

**Interstate Pest Control Compact and Pest Control Insurance Fund
Mid Year Meeting of the Governing Board
Sunday, February 20, 2005
The Renaissance Hotel, Washington, DC
8:00 am to 9:00 am**

Attendees:

Member States Present (16):

Arizona	- Don Butler
Arkansas	- Darryl Little
California	- A.G. Kawamura - Sharlene Garcia (CDFA staff)
Florida	- Leslie Palmer (FDACS staff) - Darci Poole (FDACS staff)
Maine	- Robert Spear
Michigan	- Ken Rauscher
Nebraska	- Dennis Blank
New Jersey	- Charles Kuperus (IPCC Chairman and Executive Committee)
North Dakota	- Roger Johnson
South Carolina	- Larry Boyleston (SCDA staff)
Texas	- Susan Combs - Lisa Eldridge (TDA staff)
Vermont	- Louise Calderwood (VAAFV staff)
West Virginia	- Gus Douglass (IPCC Executive Committee)
Wyoming	- John Etchepare - Roy Richenback (WDA staff)

Non-Member States Present (16):

Indiana - John Baugh (IDA staff)

Call to Order

Chairman Charles Kuperus (NJ) called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

Roll Call of Member States

IPCC Executive Director, Bob Balaam, took roll call, declaring 16 member states present.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Vice Chairman Kuperus called for an approval of the September 26, 2004 meeting minutes. A.G. Kamamura noted a correction to the distributed minutes indicating that he should be listed as the Vice Chairman. Acceptance of the minutes as corrected was moved by Susan Combs (TX) and was seconded by Gus Douglass (WV). Motion passed with a majority vote.

Report of the Chairman

The Chairman had no report.

Report of the Treasurer

Treasurer Carlton Courter was not present so the Treasurer's report was presented by B the Executive Director, Bob Balaam. Bob Spear (ME) asked about the decrease in operating expenses. Balaam explained that due to now full time employment with USDA APHIS, he had less time available to spend on Compact issues. Spear commented on the high quality of work the Compact gets from Bob Balaam. A motion to accept the report was made by Susan Combs (TX) and was seconded. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Report of the Executive Director

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

- Membership
 - There are 35 current member states
 - Three of these states are on installment payments and eight are without enabling legislation.
 - KS reintroduced enabling legislation on February 15, 2005 in their Senate following repeal of their original (1996) legislation in 2002. The bill passed unanimously out of the Senate Agriculture Committee.
 - Indiana legislation passed out of committee in both houses and is expected to soon pass.
 - Texas is pursuing legislation; bills have been introduced in both the House and Senate.
 - Mississippi is working toward introduction of legislation; expect to introduce such legislation in the next session.
- 2004 Annual Report
 - Report was prepared by the Executive Director and copies were distributed to the member states.
- Insurance Fund Claims/Projects
 - Texas received \$60,000 for citrus room weevil eradication last year. A brief progress report was provided by Commissioner Combs and Bob Balaam.
 - No other requests for claims have been received.
- IRS Status of the IPCC
 - Compact is seeking an "Instrumentality Affirmation Letter from the Internal Revenue Service.
 - Since IPCC is not required to file a tax return as a Section 115 organization, our EIN appears to have been dropped from the IRS database; request has been made to reinstate that number.
 - IPCC has requested from IRS written confirmation that the IPCC is a government instrumentality according to the IRS Code section 170 (c) 1, and as such enables donations to the Compact to be considered tax deductible by the donor. This should assist the IPCC in obtaining non-member funding from foundations and other sources.

- IPCC Website
 - Executive Director sought permission to explore the possibility of moving the IPCC web site to a private server and obtain a unique domain name. Current location, on USDA APHIS, web server has some security issues that may cause web maintenance problems in the future. Members directed Bob Balaam to explore several options and report back to them via email before a final decision is made.

Future Funding Options

During the Annual Meeting of the IPCC in September there was some discussion regarding funding level for this Insurance Fund. At that time it was recommended that states solicit funding from the foundations in their own States before the 2005 Mid-Year meeting, and that discussion of this issue should be a high priority for the Mid-Year meeting. Commissioner Combs stated that they had looked into some possibilities in Texas, but she was very concerned about conflict of interest issues that may arise if she should seek funding from groups she regulates. Several suggestions were offered as potential sources, including: grower groups, private foundations, large corporations, Homeland Security, etc. Chairman Kuperus asked that each member state forward the contact information of six entities in each of their states to the Executive Director so that as soon as the tax status of the IPCC is officially confirmed by the IRS, the Executive Director can then pursue potential donations.

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjourn

Chairman Kuperus adjourned the meeting at 8:40 am.

Assistance with minutes provided by Sharlene Garcia, Policy Analyst, CDFA.