

## MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED AT MAY 8, 2012 BOARD MEETING

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SE-EPPC Board Meeting/Conference Call

4/9/2012

Draft minutes sent to board via e-mail, 5/2/12.

#### PARTICIPANTS:

RICK IVERSON (NC-EPPC), COLETTE DEGARADY (TNC, SC-EPPC), SARAH KUEBBING, BRIAN ARNOLD (GA-EPPC), CHUCK BARGERON (PAST PRESIDENT), NANCY LOEWENSTEIN (PRESIDENT), KAREN BROWN (SECRETARY), BILL KLINE (INDUSTRY LIAISON), JIM BURCH (FLEPPC), BRIAN BOWEN (NA-EPPC), JIMMIE COBB (AL-IPC), ALIX CLEVELAND (USFS)

- Brief officer reports
  - President – focus on annual meeting
  - Treasurer – not present
  - Secretary – minutes were sent out; Nancy motioned to accept the minutes; Chuck seconded – carried.
- NISAW report – Chuck Bargeron
  - Mostly DC area people in attendance. No lobbying/advocacy as not enough time. Grassroots session went well; remote offering was a good idea; good exposure of regional efforts to national folks; might have gotten better attendance if session didn't conflict with other agenda items; Prevention session on Weds had about 80 people; 200 online for Grassroots session and 60 present. NA-EPPC met with EPA re: merging invasive plant lists (or similar) into Green Industry/Building Standards (similar to ISO or ISTM standards). They are looking for funding to accomplish this. Standards would need to be developed, or a generic list for use in a larger area that incorporates state or regional lists. Might need to hire a consultant so \$70 - \$80K.
- NA-EPPC report – Brian Bowen
  - Topics discussed have included NISAW and Q-37 and Peter Jenkins and Green Building Standards.
  - Q-37 analysis was provided and comments given to APHIS. FICMNEW are opening their monthly calls. Mike Ielmini is now the chair and wants more involvement. NAA conference in VA will have an invasive species section and pesticide credit program. Mapping might be another topic at the NAA meeting.
- Annual meeting update – Jimmie Cobb and/or Nancy L.
  - Final agenda is posted; 3 field trips; 1.5 days of talks
  - Room for a few additional posters
  - Conference room rates for hotel closed this past weekend
  - Early registration ends April 23
  - 35 pre-registered so far (about half from out of state)
  - Only 1 application so far for the student travel grant ... have extended the application date thru April 23 ... please help get the word out
  - Have had no response to the poster award ... students are supposed to send an email indicating interest (there are a number of student posters)

- Need judges for the poster contest ... one from each state would be ideal, or a few unbiased folks
- Have \$ 4700 in sponsorship so far, with a bit more pending
- Business meeting - opportunity for each state to give brief 3-5 minute update; if you don't have someone attending, please send an update that we can give on your behalf. Will probably be at luncheon.
- The board will meet during the conference.
  - Each state chapter should have a representative at the meeting. If you can't attend, try to arrange for a proxy (and let Nancy L. know who it will be).
  - Something to think about .... Is SE-EPPC still relevant? Think about why SE-EPPC should continue; have we met our goals? Can we meet them?
  - Karen suggested another Doodle poll to establish a board meeting time.
  - Chuck suggested conference call capability if real discussion is going to take place.
  - Karen suggested an agenda that can address some of the issues that Chuck brought up: that SE-EPPC hasn't done much; that no one has volunteered to be President, etc. Good work at the state level and at the national level but no nominees for officers for NA-EPPC either. He wonders if SE-EPPC is still needed.
  - Karen thinks we should ask each chapter and/or survey the membership about the role of SE-EPPC; does it offer anything; should it offer anything; should it continue?
- Editor – Wildland Weeds (Winter/Spring 2012) was delivered to membership. No ads; no comments. Total cost (layout, printing, postage) = \$3,000.
- Nominations – All officers have served 2 years (I think). Individuals can serve consecutive terms as Secretary and Treasurer and NAEPPC liaison, but should be re-elected. President is limited to one 2-year term. (Can serve again after being off for 1 term.)
  - Any nominations?! None.
- Status of SE-EPPC award? Committee needs to meet. Chuck would like some input before the committee meets; whether multiple should be awarded. A couple of fairly deserving nominees but they haven't been that active in SE-EPPC or chapters. Two nominations and they were due by March 1<sup>st</sup> so there won't be any more.
- Next year – FL-EPPC has offered to host the SE-EPPC meeting as a co-meeting with Florida.

Student Travel Grants – contact students who have submitted papers to apply for travel grants. No longer accepting papers so can not accept new applications.

Kevin Willis report – Nancy asks everyone to read it and send comments to her and to Karen. In NC, Rick is making EDDMapS reporting a standard and always pushes it in training sessions. GA DOT requires contractors to report invasives using EDDMapS.

Bill Kline – most vendors are contacting Jimmie Cobb since he's heading up the meeting.

USFS is contributing \$2,500 to annual meeting, per Alix Cleveland.

Chapter Grant proposals are due in July.

Brian Arnold sent an Arbor Day letter draft and Nancy asks us all to read it.

Chapter Updates:

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I won't be able to attend the conference call this afternoon. Regarding the meeting, another KY-EPPC board member was going to come to represent us, but she just changed jobs and does not have the flexibility to come. No one else is able to go at this time, so we may be without a rep at the annual meeting.

Here are a few updates for KY-EPPC:

- We are in the process of updating our species list and ranking. We have adopted a ranking criteria used by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation and sent a ranking spreadsheet out to 80 botanists, ecologists, and land managers throughout the state and neighboring states.
- We have added four new board members this year
- We have sent out a survey to our membership to find out how we can improve and what outreach methods are working.
- The 2012 Least Wanted poster was printed and is being dispersed. It features *Clematis terniflora* and three native alternatives.

From FLEPPC:

Annual meeting being held in conjunction with Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society with integration of wildlife/plant issues.