



## National School IPM 2020 Steering Committee Conference Call Notes for July 2017

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The Steering Committee meets via conference call on the third Friday of each month at 1:30PM CST. The following notes are for **July 21, 2017**.

### Roll

- Alina Freund, IPM Institute of North America
- Frank Laufenberg, IPM Institute of North America
- Seth Dunlap, Association of Structural Pest Control Regulatory Officials (ASPCRO)
- Dawn Gouge, University of Arizona Maricopa
- Tom Green, IPM Institute of North America
- Joe LaForest, Southern IPM Center
- Fudd Graham, Auburn University
- Janet Hurley, Texas A&M Dallas Agricultural Research and Extension Center
- Kathy Murray, Maine Department of Agriculture
- Matt Bauer, Western IPM Center
- Tim Barchack, National Education Association
- Marc Lame, Indiana University
- Karey Windbiel-Rojas, University of California
- Ashley Freeman, California Department of Pesticide Regulation

### Agenda

1. Roll
2. Seth Dunlap Presentation on ASPCRO
3. Steering Committee Survey Results
4. Regional updates (group)

#### **1. Seth Dunlap presentation**

- Seth Dunlap was appointed as the Chair of the Pest Management in Schools Committee for the Association of Structural Pest Control Regulatory Officials (ASPCRO) in June of this year. As part of his position he will be working with other committee members to address the issues and questions that arise regarding school IPM.
- Please review the attached power point for more information on ASPCRO.
- Kathy: ASPCRO is poorly represented in the north east, it's interesting that the next meeting is in Vermont, which isn't a member state. I'd love to be a part of this to network. Is there a push to use a public health emphasis to enroll more of the states? What outreach ASPCRO is doing to get membership around public health issues?
  - Yes, the group is working to be more inclusive of public health issues. We are considering expanding the school group to nursing homes, daycares etc.
  - The more states and communication the better.
- Tom: Blue shaded states on the map are 2017 members, gray states are 2016 members that have not been renewed for 2017, white states haven't been members in 2016 or 2017.



- As the chair of the school committee what are things that you would like to see ASPCRO do to get more schools to adopt real IPM programs?
  - I want to see the information provided to the schools, focus on education.
  - Adopting laws, that's above regulatory officials. Many states have made it difficult to get regulation and legislation to be part of it.
  - I'd like to see it expand to other accounts (nursing homes, daycares, etc.). The focus should be to reduce pesticide use and implement lower risk options in sensitive places.
  - Marc: I'd encourage you to explore the idea of working with another association of professionals that have a common goal to expand your groups impact.
    - Do you work with the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA)? That group could be a good counterpart, since you are a group of pesticide regulators.
    - Seth: I'm not sure what our ties are to that particular group.
- Dawn: I agree with the broadened school IPM focus that you're aiming to achieve. Maybe the public health group within ASPCRO has useful organizational connections that can be tapped into. Even if it hasn't worked well in the past – now might be the time to reach out to those other groups as partners.
- If there's anything the steering committee can do to help as liaisons in making organizational connections for the School ASPCRO group, let us know.
- Can we follow the committees online, or are they offline?
  - School committee missed midyear meeting, you can review upcoming meetings and archives online (Burlington Vermont is the next annual meeting). You can contact Doug Edwards for more information.
- Tom: Janet—you used to participate in these meetings correct?
  - If you are not an official regulatory official, you are allowed to join the meetings and sit in. However, you cannot be an official member of the School committee unless you are a pesticide regulator. We can sit in, but don't have any direct influence.
- Anti-microbial: California group has worked on this information recently.
  - Ashley: We have been put on a yellow light with the sanitizer information, but we do have a slew of information ready to release when we get the green light.
  - ASPCRO could pick up this information as opposed to creating new information.
  - Ashley will share the sanitizer information with the Steering Committee when it is available.
- Tom: Stop School Pests is going to be launched online for schools, we'd love to get your ASPCRO membership aware that it's out there to help promote it.
  - If we could have a presentation on Stop School Pests at the plenary portion of the meeting that would be very helpful.
  - IPM Institute plans to adapt SSP for those other groups (daycares, nursing homes, etc.) soon.
  - Seth is working on getting ASPCRO to share resources, use created resources and to endorse SSP.
- Fudd is on the ASPCRO school committee and will aid Seth with this work.
- Clear overlaps between Steering Committee work and the ASPCRO School Committee?
  - A lot of it is right in line → increase high quality implementation of school IPM.



- If anyone on the national steering committee is considering becoming a member, you don't have to be a state regulatory official to sit in on this groups activities.
- The website will likely be updated with better usability and information soon.

