

**IPM Voice Executive Committee Conference Call**  
**Thursday, July 29 12:00 PM CT/1:00 PM ET**

Participants: Tom Green, Leigh Presley, Blaine Viator, Carrie Koplinka-Loehr, Jim Van Kirk, Scott Hutchins, Norm Leppla, Lori Berger

**Minutes:**

1. Advocacy
  - a. Timing of committee markup, status of letter
    - i. Full committee markup scheduled for after August break (Aug. 9 – Sept. 12).
    - ii. Letter to House and Senate Ag Approps.
      - Will get additional signatories by August 27<sup>th</sup>, then send out letter.
      - **Leigh** will contact Bob to check for interest within his coalition.
      - **Tom** can contact Jim Jasinski/Joe Kovach of Ohio State to see if they have committee members who would sign on. Will also contact Crop Consultants Association.
      - **Lori** will contact Todd DeKryter (Gerber) – check for interest in signing.
    - iii. Maurice Hinchey (House Rep. – NY) would support an amendment to restore 406, not sure who would propose such a thing.
      - **Carrie** will contact Sue to contact Wendy Wintersteen to see if Obey could propose amendment.
      - **Tom** will contact Bryan Jensen at UW to see who we could contact to take this up with.
  2. Planning for meeting in D.C. – October 4
    - a. Discussions with Jim Cubie.
      - i. Jim will volunteer time, IPM Voice will cover travel.
    - b. Agenda items/themes (need to be refined, **Leigh** will send out draft agenda to SC and move forward via email).
      - i. Governance
      - ii. Advocacy
      - iii. Farm Bill
      - iv. Policy
      - v. Options for organizational structure
      - vi. Learning from other advocacy groups
        - Tom following up with Ferd.
      - vii. Strategic planning
  3. Advisory
    - a. Carrie invited 10 members of Advisory Board to D.C. meeting.
    - b. Gaps in grower group representation – please submit any suggestions to Carrie.
    - c. **Jim** will get in contact with Jerry DeWitt to join board.

\* Next Executive Committee Meeting – Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup> 12:00 PM CT/1:00 PM ET

\* Next Steering Committee Meeting – Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup> 10:00 PT/11:00 MT/12:00 CT/1:00 ET