



## National School IPM 2020 Steering Committee Conference Call Notes for October 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 **October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017**.

### Roll

- Alina Freund, IPM Institute of North America
- Frank Laufenberg, IPM Institute of North America
- Dawn Gouge, University of Arizona Maricopa
- Matthew Powell, National Education Association
- Janet Hurley, Texas A&M Dallas Agricultural Research and Extension Center
- Tom Green, IPM Institute of North America
- Stacy Murphy, EPA Tribal Program
- Nick Hurwit, EPA Region 10
- Bethany Plewe, EPA Region 10
- Seth Dunlap, Arkansas State Plant Board, ASCPRO

### Agenda

1. Roll
2. North Central School IPM Working Group Objectives
3. Region 10 Tribal IPM, Pesticides and Engagement (Stacy Murphy, Bethany Plewe, Nick Hurwit)
4. Regional updates (group)
5. Stop School Pests Update (Alina)

#### **1. North Central School IPM Working Group Proposed Objectives for 2018 2019**

- The North Central School IPM Working Group welcomes all of your feedback on our objectives and would gladly accept your written support of our group.
- Frank will share the objectives and a Letter of Support template with the notes from this call.
- The grant must be submitted by November 17<sup>th</sup>, but Frank will need group member input **by Friday November 3<sup>rd</sup>** to smoothly integrate feedback into the grant materials.
- Dawn: Sounds excellent – having written group objectives for review will be helpful.

#### **2. Presentation Region 10 Tribal IPM**

- Stacy Murphy is the acting Manager of the Tribal Trust and Assistance Unit and was recommended in our National School IPM survey as a beneficial presenter for our group. Stacy previously worked as the Schools Program Manager and Project Manager for the US EPA in Dallas Texas. He was joined by his colleagues in EPA region 10, Bethany Plewe, a project officer working on Tribal IPM and Nick Hurwit who works on the pesticide toxics unit.
- Please use the pdf presentations provided to review Region 10 Tribal work and structure.
- (Stacy) Overview
  - Region 10 has 271 federally recognized Tribes, 229 are located in Alaska. Each Tribe is culturally different; we have to be mindful of this when we are working with our Tribal culture.
  - Region 10 contains around 50% of all federally recognized Tribes.



- The bulk of the units' work is providing financial assistance through the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program Act of 1992.
- (Bethany) Tribal IPM
  - Three tasks of IPM Program
    - Building Program Capacity
    - Information Gathering and Pesticide Use Assessments
    - Outreach Activities and Projects
- Dawn: Happy to see the work that Holly is doing, the reporting is very high quality.
  - Does she do a revisit of the schools?
    - Most tribes ask for a revisit; Holly generally revisits in 6 months or a year to ensure the problems are resolved.
    - High priority items are more quickly addressed at the tribes that are more economically well off, struggling tribes generally have higher turnover and are less likely to successfully address the high priority items.
- (Nick) Regional efforts on Pesticide Initiatives in region 10
  - Tribal Pesticide Program Council (TPPC)
  - Tribal Bed Bug Outreach 'Packet'
- Frank will share contact information for Stacy, Bethany and Nick with the steering committee.

### 3. Regional Updates

- **Northeastern region**
- **Southern region**
  - ESA meeting in Denver is coming up in less than three weeks, Janet will be presenting on the Stop School Pests project in the morning session.
    - Kathy Murray is likely attending.
    - Fudd will be attending.
    - Tom Green will be at the ESA meeting.
  - Janet just finished a 2-day IPM training in rural Texas, very high quality discussion.
- **Western region**
- **Northcentral region**
  - Over the next three weeks the IPM Institute will continue working on preparing NCIPMC grant materials.
  - Frank recently travelled to Stoughton Wisconsin for a meeting with park and school turf managers regarding implementing Midwest Grows Green, which is a project out of the Midwest Pesticide Action Center.
  - Alina and Tom had a meeting with Tim Barchak and team at the NEA headquarters this week to discuss the partnership in 2018 and beyond.
    - Tom will be participating in the NEA's national Education Support Personnel training in Orlando, Florida in March of 2018.
    - Tom will be presenting three, two hour SSP trainings.
    - Priority states for joined activities are: Pennsylvania, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and potentially New Mexico.
  - Call for posters at the IPM symposium is open through early November – you can submit a poster at the following link <https://ipmsymposium.org/2018/posters.html>.



#### 4. Stop School Pests (SSP) Update

- Website is online at [stopschoolpests.com](http://stopschoolpests.com) or [stopschoolpests.org](http://stopschoolpests.org) and currently has had about 30 users that took trainings. Users are from public but also private schools as well as pest control technicians. This soft launch provided data to assess if everything is working, small bugs could be fixed this way, overall very positive feedback. Please continue to report any issues or anything that stands out to Alina [afreund@ipminstitute.org](mailto:afreund@ipminstitute.org)
- Has not been promoted widely which will follow next month. Press release will be shared with WG members and wider school IPM network for maximum reach.

Send suggested agenda items for next month to [flaufenberg@ipminstitute.org](mailto: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, November 17<sup>th</sup>**. Future calls will continue to fall on the third Friday of each month at **1:30 PM Central time**.