

**Steering Committee meeting
June 15, 2010**

Present: Ames Herbert, Harold Coble, Don Parker, John Mayne, Danesha Seth Carley, Jim VanKirk, Caydee Savinelli, Steve Toth, Mike Weaver, Tom Brennan, Bob Bellinger, Eric Young, L. Washington Lyons, Mike Fitzner (by phone)

406 Symposium

The Steering committee supported the Center to be a leader in the 406 Symposium. Jim will find out how much money is needed and tell the committee later.

Mike F: Participating in the project director workshops would help NIFA find out more about what has been funded and what has been done.

Patterning the symposium after the ipmPIPE summit would depend on what happens with the President's budget. We couldn't do the same thing if it's zeroed out. NIFA could do a PD workshop but not a summit.

Action Item: if Jim needs to take action, he'll e-mail the Steering Committee

Building the IPM Dream House

If we could build one IPM program, what kind of stakeholder involvement would there be?

- Possibility of participating in the ICCA Conference
- That group could be used as a lobbying party.
- We need to begin creating an outline of what an IPM program should look like and then send it out to stakeholders
- Maybe you could come up with a white paper and bring it to the ICCA group
- Find out when USDA needs that information so it can be incorporated in the grants.
- You might think about using the 2012 Farm Bill.
- Tie in what you come up with, with the priority areas of NIFA.
- Figure out how to support the IPM knowledge infrastructure
- What we do needs to be in final form within the next 12 months

Deadline for getting paragraph in Farm Bill through APLU route: July 15, mid to late September. To have an influence on the request for the 2012 Farm Bill, have it ready by September. We would want to have a placeholder of a paragraph.

- Monitoring efforts are very hard to fund locally. Is there a way to get something like that into this? You can't fund monitoring efforts that are maintenance.
- Also include invasive species

- The IPM Directors should come up with an outline that covers the basics and is flexible enough to change over time.

Action Item: Get a paragraph into Eric by July 15, and a fleshed out version into Eric by September.

Next meeting: November 8-9. 2010