



National School IPM 2020 Steering Committee Conference Call Notes for June 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 **June 16, 2017**.

Roll

- Alina Freund, IPM Institute of North America
- Frank Laufenberg, IPM Institute of North America
- Allie Allen, National Pest Management Association
- Tom Green, IPM Institute of North America
- Fudd Graham, Auburn University
- Shaku Nair, University of Arizona Maricopa
- Lynn Braband, Cornell University
- Tim Barchack, National Education Association
- Ashley Freeman, California Department of Pesticide Regulation
- Carrie Foss, Washington State University
- Lynnae Jess, North Central IPM Center
- Seth Dunlap, Mgr. Commercial Pest Control Section, Arkansas State Plant Board, Association of Structural Pest Control Regulatory Officials (ASPCRO)
- Dawn Gouge, University of Arizona Maricopa
- Karey Windbiel-Rojas, California IPM Program

Agenda

1. Roll
2. National Pest Management Association Presentation (Allie)
3. Regional updates (group)
4. Updating Steering Committee Priorities

1. National Pest Management Association Presentation (Allie)

- Allie developed and ran the StopPests in Housing Program for the Northeastern IPM Center at Cornell University. She also worked for the NYC Department of Health, Modern Pest Services, BedBug Central, and the National Center for Healthy Housing. Her training is in entomology.
- Please see the attached powerpoint presentation for additional details.
- Growing market – finding and keeping employees is hard.
- School IPM fits into NPMA's goals: Regulators and Policy Makers, Consumer Connections and Public Health Leadership.
- What Quality Pro Programs are being updated and is there a timeline? A committee at end of June will decide what programs will be redone. Food safety is being re-done. Creating credential program for public health soon.
- The "Kids Zone" on the PPMA website is useful as a school IPM resource. PPMA will refresh and rebrand their outreach for communities regarding this resource.
 - Creating packages of resources to give to pest management companies for communities.



- If you want updates for NPMA public policy activities – email Allison Allen at aallen@pestworld.org.
- NPMA is revamping their LMS system using E360.
 - Much more interactive than before, working on CEU accreditation in states that allow online trainings for pest management professionals. NPMA and IPM Institute/ University of Arizona (Dawn’s team) have collaborated on developing a *Stop School Pests **Pest Management Professionals*** training module.
 - This module will be available through the NPMA LMS system and will be available for a fee. All other Stop School Pests modules are available for free at eXtension or under stopschoolpests.org / stopschoolpests.com . The new Stop School Pests website will refer users looking to take training for Pest Management Professionals to the NPMA website.
 - Dawn and team are working on finalizing the content of the module with Allie, has also been reviewed by the working group.
- Any dedicated outreach to tribes or public housing for pests?
 - Not that Allie knows of.
 - In Arizona tribe companies have been working on licensing and reaching out for resources more recently.
 - NPMA could be more helpful than state regulation.
- Lynn: Has the number of school districts with certified members been increasing or decreasing?
 - In NY schools, certification is decreasing (50%-->30%).
- Seth (Arkansas): We have a different system for online certification. Ours is all or nothing with a five hour minimum criteria – not CEUs. All operators need a course at least once every 3 years. Maybe we could be in touch to ensure this is usable for Arkansas applicators.
 - Allie will connect Seth with Mike Bentley.
- How many states have signed on for CEUs?
 - Only some states allow online CEUs.
 - We haven’t sent the applications in yet, we will use the completed training for this.
 - We have checked into California and Colorado – if we can get through those, we would likely get our courses accepted for all online available states.
 - Ashley will get in touch with Allie regarding California certifications.
 - Quality Pro Schools is now required in California.
 - Soft launch of LMS at the beginning of July.
 - Full blown available for everyone through PestWorld by the end of July.
- **Western region**
 - Wyoming school IPM outreach, training and acceptance is still moving in a positive direction. Districts are adopting more IPM practices. Five of the largest districts endeavor to not use any pesticides when there are non-pesticide alternative solutions. A recent mouse infestation in an elementary school problem was solved by following the basics of clean up, reducing clutter and exclusion. The district followed their IPM policy and the student’s health was at the top of priorities when the problem was discovered. As with most issues, we trained the maintenance staff and teachers how to prevent and monitor more successfully.
 - There is an increase in the number of districts calling to find out the best way to deal with issues. The increase in calls is partly due to school IPM training that has recently been incorporated into training for pesticide applicators, teachers, and extension personnel. There



also seems to be an increasing awareness of IPM through synergy with social media of Wyoming land management agencies.

- Two key points to current pest management in Wyoming are our school setting and budget.
 - The setting for our schools is generally less pests, and cleaner schools than in the more populated areas of the United States.
 - The budget for the state is in a crisis. This is another reason that school personnel reach out for help with pest issues. School and municipal budgets have been cut drastically. Wyoming state school districts had their budget reduced by \$34 million. The budgets for maintenance are also running out. Link to budget news <http://wyomingpublicmedia.org/term/budget-cuts>
 - The University budget (only one university in WY) is also hit hard with \$40 million less this year and 369 less jobs. <https://www.insidehighered.com/quicktakes/2017/05/15/37-jobs-will-be-eliminated-university-wyoming>
- John's School IPM specialist position has been non-benefited for the past 4.5 years, but has allowed for progress in the outreach of school IPM in the state.
- After a recent visit with a school district about bedbugs John Connett was able to share the StopPests program with them to solve issues at public assisted housing. <http://www.stoppests.org/>
- Using school IPM workshops to spread the word about the Stop School Pests program that has free IPM certification for all school community stakeholder groups including school administrators, facility managers, pest management professionals/school IPM coordinators, landscape and grounds staff, custodians, maintenance staff, nurses, food service staff, and teachers. <http://articles.extension.org/pages/73468/self-paced-learning-page-for-urban-ipm>
- Shaku has been working on Arizona in-state school IPM questionnaire, to be launched in time for the next school year. Planning for a state-wide, multiday community IPM workshop has started and is planned for April 2018. There will be a track specifically for school staff and related stakeholders.
- **Northcentral region**
 - Conference call last week with two presenters from the Milwaukee public school district talking about how to implement an IPM program in a large urban school district.
 - Marcia Anderson from the EPA is having school IPM and bedbug materials translated to Spanish and she will update us when they are released.
 - Marcia is also going to write an article for PESP (Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program) wire on Milwaukee's school IPM program.
- **Southern region**
 - Janet and Fudd are making progress on the smart phone app pest ID guide.
 - Seth Dunlap was appointed as the Chair of the Pest Management in Schools Committee for the Association of Structural Pest Control Regulatory Officials effective 6/13/2017.
 - He will be working with other committee members to address some of the issues and questions that arise regarding school IPM.



- **Northeastern region**
 - Kathy Murray presented updates on two on-going projects involving herself and other Northeastern WG members, the school nurse outreach project and the turf overseeding project.
- **3. Updating Steering Committee Priorities**
 - Current priorities are broken into the following categories: Management, Educational, Research and Regulatory.

Survey to get group's feedback on these priorities and the working group function has been distributed.

Send suggested agenda items for next month to flaufenberg@ipminstitute.org!

The coordination of the National School IPM Steering Committee is supported by funding of the USDA North Central IPM Center. The next conference call will take place on **Friday, July 21st**. Future calls will continue to fall on the third Friday of each month at **1:30 PM Central time**.