## 2. Steering Committee Survey Results

- 23 people completed the steering committee survey.
- Overall the responses were very positive. 93% of working group respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the working group has increased their knowledge of school IPM practices and resources. The group has also had a positive impact on collaboration, new working relationships and strengthening previously existing relationships.
- Responses indicated that the most useful presentations were extension/research, followed by new/other organizations, resources and lastly policy.
- Recommended presenters include: Mervin Brewer from Salt Lake City, Stacy Murphy, US Tribal Programs Manager and members from the Educational Plant Maintenance Assoc., National School Nurses Assoc., School Business Officials, NEHA, USCDC, Sports Turf Management Association.
- For further details on priorities please see the attached: 9 management priorities, 10 educational priorities, 10 research priorities and 9 regulatory priorities.

## 3. Regional Updates

- **Western region**
  - Allie Allison: NPMA is planning to be live with the learning management system by August 1st.
  - There will be a "Stop School Pests Exam" in the LMS suitable for Pest Control Professionals/ technicians. Once the user purchases that course, they will access the study guide, be able to take the exam, and get a completion certificate. The power point training materials will be added when Allie gets them from Dawn.
  - Tom: The NPMA is making the SSP training for technicians that work in schools live in their learning management system, this is not the same as the trainings that we provide for free at [www.stopschoolpests.org](http://www.stopschoolpests.org). At NPMA users will need to pay a fee.
    - Anyone can take that training, not just NPMA folks
      - They developed the training and the study guide and those of us that developed the SSP training provided input on those things.
      - We hope to add a module for IPM coordinators in Stop School Pests in the future.
      - Dawn: I've began to draft a series of modules that combined pest management professionals with School IPM coordinators. The goals of these positions are in line, but their perspectives are different.
      - Dawn will try to get the information to the NPMA by the end of August and try to run it by the steering committee for review before that time.
      - Frank sent Dawn updates for SSP tick information with a few other additions.
      - Dawn has made the greatest improvements on these trainings by using the modules for in-person teaching.
  - QualityPro is moving forward with creating a QualityPro Public Health certification. ESA, CDC, NEHA, and AMCA are represented on the task force that is putting the program together.



- **Northcentral region**

- Ricardo Zubiato will be presenting on his school IPM experience for our NC School IPM August conference call.
  - Please contact Frank at [flaufenberg@ipminstitute.org](mailto:flaufenberg@ipminstitute.org) if you want to join the North Central call at 2PM CT on Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Marc: Encourage everyone to listen to Ricardo Zubiato—he is an expert on creating successful school IPM programs.
- The School IPM Newsletter will feature an interview with Tom Green about presenting Stop School Pests for the NEA in Kentucky.
- IPMI is working on arranging a D.C. visit on Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> of 2018 as part of the 9<sup>th</sup> International IPM Symposium.
- Documented case: someone was hospitalized for applying too much Deet.
- Fudd: ESA meetings will be in Denver 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. School IPM on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Stop School Pests will have a sunrise session at the Denver meeting.
- Tom: There's a potential for an in-person school IPM meeting at the International IPM Symposium: <https://ipmsymposium.org/2018/program.html>
  - The symposium programs committee is still working out the room schedule, but a School IPM meet and greet is planned for Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 2018 from 5PM-6PM at the Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel.
  - The 9<sup>th</sup> International IPM Symposium will have a variety of useful presentations, including a practitioner track and a full-day of sessions on tick IPM. Please put it on your calendars for March 19–22, 2018 in Baltimore, Maryland.

- **Southern region**

- Joe: A Southern IPM Center grant will come out this fall!
- Janet: I've been doing in-service trainings to several school districts and I've been using stop school pests. I'll be announcing our fall school IPM trainings coming up. Keep watching the newsletter, three posters (one bilingual). If anyone knows a Vietnamese translator, please put them in touch with Janet.
- Janet has a new green list publication coming out, it will likely be included in the newsletter.
- IPM House press release, lots of classes coming up.
- Idea of developing IPM programs based on building requirements could be an avenue to increase implementation (included in certain building standards "LEED certification").

- **Northeastern region**

- The North East region has bimonthly conference calls.
- The next call on August 10<sup>th</sup>, is going to have tick information—all invited to participate on this call. Contact Kathy Murray for the call in information.
- NE school nurse project, over 800 nurses have taken the survey.
  - Ticks have been the biggest concern and worry that staff aren't handling this problem well.
  - More than 50% have said they would complete an online module on this topic.

Send suggested agenda items for next month to [flaufenberg@ipminstitute.org](mailto:flaufenberg@ipminstitute.org)!



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