

Continental Dialogue Steering Committee Call
3/29/2017

Attendance:

- Leigh Greenwood (moderator), Ken Rauscher, Abbey Powell, Dan Stern, Tricia Bethke, Kevin Harriger, John Sagle (note: John is replacing the CBP position formerly held by Nikki Thomas), Phil Marshall
1. Call for additional agenda items
 - a. None noted
 2. Check in with steering committee members on progress and needs
 - a. Leigh notes that minutes will be taken for all calls, here on out, and posted in PDF format to the CFD website
 3. Assign/recruit volunteers for annual meeting planning and agenda building.
 - a. Leigh, Tricia, and Ken have already volunteered, Sherry Aultman has indicated interest via email, and others will be added via email
 - b. 1st planning call to be scheduled in early to mid April
 4. Announce TNC's CFD management plan for 2017
 - a. TNC fellow has been selected to work with CFD (role formerly held by John Stapleton)
 - b. Jamie Chesser, Boulder CO- she has extensive experience with online learning systems, has an education background in Forestry, and should be a great match for the needs of the CFD.
 - c. Jamie's start date is May 1st 2017, end date tentatively planned for Jan 31st 2018
 5. Open forum
 - a. Tricia: It would be helpful to post last 5 years or so of meeting summaries. Gives perspective for new dialogue participants. Leigh comments this is a great idea, will work with Jamie in early May to incorporate this work into Jamie's onboarding process. Will post them as PDFs to Meeting Pages within the website, for easy accessibility.
 - b. Abbey: April is Invasive Plant Pest and Disease Awareness Month. Friday 3/31 there will be a new and turnkey Action Kit released via Hungry Pests with social media ideas, press release, customizable promo materials, pest cards, and other outreach tools for widespread use. Abbey suggested everyone check out the Action Kit and use their networks to get the word out during the month of April and beyond:
<http://hungrypests.com/partner-tools/>.
 - c. Tricia: Hungry Pests materials with Vin Vasive have been outstanding resources for her needs in Illinois. She stated the new Invasive Plant Pest and Disease Awareness Month Action Kit should also be very useful for Illinois Invasive Species Month (held each May).
 - d. Leigh: Central Plant Board in April will have a presentation by Leigh, Dave Hirsch (SPHD of ND/SD) and Charles Elhard (ND Dept of Ag) to describe ad hoc interagency working group that formed to address firewood movement to Dakota Access Pipeline protest encampment in 2016-2017. Leigh will also take the Central Plant Board presentation, fine tune, and re-present it as a public Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative webinar in May, exact date TBD. Abbey states this interagency working group was considered valuable and successful at USDA APHIS. Ken reminds Leigh to promote

involvement of Central Plant Board attendees and their reporting staff with CFD as a both a meeting and professional resource.

- e. Dan (via email followup): Reminds all to communicate with wider group on outreach resources to ensure greatest use.
6. Schedule a separate meeting planning call in early to mid April
 - a. Decided to schedule via email to save time
 7. Call concludes.

Next full steering committee call will be held in May or June 2017, date and time TBD.