

SE-EPPC Board Meeting
May 13, 2009 – Quality Inn, Georgetown, South Carolina

Called to order: 9AM

Agenda:

Update on 2009 conference
Update on 2010 conference
Update on NA-EPPC activities
Discuss Friday's Business Meeting
Discuss President-Elect/Vice-President and Secretary Positions
Review action items from Strategic Planning retreat

Present:

Dave Moorhead (GA-EPPC proxy for Connie Gray, who is leaving GA and stepping down)
Nancy Fraley (NC-EPPC)
John Brubaker (SC-EPPC)
Lee Patrick (Treasurer)
Chuck Bargeron (President)
Nancy Loewenstein (ALIPC)
Karen Brown (FLEPPC)
Brian Bowen (NA-EPPC liaison, via conference call)
Tony Pernas
Joyce Bender (via conference call)
Chris Furqueron (via conference call)

Update on 2009 conference by John Brubaker: 90 pre-registered. Meeting planner did not meet their expectations. Colette and Robin had to step in and do a lot, which was burdensome. John thinks the idea was good but this particular one didn't do very well. She was less expensive and "they got what they paid for." Doesn't know yet if hotel room block has been met. Money brought in:

NPS - \$1,000
BASF - \$600
USDA Forest Service - \$2,500
NRCS - \$500
Frances P. Bunnelle Foundation - \$5,725

Update on 2010 conference: (no notes)

NA-EPPC update by Brian Bowen: 14 participants in last conference call: presidents of each EPPC; proxy default goes to VP; Damon Waitt is president, Secretary – mid Atlantic; Brian Bowen – Treasurer; Executive Committee established with spending authority; Chuck Bargeron set up a listserv that is restricted to board members; Oklahoma setting up to be a member of NA-EPPC. OK got their own non-profit status. NA-EPPC joined NECIS (National Environmental Coalition on Invasive Species), with Doug Johnson representing NA-EPPC and CalIPC. A letter has been drafted to TNC addressing the issue of their budget cuts and program cuts. One of two tracks being planned for the NAA meeting in Vancouver (2009) is on invasives. Northern Rockies IPC and Pacific Northwest IPC and CalIPC formed a committee to develop the program. Damon is chairing the committee. There will be an NA-EPPC board meeting at NAA.

Carey Minter says Arkansas is interested in forming a chapter. Discussion followed as to whether they should be affiliated with SE-EPPC or NA-EPPC. VA is now part of South Atlantic. Should SE-EPPC expand? Change logo? Texas is individual. Should TX, OK, LA, ARK have their own group? Be NA? Or SE? Chuck will talk more with Carey. They would need bylaws and would need to participate. Nancy suggested they might partner with the other outer states. Lee would need to submit an SS4 form. ARK previously involved via Arkansas Natural Heritage. NRCS or TNC, per Nancy Fraley, could also help with non-profit status. Currently there is no information on the website regarding starting a new chapter.

Liaisons: SE FWS Strike Team has agreed to be FWS liaison, represented by Bill Thomas; Chuck also contacted APHIS (no response); TNC – nobody yet; COE (Linda Nelson declined; Angie Huebner? Jon Lane? Karen will follow up with them); Department of Defense – Lee contacted Pete Egan, who recommended someone who declined; Lee asked if a Defense contractor would suffice; Chuck said they should be able to provide time or money or both. Bill Kline (Dow Chemical) offered to be more active; he is going to take over as FLEPPC vendor chair; Chuck would like him to be an industry liaison. Chuck made a motion that we add Bill Thomas and Bill Kline as liaisons; Karen seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Nancy Loewenstein is to see if there are NRCS regional folks to get a liaison with them. Sudie Davies would be a good contact for NRCS; Colette DeGarady for TNC folks.

Officers: Chuck wants to stick to two year terms and rotate officers, as stated in the bylaws. Tony motioned that Karen Brown be Secretary (Kristin Gounaris-Allen stepped down after the strategic planning meeting); Nancy seconded. Chuck nominated Nancy Loewenstein as vice-president/president-elect; Nancy Fraley seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Bylaws were checked and the Board nominates and elects new officers (vote by general membership at business meeting not required). Two year terms, effective with annual symposium: May '09 – May '11.

Committee Review for general membership meeting announcements and contacts:

Education & Outreach – Karen will be Point of Contact (PoC)

CWMAs – Nancy Fraley

Regional Policy & Legislative Issues – Steve Brewer

Liaison

EDRR – John Brubaker

Green Industry – Harvey Cotten (now ALIPC president), Nancy Loewenstein

Webpage – Chuck Bargeron

Research – Tony Pernas (PoC)

New Business: Karen suggested SE-EPPC initiate a student committee. Sarah O'Sullivan was mentioned as a possible student committee point-of-contact.

Treasurer's Report: Lee Patrick handed out the Treasurer's Report and reviewed. Nancy L. motioned to accept; Nancy Fraley seconded – passed unanimously.

Karen mentioned successful use of the SE-EPPC banner at the University of Florida Short Course.

TN-EPPC obtained a proclamation from Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen of Invasive Weed Awareness Week, February 22nd thru 28th, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.