**School IPM 2020 Steering Committee Conference Call Minutes**

Monday, June 1st, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM CST

1. **Roll**

* Russ Noratel, Lucy Li, Sherry Glick, Allie Taisey, Lynn Braband, Jim Farrar, Roy Fillyaw, Shaku Nair, Seth Dibblee, Kathy Murray, Fudd Graham, Tim Stock, Tom Green, Matt Neff

1. **Introducing Roy (Lee) Fillyaw (Sherry)**

* Roy is an MPA / MSCS student working alongside Sherry.
* Roy: It’s great to meet everyone, and I’m happy to learn about School IPM.

1. **LEED & IPM (Seth Dibblee)**
   * Seth Dibblee joined us on the call and discussed his successful partnership of the IL USGBC with EPA region 5.
   * 1 hour lecture proposal Seth put in re: LEED’s IPM and Green Cleaning credit opportunities – accepted, Seth has given talk three times to live audiences, once as a webinar, with two scheduled in the future.
   * Seth explained there’s a general goal to get schools LEED certified – sometimes state policy, sometimes as just a feather in the cap for the school. His presentation takes advantage of interest in LEED certification points by highlighting a lesser-known point opportunity: IPM and green cleaning.
   * Seth is currently investigating interest in his presentation in other EPA regions & USGBC chapters. Group discussed whether it would be possible to replicate his success nationally; Seth noted that it’s an ambitious undertaking.
     + Tom: Identify contacts in all the regions, promote case why points can be gotten in all these regions, -- may take a sales job – what Seth is doing may be leading more people to IPM?
     + USGBC is working on a new project to track impact of LEED, impact on learning etc. – research underway, may not be IPM specific.
     + USGBC contact lists exist and can be sent out to the group.
2. **Individual updates – Regions, EPA, others**

* **Lynn**: We are reinstituting NE Working Group calls.
  + First one is June 11, 11AM EDT.
  + Various members will tell what’s going on their state.
  + Russ Noratel will describe DC’s new school IPM regulations.
* NYS 2013 survey of Pest Management Practices in schools – report finally published online.
* **Kathy**:
  + Grant project: Overseeding for school athletic fields
    - Currently recruiting schools, seed being donated by Scott’s
    - We start overseeding in August – looking at turf quality, compaction.
    - Total of 10 overseedings planned**.** Schools enthusiastic and excited.
  + More emphasis on tribal schools. All tribal schools in New England are in Maine – Bureau of Indian Education – asked group whether anyone has anything to share?
  + Lynn: Tribes in NY State consider their primary govt. relationship to be with federal govt. – not many have obligations to state governments.
  + Janet: That all depends on how their charter is written.
* **Shaku**
  + Tribal Schools: School Inspection workshop coming up. **Here are the details**: “The Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA), along with University of Arizona and US EPA Region IX, is organizing a Tribal School IPM Workshop, July 23-24, 2015. The workshop will include classroom instructions and a hands-on practicum. The purpose of this workshop is to provide information for the tribal school community on: IPM philosophy and the best way to manage pests, pesticide safety, controlling vector pests, and developing a School IPM Plan specifically for each school.” Please contact Shaku for more information.
  + Stop School Pests – working on developing online versions of modules. Conference call on June 17th – hopefully after the next call, we’ll have an update.
* **Lucy** – Generic school IPM template got accepted.

1. **Who should replace Mike Page on the steering committee**?

* EPA is working with Gary King out of ASPCRO
* Janet: I’ll reach out to ASPCRO people, and go from there.

1. **Quantifying the financial costs and benefits of school IPM: a collaborative workgroup project**

**(Janet)**

* Janet detailed new workgroup grant project examining the financial costs and benefits of School IPM. Two aspects:
  + Where school pest management programs are in terms of doing IPM
  + Specific costs
* Working with Blake Bennett, economist, + Ag Economics Team at Texas A&M. Upcoming meeting with SchoolDude to get more data.
* Tom: Importance of separating costs between reaction vs. prevention for School IPM. There might be a difference for how costs are proportioned between the two. Group agreed on need to look at School IPM holistically, as indirect costs/benefits may be intangible, such as better student health and learning outcomes.

1. **Pest Management Strategic Plan (PMSP) –The final process (Janet)**
   * Setting a hard deadline (before the next grant cycle)

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