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

Monday, August 3, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM CST

1. **Roll:** Matt Baur, Shaku Nair, Gary King, Sherry Glick, Janet Hurley, Lucy Li, Deb Young, Dawn Gouge, Lynn Braband, Fudd Graham, Kathy Murray
2. **Poll: How many of you have linked to CA DPR’s School IPM videos? (Sherry)**

* Sherry: Region 9 SIPM Coordinator Fabiola Estrada has asked me to poll this committee to find out who and which programs/url links that the CA Department of Pesticide Regulation videos have been posted to. Please send Sherry a separate email with the link of the url where the posts have been made.
* Lucy sent out the links several times in U of A’s IPM newsletter already. Lucy will send record of those to Sherry.

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

* Deb Young discussed the training her region has been doing for custodians over the summer – new school districts are interested in moving forward. Deb also announced her retirement in September. The group congratulated her and told her she’d be missed.
* Janet discussed her recent work in Louisiana. She used two Stop School Pests modules for the annual Louisiana School IPM program. Schools have come to rely on Claudia Riegel to hold yearly School IPM in the area. Orleans Parish is one of the few counties in the country where all schools are going under a charter rule. The city of New Orleans is picking up a lot of these schools and helping them with their pest management programs, along with Louisiana Dept of Ag & Forestry. The group discussed mass conversions to charter schools that they’ve witnessed and what the consequences were for pest management programs.
* Lucy and Dawn described the July 23-24, School IPM for National Tribal Schools event in Arizona. It was a very successful event with a school walkthrough and one and a half-day of classroom lecture, with many people very interested. About 15-20 people attended depending upon the point in the agenda. It was a national, all expenses paid call so that’s not a lot of people and the vast majority of attendees were from AZ. The goal was 50 people. Participants reported that people applying for travel authorization during the summer months weren’t getting it in time. The group discussed the challenges of holding these events during session, and also outside of the school session. A range of tribes from inside AZ attended. Pediatrician/toxicologist from U of A, Dr. Mazda Shirazi, MD, PhD. presented a lecture. He is the Medical Director, Arizona Poison and Drug Information Center – he delivered the exact same message the group does as to how important it is to reduce pesticide risks for kids. The group discussed potentially reaching out to his group. Stop School Pests call will be on August 14th, contact Dawn, Shaku, or Lucy for more information.
* Lynn described the NE Working Group conference calls occurring every other month, including one scheduled for next Thurs, August 13 – update on the implementation of Massachusetts’ IPM law. Lynn also described the Division of NY Dept of Health’s collaborative statewide school environmental health program, holding its first meeting in October—this is an EPA grant funded project, with an IPM component. Geese on school grounds were the only school pest that significantly increased in 2013-2014 – currently working with a small grant to produce materials for this subject.
* Gary King introduced himself and described how his subcommittee had just developed an IPM model for Ashboro, and said that they are meeting soon to reestablish individuals who are interested in participating in subcommittee proceedings. Gary says he hasn’t received a list of ASPCRO committee members yet and Janet said she’d provide that.
* Janet also described her meetings with the Vice Chancellor of the Texas A&M Agrilife system, who is very appreciative and supportive of School IPM and of Janet. He has said how much the agency needs to support programs like this. Janet also described her iPest Manager program call earlier this month and reiterated that changes made or materials submitted to the site won’t be live until she approves them. Janet also notified the group that she’s travelling to Raleigh, NC next week to meet with SchoolDude, now to be known as Dude Solutions. For schools who don’t use SchoolDude, Mary is working with Plano ISD to create a spreadsheet that they can use to track IPM specifics. The annual statewide conference is coming up in TX.

1. **Update on the recent Pesticide Program Dialog Committee (PPDC) call that took place earlier this month (group)**

* Dawn described the call, which consisted of confirming further progress on the laundry list of things being worked on –the recognition program, the model IPM contract, the WA State Expansion pilot, and website update.
* Sherry described the recognition program, which is getting very close on an IPR approval. Currently working on internet marketing pieces, the announcement for how it’ll go out for the awards, how to put it together/computerize. The group expressed appreciation and reported good feedback from people who’d taken a look at it.
* Sherry Glick left the call.

1. **New EPA Grant Opportunity: The Economics of School IPM (group)**
   * Group discussed the new EPA grant opportunity.

Next call: **Monday, September 14th at 11:30am CT (2nd Monday). The first Monday of September, the 7th, is Labor Day.**