

Steering Committee Meeting December 2008

Attendees: Ames Herbert, Tom Brennan, Ples Spradley, Carrie Harmon, Harold Coble, Henry Fadamiro, John Mayne, Pat O’Leary, Clayton Hollier, Jim VanKirk, Steve Toth, Tom Melton. Recording: Rosemary Hallberg

Membership issues

The Extension Director position is good to maintain. Staff needs to emphasize the ability to send proxies.

Substitute Alan York for John Anderson? Wait until February 1.

Working Group Recommendation

Pat: when you have a working group, what would be the outcome if you have the first level? It would be a description of the stakeholder membership, a needs assessment, prioritization of those needs, and an action plan. The deliverable would be in the second tier.

The action plan would have to be filed with the Center so that the Center would know that it has been developed.

The working groups have been in Part II; we’re proposing to put them in Part I.

Friends of IPM Awards

- IPM Implementer: Chris Mills, Union County Public Schools, NC
- IPM Educator: Scott Ludwig, Texas
- Future Leader: Amy Fulcher, Kentucky
- Pulling Together: NC Christmas Tree IPM Program
- Bright Idea: Southern Region School IPM working group

There was no Center award or Lifetime Achievement award.

Carrie proposed that we accept the nominations; Clayton seconded.

Genetic manipulation of pest species

Tom Melton presented this issue, involving a group that has asked CIPM for funding on a meeting to discuss genetic manipulation of pest species. He asked if Southern Region is interested. The group is looking to spend \$5,000 between both CIPM and SRIPMC. CIPM has fewer funds to do things like this than SRIPMC does.

Ames: have the other regional centers been asked? Melton: The people involved don't know about the other centers.

Carrie: \$5,000 is not a lot if we can take credit for this if it's a success. The question is whether the Center has the money.

Tom B: the Center may have to defend this decision years from now. Harold: This topic involves high-class scientists, a timely topic, so we should do it. Ples: if something even halfway falls in that list on the board, we should try to fit it in somewhere.

Ames: Can you use your emergency fund? Jim: Yes. We present the issue to the Steering Committee, and then ask them to submit a proposal, so we have a paper trail.

Steve: the reason we give up to \$5,000 is so people don't try to get around the Enhancement Grant process.

Jim proposed that our group give \$2,500 and that CIPM should give the other half. Harold suggested that we have a cap of \$5,000. Carrie seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion was approved.

Succession:

For the Chair-elect position, Ames nominated Tom Brennan and Carrie H. seconded. The motion was approved.

Meeting dates:

June 17 and 18, 2009.