

Communication Network Conference Call - March 6,2007

We had a good discussion yesterday. Thanks to all who participated. And, special thanks to Jeff Mitchell for sharing his notes from the discussion. Below are my notes and some details about the immediate next steps that were agreed to during the call.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please let me know.

(Hiram, please provide John Oglesby's email address so he can be added to our distribution list).

The next conference call is Tuesday, April 3 at 11 a.m. (eastern)

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Agenda:

- Introductions
- Review of discussion/decisions made during Feb. 5 meeting
- Set objectives for 2007 that will help move us toward establishing the communication network
 - Set time frame and assign responsibilities for each objective
 - Identify who else needs to be included in conference calls and how to invite them
 - Confirm time and date for next conference call

Participants:

Russ Evans, Hiram Boone, John Oglesby, Sam Newsom, Jeff Mitchell, Brian Noyes, Dean Graumann,
Tim Healey, Karen Scanlon

The group discussed ways to initiate communication using a common web site as well as the importance of involving researchers who can help with the compilation of current data and information about no-till. Also discussed was the importance of clarifying the group's ultimate purpose and goals.

The group agreed to the following short-term objectives/action items:

* Within the next three months, create and use a common web site that provides information about each member of the network and enables and encourages communication among organizations.

Actions: CTIC will create and host this web site. CTIC will draft an outline of the contents and distribute it for comment to the group.

* Prepare and distribute a formal participation pledge for prospective members, affiliates and participants

Actions: Brian Noyes will draft the pledge and distribute it to the group. We didn't assign a timeframe, but I think this can be accomplished before the next conference call.

* Before the next conference call, invite other participants to join the network.

Actions: Brian Noyes will contact Ron Follet and ask colleagues about how to connect with the western Kentucky group. Jeff Mitchell will contact Joel Myers, Wayne Reeves, Don Reicosky and the Georgia Alliance. Karen Scanlon will contact Randy Raper and Jerry Hatfield.

Karen will also ask Brian Lindley to contact Dwayne Beck.

Actions: Attached to this email is the list of potential participants that were identified at the Feb. 5 meeting. If you add a name to the list please, redistribute to the entire group.

* Before the next conference call, each participating group will provide a bulleted list of their organization's mission, goals and/or major objectives.

Actions: Provide the information to me (**Karen**) and I will compile into one document for distribution to the group.

If you have anything to add to the notes/action list, please let us know.