

**Interstate Pest Control Compact and Pest Control Insurance Fund
Annual Meeting of the Governing Board
Saturday, September 17, 2005
The Otesaga Hotel, Cooperstown, NY
7:00 AM to 8:00 AM**

Attendees:

Member States Present (19):

Arizona	– Don Butler
California	– A.G. Kawamura (IPCC Vice Chairman)
Colorado	– Don Ament
Delaware	– Michael Scuse (IPCC Executive Committee)
Florida	– Charles Bronson
	– Leslie Palmer (FDACS staff)
Georgia	– Cameron Smoak (GDA staff)
Indiana	– Andy Miller
Maryland	– Pat McMillan
Michigan	– Ken Rauscher
New Jersey	– Charles Kuperus (IPCC Chairman and Executive Committee)
New York	– Nathan Rudgers
North Carolina	– Bill Dickerson (NCDA staff)
North Dakota	– Roger Johnson (IPCC Secretary)
South Carolina	– Larry Boyleston (SCDA staff)
Texas	– Cary Brown (TDA staff)
Virginia	– Carlton Courter
Washington	– Lee Falconer (WDA staff)
West Virginia	– Steve Hannah (WVDA staff)
Wyoming	– John Etchepare

Non Member States Present:

Montana – Nancy Peterson

Others Present:

Ed Kee, Delaware Cooperative Extension
Bob Balaam, Executive Director, IPCC

Call to Order

Chairman Charles Kuperus (NJ) called the meeting to order at 7:00 AM.

Roll Call of Member States

IPCC Executive Director, Bob Balaam, took roll call, declaring 19 member states present.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chairman Kuperus called for an approval of the February 20, 2005 meeting minutes. It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Report of the Chairman

Chairman Kuperus reported that he assisted the Executive Director in submitting an extensive application package to the IRS for recognition of exemption as a 501 (c)(3) organization. He noted that if this recognition was successful, it would be especially important for the member states to identify potential donor organizations and contacts in their states that the Executive Director could approach concerning donations to the Pest Control Insurance Fund.

Report of the Treasurer

Treasurer Carlton Courter, with the assistance from the Executive Director, reviewed the financial reports for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005 as distributed to the members. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Report of the Executive Director

Bob Balaam gave a report highlighting issues affecting the compact this year as follows:

- Membership –
 - Currently there are 36 total parties to the Interstate Pest Control Compact (IPCC). The latest State to join is Indiana which passed its enabling legislation effective in July 2005 and submitted their complete membership fee of \$32,342 also in July of 2005.
 - The States of Arkansas and Rhode Island completed their membership installment payments in May and June of 2005 and have now fulfilled their financial obligations as members of the Compact. Colorado continues to make installment payments of their membership fee.
 - Texas passed its enabling legislation which became effective September 1, 2005. Wyoming passed its enabling legislation in February 2005.
 - Seven (7) party/member states still have not passed specific enabling legislation (AZ, AR, CO, FL, NE, PR, and RI) as legally required by the Compact. These member states have until September 2010 in which to pass enabling legislation or they will rescind all voting rights.
 - Florida, a current member without enabling legislation, has its enabling legislation written and intends to introduce it in the coming year.
 - Kansas reintroduced and passed enabling legislation in March 2005 following repeal of their original (1996) legislation in 2002.
 - In May 2005 Maine's legislature passed new legislation which repealed the Pest Control Compact contained in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12 under the laws governing the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Forestry, and enacted the Compact instead in Title 7 under the laws governing the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources. This legislation essentially changed Maine's Pest Control Compact Administrator to the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources. The legislation was signed by the Governor on May 20 and is expected to become law in late September.

- Mississippi had drafted enabling legislation to join the Compact as a new member, but later felt that the timing for introduction of the legislation was just not right. They intend to introduce the legislation at the next legislative session.
- Claims/Projects
 - Texas completed their IPCC funded project (\$60,000) to eradicate the Citrus root weevil. The Texas Department of Agriculture has now secured interim state funding and will continue their eradication efforts over an expanded area.
 - On September 8, 2005, Colorado requested that the Compact be invoked in the State of Wyoming and that \$15,000 in funding assistance from the Pest Control Insurance Fund be provided to Wyoming to eradicate the invasive weed *Echium vulgare*, Viper's bugloss. That request is currently being evaluated by the IPCC Technical Advisory Committee.
- IRS Status
 - Following evaluation by the Internal Revenue Service of the IPCC's December 2004 request for an "Instrumentality Affirmation Letter" regarding our tax exempt status as a government instrumentality according to Section 170(c)(1), with advice from the IPCC accountant with the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Executive Director decided to instead seek tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. In August an extensive application package was submitted along with the application fee. Obtaining this tax exempt status will enable donations to the IPCC to be considered as tax deductible by the donor.
 - The IPCC Employer Identification Number (EIN) has been reinstated.
- IPCC Website
 - In May, at the approval of the Executive Committee, the IPCC website was moved from the USDA server to a commercial server (Hostway.com).
 - The new website address is www.pestcompact.org.
 - Executive Director will continue to maintain the site, but a cost of approximately \$200 per year will be incurred for the domain name and web hosting.
- Bylaws Amendments
 - Changes to the bylaws of the Pest Control Insurance Fund were approved at the February 2005 mid-year meeting of the Governing Board,
 - Members were subsequently notified of the approved revisions
 - Revised bylaws have been posted on the Compact's website.

