National Institute for Food and Agriculture
* Dr. Marc L. Lame, Clinical Professor at Indiana University’s School of Public and Environmental Affairs and Director of their Masters of Science Environmental Science Program
* Dr. David R. Shaw, Vice President for Research and Economic Development, Mississippi State University
* Dr. Mark Gregory Robson, Dean of Agricultural and Urban Programs and Professor of Plant Biology and Pathology, Rutgers University School of Environmental and Biological Sciences; Professor of Environmental and Occupational Health at the School of Public Health
* Mr. Jim Jones, Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP), U.S Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

**Other highlights include:**

* More than 45 concurrent sessions on IPM in urban, school, agronomic, vegetables, fruits, and rangeland settings
* Presentation of the International IPM Achievement Awards to outstanding individuals and teams
* Over 175 poster presentations on current IPM projects and research
* Exhibits on IPM products and services

1. **2020 School IPM Strategic Plan**

We have received all updated sections and incorporated these into the updated version of the plan. The next step is to send this version to Jim Farrar, director of the Western IPM Center, for Center approval.

1. **Regional Updates** 
   1. **North Central**

Lesley: The University of Illinois will be hosting training session this summer, more information to follow.

Tom: Mariel has accepted a position with the Preventative Cardiovascular Nurses Association. Starting March 13th please direct all communications to Tom.

* 1. **Western**

Dawn: Arizona started piloting the teaching material from Stop School Pests. The nursing group has been the most enthusiastic. The next step is to weight the learning objectives so the team can begin drafting exam questions. This process will begin soon. Still waiting on updated booked from NPMA.

Dawn also mentioned the multi-state USDA grant opportunity that has a deadline of April 7th 2015. *Please see RFA attached.*

* 1. **Southern**

Janet: Texas is working on a pest ID guide application for smart phones that do not need an internet connection. Customers will be able to go to the App Store or Google Play Store and download the app directly to their phones. The app will provide insect images, life stages, general information, IPM management and different life scenarios. The hope is to also integrate the action plans on the eXtension website and merge data onto the app that would be able to track how many people use it. The team would also like to build an IPM tactics library, the good, the bad and the ugly.

Next call: **Monday, April 6th at 11:30am CT**