

**Steering Committee Meeting
November 9, 2010**

Present: Carrie Harmon, Lora Lee Schroeder, Carlos Bogran, Mike Weaver, Steve Toth, Bob Bellinger, Caydee Savinelli, Harold Coble, Mike Fitzner, Ames Herbert, Jim VanKirk, Rosemary Hallberg, Tom Brennan (on phone), and John Mayne (on Phone)

Friends of IPM Award:

- Bright Idea: Okinola Project
- IPM Educator: Janet Hurley
- Pulling together: Mid-South Entomologists
- Future Leader: Hannah Burrack
- IPM Implementer: Patty Lucas

Certificates will be given to the runners-up that will say “Friends of IPM Finalist.”

Winners will work with Rosemary on a story about their program in exchange for a \$2,000.

No one expressed objections to presenting any of the awards, so the winners were ratified.

Proposal from Glades Crop Care for Critical and Emerging Issues

The committee discussed the proposal, “Critical Partnerships for IPM: Increasing Opportunities for Florida Growers,” submitted by Glades Crop Care.

The proposal was approved with the proviso to indicate support from NRCS.

Working Groups

Mike Fitzner observed that working groups don’t seem to be energized in the South as they are in the other regions.

History of working groups across regions: Northeastern region started out with working groups. The other regions did them later. In the South we let our stakeholders inform their groups.

Discussion:

- The model of working groups hasn’t been demonstrated in this region, so states have developed their own but don’t see it as a problem that they’re not being supported by the Center. (Herbert)
- The advantage of having working groups is being able to create priorities.
- It’s hard to apply for more than one proposal at the same time (Douce)
- Maybe we don’t have them because we didn’t start out having them (Toth)

- The disadvantage is that working groups get \$25,000 a year, and sometimes it doesn't seem to be the best way to spend one's time. (Herbert)
- Maybe we should invite working groups from other regions to address meetings like SERA-3 (VanKirk)

Elections:

Harold nominated Caydee Savinelli for Chair-elect.

Next meeting date: June 20-21, 2011.