

**Steering Committee meeting
June 21, 2011**

Present: Mike Weaver, Michelle Samuel-Foo, Carrie, Danesha Seth Carley, Bob Bellinger, Ames Herbert, Caydee Savinelli, John Mayne, Jim VanKirk, Howard Coble, Eric Young, Lora Lee Schroeder, Carlos Bogran, Pat O'Leary. Recording: Rosemary Hallberg

What to do with IPM Center funds for the rest of this year and next year:

Options:

- Friends of IPM
- Update priorities
- Temik

Second ranking: Temik first, then turfgrass

Suggestions:

- With Temik, think about whether you want to do it now or with the next iteration of the Center
- Maybe handle the issue by a commodity working group
- Friends of IPM is on the list

Final recommendation:

1. Friends of IPM
2. Aldicarb response
3. Do what we can with the rest of the list

Maybe the Regulatory Information Network could do the legwork on aldicarb. The RIN needs to become more proactive and less reactive.

Carrie made a motion to do Friends of IPM, Aldicarb and the rest. The motion was accepted.

What goes into the new proposal

Regulatory Information Network

- Regulatory Information Network needs to be more proactive. Western IPM center has 3 staff people that they call comment coordinators. They are more proactive.
- There is an opportunity to update the crop profiles.
- Maybe the RIN could look at what's coming up and start researching those topics.
- Perhaps take it out of the competition and have a few people around the region.

- Maybe we could make it a 2-tiered system, get one amount if you do the minimum and another if you do more
- If we did a similar system to the one in the west, we could have a team that could work and meet together.

Hiring an economist:

- We will have to invest in a staff person if we want to see that.
- We need a core of people who can help us choose someone.
- Ag Economics post docs are rare.
- We should advertise it as an entry-level job. The person would also pull together evaluation workshops or trainings in the region.
- The person should be available at the start-up of a project.
- If we go this way, take evaluation out of the RIPM RFA.

RIPM Evaluation

- Evaluation should be left as an option but its special status should be removed.
- Maybe we should add an evaluator to our panels to evaluate proposals.
- There needs to be an advisory committee of stakeholders to discuss what they need.

Other Business

Membership: we're switching Mike Fitzner's name with Herb Bolton's name. Also put Frank Louws on the Steering Committee.

Next meeting dates: December 7-8, 2011