**School IPM 2020 Steering Committee July Conference Call Notes**

Monday, July 6th, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM CST

1. **Roll:** Dawn Gouge, Janet Hurley, Cathy Eiden, Tom Green, Sherry Glick, Lynnae Jess, Tim Stock, Matthew Baur, Shaku Nair, Russ Noratel, Lucy Li, Fudd Graham, Cara Finn
2. **Partnership: National Organizations (Sherry, Cathy Eiden)**

Cathy Eiden is senior advisor to Bob McNally. She asked for help on a new School IPM roundtable project.

* EPA is getting started on an outreach effort engaging national organizations, specifically school health, school business, & school administration NGOs
  + Seeking contacts at organizations to attend a national School IPM workshop (EPA set up and funded) 6 months from now
  + Ultimate goal is national dissemination of School IPM via their endorsement, cooperation, letters, journal articles, recommendations, etc.
* Workshop will be in DC metro area.
  + Travel will be covered by EPA for non-locals.
  + Organizations being courted are all national.
* Could members of the group help us as primary contacts for these groups we’ve already identified?
  + Please volunteer to make introductory calls for us
  + Goal is to take advantage of preexisting relationships that we could leverage as part of our outreach effort
  + Please get in touch with Cathy or Sherry to talk preliminarily before you reach out
* Excel spreadsheet with 40 to 50 organizations identified that will be sent around.

1. **New EPA Grant Opportunity: Using Educational Networks to Increase Adoption of IPM in Schools (group)**

* All questions about the grant need to be addressed to Cara Finn ([Finn.Cara@epa.gov](mailto:Finn.Cara@epa.gov)) and will be posted at <http://www2.epa.gov/managing-pests-schools/ipm-grant-faqs> once asked.

1. **Individual updates – (Regions, EPA, others)**

* **Tim**: IPM Coordinator events: one in Eastern Oregon that was small, rural, and one in Salem with 70 people. Also, metro Portland turfgrass/landscape training/site visits.
* **Tom**: We’ve begun planning for the next IPM Symposium. We have the list of co-chairs and a healthy list of volunteers.
  + A lot of concern since our attendance dropped this last time, funding was short, and we had a financial deficit.
  + We intend to reverse that trend by attracting more practitioners from other places including the corporate world, food companies, K-12 and secondary education.
  + IPM voice: the board reconstituted last summer; we’re working on projects with Framework Institute, whose specialty is communication campaigns. The plan is to do research and develop a public education campaign about IPM.
* **Dawn**:
  + School IPM Plan Template finally finished. Modifiable document, school districts will be able log on to interact. Link here: <https://extension.arizona.edu/sites/extension.arizona.edu/files/pubs/az1669-2015.pdf>
  + Ficus Whitefly and Giant Mesquite Bugs have been causing hysteria in Arizona.
  + **Tribal School IPM training** – fully funded national tribal training (through Region 9), invitees have to be tribal community members.
    - Struggling, enrollment is low (18 people). Intertribal Council and EPA region 9 have promoted far and wide. Any additional contacts will be very useful.
    - The first of two trainings that’s supposed to happen – if we can’t get higher attendance, the 2nd likely won’t happen.
    - Info here: <http://ag.arizona.edu/apmc/docs/R9%20Tribal%20School%20Workshop%202015Save%20the%20date%20July%2023-24%202015.pdf>
    - Africa Dorame-Avalos from Inter Tribal Council of Arizona is the contact for agenda questions and to inquire about financial support to attend this workshop: (602) 258-4822 or [Africa.Dorame-Avalos@itcaonline.com](mailto:Africa.Dorame-Avalos@itcaonline.com)
* **Janet**:
  + Quantifying Cost project: Plano ISD has a mindblowing cockroach infestation due to shoddy building construction/design.
  + iSchool manager call tomorrow afternoon – there’ll be a score sheet to rank documents, additions that need to be made.
* **Tom**: Updating School IPM 2020 strategic plan; it will be online today.

1. **The two journal articles we didn’t have time to discuss in Salt Lake (Janet/Dawn)**

* **Dawn**: Journal of IPM article – How the national implementation effort has evolved
  + Consensus article, everyone gets to review, sign on, note their contribution
  + Dawn: Will circulate early draft in September.
* With regards to the consensus article for the ESA Journal, Sherry added that she’d like to see this article include information on when schools deal with rodents and cockroaches, what works best? This article would support IPM as the solution for asthma in schools and other sensitive areas.
* Sherry left the call.

1. **Return to discussion of New EPA Grant Opportunity: Using Educational Networks to Increase Adoption of IPM in Schools (group)**

* EPA RFA released, due August 10, remaining participants on the call discussed a collaborative proposal.

Next call: **Monday, August 3rd at 11:30am CT**