FY 2005-2006 Budget

Bob Balaam presented the following budget proposal for the 2005-2006 fiscal year. No increase or decrease from the 2004-2005 fiscal year was proposed; just some slight changes in budget line items that did not affect the overall total budget.

Balaam requested permission to, at times, increase his hourly rate for services rendered as long as he did not exceed the budget allocated for his services. Balaam requested this because sometimes he has to take time off from his USDA job in order to conduct business for the IPCC,

resulting in a significant loss of personal income. The Governing Board authorized Balaam to charge the IPCC an increased rate under those circumstances, provided the approved budget was not exceeded. Roger Johnson suggested that the Executive Director formalize his contract for services with the Chairman of the IPCC.

Budget Line Item		FY 2004-2005		Proposed FY 2005-2006	
		Budget (\$)	Actual (\$)	Budget (\$)	Change (\$ +/-)
Personnel					
	Executive Director Wages	15000	8734	15000	0
	Travel and Registration	3800	2502	3800	0
	Bond	100	0	100	0
Facilities and Administrative Costs					
	Overhead	2000	988	2000	0
	Equipment	0	0	0	0
	Supplies	0	0	0	0
	Postage	300	242	300	0
	Printing	500	452	500	0
	Bank Charges	200	192	0	(200)
	Web Hosting	0	0	200	200
Contractual Services					
	Audit	100	0	100	0
Special Purpose					
	Technical Advisory Committee	500	0	500	0
	Special Committee	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		22500	13110	22500	0

After review, a motion was made and seconded to accept the budget. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Unfinished Business

Chairman Kuperus reemphasized the need for member states to develop a list of approximately six foundations or organizations in each of their states that could be contacted as potential donors to the Pest Control Insurance Fund. Chairman Kuperus asked those present, as well as member states not present, to submit such a list to the Executive Director as soon as possible so that when the IPCC obtained its tax exempt status, work could begin on obtaining donations to the Insurance Fund.

New Business

Don Ament (CO) brought before the Governing Board a request to invoke the Compact and provide financial assistance in the amount of \$15,000 to the State of Wyoming to eradicate the noxious weed, *Echium vulgare*, Viper's bugloss or blueweed that is currently infesting a 5-mile stretch of railroad tracks in Laramie County, just west of Cheyenne. The funding request is for one year, which will allow the County Weed Control Board enough time to pass a regulation declaring this weed a noxious weed and thereby provide them with the authorization to spend government funds for its control.

Bob Balaam reported that the application for assistance from the State of Colorado (Requesting State) for pest control work to be done in Wyoming (Responding State) was just recently received in his office and has been forwarded to the Technical Advisory Committee for consideration and recommendation. A motion was made to accept the forthcoming recommendation of the Technical Advisory Committee. Motion passed with a majority vote. (Note: Following the meeting of the Governing Board of the Pest Control Insurance Fund, on September 26, 2005, the Technical Advisory Committee recommended to approve the application for financial assistance in the amount of \$15,000.)

Election of Officers and Executive Committee (2005-2006)

Roger Johnson (ND) was nominated to serve as **Chairman** for one year.

A.G. Kawamura (CA) was nominated to serve as **Vice Chairman**.

Greg Ibach (NE) was nominated to serve as **Secretary**.

Carlton Courter (VA) was nominated to remain as **Treasurer**.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the nominees. Motion passed with a majority vote. The Officers of the Interstate Pest Control Insurance Fund for FY 2005-2006 are as follows:

Chairman	Roger Johnson, North Dakota
Vice Chairman	A.G. Kawamura, California
Secretary	Greg Ibach, Nebraska
Treasurer	Carlton Courter, Virginia

In compliance with the bylaws, Chairman Roger Johnson also serves as chairman of the Executive Committee. No nominations were made for the seats on the Executive Committee. Chairman Kuperus asked that during their meetings held immediately following the IPCC meeting, each of the Regional Associations nominate someone to represent their regional grouping on the IPCC Executive Committee and report those names to the Executive Director. A motion was made and seconded to accept those "yet to be named" members of the Executive Committee. The motion passed with a majority vote. Following the meeting of the IPCC the following were selected by their regional organizations to serve on the IPCC Executive Committee for 2005-2006.

Chairman	Roger Johnson, North Dakota
Midwestern Region	Fred Dailey, Ohio
Northeastern Region	Michael Scuse, Delaware
Southern Region	Gus Douglass, West Virginia
Western Region	Donald Butler, Arizona

Adjourn

Chairman Kuperus adjourned the meeting at 7:50 AM.