

7th International IPM Symposium Planning Conference Call

February 11, 2010

Next Call: March 11, 2010, 11:30am EST / 10:30am CST / 9:30am MST / 8:30am PST

Participants: Kaci Agle, Don Baumgartner, Ken Brown, Naresh Duggal, Carrie Foss, Pete Goodell, Rubella Goswami Dawn Gouge, Tom Green, Norm Leppla, Brenna Wanous, Elaine Wolff, Bob Wright,

Minutes:* Please send additions, omissions and edits to Brenna Wanous, brwanous@gmail.com.

1. Committee Chair Announcements

- a. **Awards:** A call is scheduled for February 23rd to determine the committee chair and review the committee timeline.
- b. **Finances/Exhibits:** Had a call on February 1st, five committee members participating. Tom Green and Brenna Wanous volunteered to serve as co-chairs.
- c. **Media/Outreach:** Kaci Agle to coordinate a call to determine chair.
- d. **Operations/Website:** Carrie Foss to coordinate a call to determine chair.
- e. **Posters:** Had a call on February 10th, two members and Elaine Wolff participating. Both members, Bob Wright and Anastasia Becker, volunteered to serve as co-chairs.
- f. **Programs:** Had a call on February 5th, nearly all members participating. Based on previous experience, Norm Leppla and Margaret Appleby suggested a minimum of three co-chairs to manage the workload. Norm, Margaret, Lynee Jess, Megha Parajulee and Dawn Gouge volunteered to serve as co-chairs.
- g. **Site Selection:** Marty Draper volunteered to serve as chair on a call in January.
- h. *Committees are recommended to include Elaine in conference calls to provide background and context (wolff1@illinois.edu).

2. Site Selection Committee Update:

- a. New Orleans, San Antonio and downtown Charlotte didn't respond to the RFP with dates. This leaves Savannah, Oklahoma City and Las Vegas as remaining options.
- b. **Savannah:** Appealing city and has gotten positive reports. However, costs are high (hotel rooms quoted at \$199/night) and one must take a water taxi from the headquarter hotel across the river to the other hotels and convention center.
 - i. Savannah is still an option, but lower on the preference list.
- c. **Oklahoma City:** Not an overly exciting location, may not convince individuals who are undecided that they should attend. Room rates were reasonable, quoted at \$150/night.
 - i. Oklahoma City is still an option, more discussion coming.
- d. **Las Vegas:** Many hotels responded with proposals for self-contained meetings. The city is easy to get into and out of, affordable room rates, good field trip options (i.e., casinos with structural and landscape IPM programs). Committee requested advice from Sherry Glick, who lives in Las Vegas and helped filter out less reputable locations. Committee discussed that Las Vegas may not appeal to some people; no one on the call expressed concern about the location.
- e. The site selection committee decided to request additional proposals from Albuquerque and Memphis.
- f. Norm Leppla suggested Fort Lauderdale or Jacksonville, Florida, which are both easy to get into and out of; hotel room rates and flights are affordable, facilities likely adequate for a group our size.

3. Other Committee Updates:

- a. Entomological Society of America branch meetings generally occur in March. Brenna to identify branch meeting dates for 2012 to ensure IPM Symposium dates don't conflict.
- b. Programs committee meeting this month to develop a theme for the Symposium, will discuss further with the steering committee on the March 11th call.

4. Next call: March 11 at the same time, and the second Thursday of each month thereafter.