



National School IPM 2020 Steering Committee Conference Call Notes for May 18th

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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 **May 18th, 2018**.

Roll

- Frank Laufenberg, IPM Institute of North America
- Joe LaForest, Southern IPM Center
- Shaku Nair, University of Arizona Maricopa
- Eric Denmark, California Department of Pesticide Regulation
- Fudd Graham, Extension Specialist, Auburn University
- Joellen Lampman, New York State Community IPM and Cornell
- Seth Dunlap, Arkansas State Plant Board for Structural Pests
- Janet Hurley, Texas A&M Dallas Agricultural Research and Extension Center
- Allie Allen, National Pest Management Association
- Tom Green, IPM Institute of North America

Agenda

1. Stop School Pests Training Update
2. Fact sheet with health connection to pests, IPM and Stop School Pests trainings
3. Regional updates (group)

1. Stop School Pests Training Update

- Tom Green led a Custodian and Food Services SSP training with the Nevada State Education Association this week
 - The IPM Institute will be working with them again in the fall to do more in-person training
 - Only had a fraction of the people in Nevada (8/50 people showed up)
 - Great evaluations from the participants
 - Getting people in the door has been a struggle, this will be a focus of Julian's when he gets back in early June
 - New contact from Clark County school district from this training
 - She's frustrated with mouse control
- Tom's scheduled training for April 28th in Ohio was cancelled due to low registration
 - Three trainings cancelled in the last two years
 - IPM Institute will be working with the National Education Association (NEA) and other stakeholders (the working group) to rebrand Stop School Pests
 - The focus will change towards peoples and student's health
 - Unless it has been part of a plenary session where everyone is there, people don't go to breakouts on the topic
 - People think: "Well we have a pest control company that works on that or a dedicated staff member".



- NEA agreement was renewed for another year
 - Budgeted for additional state trainings
- Spring school IPM trainings: Janet added one in June
 - Mandated coordinator training – even with the requirement the numbers have dropped
 - Recent training: 16 school districts and 14 employees from Austin and 8 from a pesticide company
 - Small school districts don't have staffing available, so often the required school IPM coordinator role falls in the hands of an administrator
- Janet's trainings will ramp back up in the fall
- Fudd has two Alabama trainings in June
 - PMP's, county agents and school staff members
 - NEA wants to do a training in Alabama too
 - Tom Green will be in touch with Fudd
- In Florida Rebecca Baldwin came down for the trainings in March
- California: two non-chemical weed management trainings in June
 - General school IPM workshops in Oroville, CA

2. Fact sheet with health connection to pests, IPM and Stop School Pests trainings

- Dawn is in the loop on rebranding Stop School Pests
 - Janet agrees that this fact sheet could work as the one-pager to connect Stop School Pests and health
 - Use information from evaluations at the trainings
- Work with NEA to see if the messaging is in line with the school audience
 - See if they are open to doing a focus group with their members to get direct information
 - Janet is willing to help with this aspect
- Janet will try to find that Nevada contact for Shaku

3. Regional Updates

- **Western region**
 - Arizona School IPM Conference: One thing that we found was adding the word "conference" made a lot of difference in attendee participation
 - As opposed to a training or workshop – the word "conference" seemed more approachable
 - Free workshops generally only had 30 attendees vs. 65 participants paid and showed up for this conference
 - There were seven presentations at Arizona's conference
 - The venue was at one of the pilot school districts, right in Phoenix
 - Probably would have been less successful in a different location
 - Requests that if we do it again we should go to a different location
 - People mentioned that it was not exactly what they had thought it would be
 - There was a plenary topic about pesticide poisoning
 - Participants are signing up for next year's event



- There are links to the presentation links to the Arizona training:
<https://cals.arizona.edu/apmc/1stArizonaSchoolIPMConference.html>
- A number of the presentations are based off of the Stop School Pests materials
- Janet: another place you could put those is on Bugwood presents – that way everyone can download them and share them
 - Shaku will check in with Joe to see if Bugwood could also host these presentations
- School IPM: Sinking Ship or Soaring Success? A Discussion
 - Very positive
 - Notes from this session could be a good fit for the next school IPM article
 - Shaku is preparing these notes to start an article
 - Learning points:
 - Keys to success: managing licensing and training required
 - Dedicated extension agent to school IPM
 - Use of activists for local action
 - i. Natural lawn care
 - Identify the most important players
 - Map potential hazards
 - i. Environmental health
 - Learn about exposure to toxic chemicals
 - School needs practical solutions upfront before they can move to longer term methods
- Contacted by a preschool near Phoenix
 - Kids had lots of red welts (bites) and were getting bitten in areas that were covered (back, chest etc).
- When they went home they didn't have the welts, but when they came back to school after the weekend they would get bit again
- Biting midges! Tiny bugs caught on trap
 - Splash pad was likely the breeding area. A splash pad is something where kids play, shoots water out of the ground and it's made of ground rubber. The splash pad was really moist. Water gets recycled, people who service it come back regularly, but don't necessarily replace the water.
- Battery operated dark cylindrical trap (optical trap, kept open for air flow) caught the midges
- Upcoming event for tribal schools at home related to bed bugs and cockroaches with the Navajo nation
- Three California trainings before the end of July
 - Two non-chemical weed management workshops
 - 6 demos, three lectures
 - Cap attendance
 - Oroville for 3rd School IPM workshop
 - Pesticide application processes in the database for California
 - i. Trying to get all 2017 data processed by January 2019
 - Glyphosate is the hot topic in the region
- There was a walk out at a school from a rat infestation



- 40 t-rex traps had a 100% catch rate over night once state health people got involved
- **Southern region**
 - IPM Star, 4 Texas schools just went through the certification, they are working on plaques and certificates now.
 - They're all excited about getting their award
 - Wiley IMC is interested in IPM Star
 - Janet is auditing their school on June 6th
 - Trying to get the extension communication office to come out and give more press to the school IPM audit.
 - Urban Entomology workshop this weekend
 - Item for next month's agenda: Fudd and Janet talk about eXtension and moving forward
 - Resource links are going to be added to ASPCRO
 - [Ischoolpestmanager.org](http://schoolpestmanager.org) and StopSchoolPests.com
- **Northeast region**
 - Joellen Lampman
 - NE is updating BMP for school IPM on their IPM centers website
 - Working primarily on ticks due to senate funding
 - Graphic designer is putting together image heavy tick IPM resources
 - i. Landscape and tick checks are the focus
- **Northcentral region**
 - Cleaning up after rodent infestations this past month
 - Lynn Rose has hoped on that topic
 - Want to tune up CDC factsheet and recommendations in general for rodents
 - Julian Cooper, new Community IPM Manager, will be starting full time on June 4th
 - Calendar of SIPM Events on www.stopschoolpests.com
 - Send Frank your training events

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, June 15th**. Future calls will continue to fall on the third Friday of each month at **1:30 PM Central time**.