

NCERA 201 annual meeting
March 23, 2009
Mt. Bachelor Room, 2nd floor, Doubletree Hotel
Portland OR
Minutes

10:30 am. Meeting called to order by Chair Robert Wright.

Present: Sharon Dobesh (Kansas State University), Joy Neumann Landis (Michigan State University), Rick Foster (Purdue University), Lynnae Jess (Michigan State University), Joe Kovach (The Ohio State University), Suzanne Bissonette (University of Illinois), Sue Blodgett (South Dakota State University), Marcia McMullen (North Dakota State University), Bill Wiebold (University of Missouri), Darren Mueller (Iowa State University), Bryan Jensen (University of Wisconsin), Chris Boerboom (University of Wisconsin), Mike Brewer (Michigan State University), Wendy Wintersteen (Iowa State University).

Guests: Mike Fitzner, Marty Draper, Liz Ley (USDA-CSREES)

Rick Foster volunteered to act as recorder for the meeting.

Administrative advisors report: Wendy Wintersteen passed out the Feb. 2009 NASULGC Appropriations request to USDA . Marty Draper discussed the probable time frame for the next eIPM RFA. It could be released as early as mid-July 2009, with a due date for proposals 6-8 weeks after RFA release. They hope to be able to release funds around Feb. 1, 2010, but that could be delayed if the federal budget is not passed by then. The committee discussed how the current RFA could be improved. Draper indicated that there would be a webinar prior to the next RFA due date to provide information about the process and answer questions. There will be a listening session on Thursday, March 26 to provide comments on the next RFA. Written comments will be accepted up through April 29.

NC IPM Center report: Lynnae Jess reported on the outcomes of the RIPM grant program for this year. A total of 32 proposals were received; 21 Research, 9 Research/Extension and 2 Extension. Funded proposals included 5 Research, 1 Research/Extension and 1 Extension. Lynnae also distributed a copy of the NC IPM Center's 2008 annual report.

Review IPM priorities developed by committee: Wright led a discussion of the research and extension priorities that the committee has been working on. He passed out a listing of the priorities showing the priorities that had at least 2 votes from committee members. The committee recommended combining some of the priorities receiving only two votes with similar ideas, or deleting them. Wright agreed to finalize the priority list and submit it to the North Central IPM Center for posting on their website.

New business

USDA Listening session on eIPM program: Wright led a discussion on recommendations that should be made to USDA for the next RFA of the Extension IPM CS program. The committee identified the following points, which Wright presented on behalf of the committee at the listening session on Thursday March 26:

- **Raise the cap for the coordination component to \$75,000 per proposal. Eliminate all other caps for other areas of emphasis.**
- **Add new areas of emphasis for (1) livestock IPM and (2) vertebrate IPM.**
- **Cap total grant amounts at \$300,000 per proposal.**
- **Each proposal must address coordination and at least two additional areas of emphasis**
- **Federal extension funding currently directed to the EIPM Support program and the Regional IPM grants program should be directed to the EIPM coordination program.**
- **Successful proposals should be awarded as 4 year continuation grants.**
- **The next RFA should be released this summer with a due date no earlier than mid-September.**

Boerboom suggested that additional supporting text be developed for the written comments to be submitted to USDA that would provide justification for each of the bullet points, based on our discussion. Wright revised the text after the meeting and circulated the document for comment to the committee. A finalized version was submitted to USDA before the April 29 deadline for written comments.

Plant Health labels: Suzanne Bissonnette and Marcia McMullen discussed the Supplemental Plant Health label recently approved by EPA for Headline fungicide. There is concern that the label language will encourage fungicide use where there is not likely to be an economic benefit to growers, and increased fungicide use may encourage development of fungicide resistance.

Develop outcomes for annual report to NIMMS: Discussed impact statements to be included in the annual report for NCERA 201 to be submitted to NIMMS:

- NCERA 201 facilitated regional communication and response to the change in Smith-Lever 3(d) funding from a formula basis to a competitive basis by organizing a teleconference among extension IPM coordinators and USDA-CSREES staff, and by submitting written comments to USDA.
- An invited workshop (*IPM Working Groups: Transcending Boundaries across states, disciplines and agencies to implement IPM*) was co-organized with the NC IPM. The workshop was presented at the 6th International IPM symposium; presenters included members of NCERA 201 who lead IPM Working Groups funded by the NC IPM Center.
- The Great Lakes Vegetable Working group developed a Sweet Corn IPM Workshop presented at the Great Lakes Expo in Michigan during December 2008. The Workshop included 9 speakers who presented a 4.5 hour program. The speaker's presentations were recorded on DVD and 1,150 copies were distributed across the region as an educational resource.
- The North Central NRCS/IPM Working Group funded new pilot projects in Indiana, Iowa and Ohio to increase financial incentives to growers adopting IPM practices.

Future activities: Ian MacRae (2009-2011 Chair) and Rick Foster (Chair-elect) will work with the committee to identify the next meeting date and location, and develop future priorities for the committee.

5 p.m. Adjourn