

**MINUTES FROM SE-EPPC BOARD MEETING
PANAMA CITY BEACH, FL
MAY 20TH, 2013**

CALLED TO ORDER: 6PM

ATTENDEES: KARAN RAWLINS (GA), BEN POWELL (NEW PRESIDENT OF SC-EPPC), KAREN BROWN (FL; SECRETARY), ALIX CLEVELAND (USDA-FS), BRIAN ARNOLD (PRESIDENT), JODY THOMPSON (VICE PRESIDENT OF KY-EPPC, ATTENDING ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT BEVERLY JAMES), STEPHEN ENLOE (AL), NANCY LOEWENSTEIN (PAST-PRESIDENT), JIM BURKE (NC), MARIE TACKETT (NEW PRESIDENT OF TN-EPPC), DAVE MOORHEAD (UGA)

MOTION FROM JIM BURKE TO APPROVE MAY 2013 MINUTES; NANCY L. SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIR-ELECT: TWO POTENTIAL CANDIDATES (MARIE TACKETT & JIM BURKE, NC)

TREASURER'S REPORT: LEE DID NOT ISSUE THE FINAL INVOICE TO USDA-FS AND NEEDS TO DO SO ASAP. LEE PROMISED TO TAKE CARE OF IT SOON. AFTER FOREST SERVICE MONEY AND STUDENT TRAVEL GRANTS, WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY \$15K IN THE BANK. LAST ANNUAL MEETING DID NOT GENERATE REVENUE AND LOST A SLIGHT AMOUNT (@\$400).

SYMPOSIUM UPDATE: KAREN REPORTED THAT CEUs WERE OBTAINED FROM KY, SC, GA, AL, FL, AND THE ISA. USDA-FS SPONSORSHIP OF \$2,500 WAS RECEIVED (PAYABLE TO FLEPPC) THANKS TO ALIX CLEVELAND. TWO ROOM NIGHTS AND AIRFARE WERE COVERED FOR DAMON WAITT, KEYNOTE SPEAKER. 92 PRE-REGISTRATIONS (INCLUDING 7 STUDENTS, AND 14 VENDORS); 38 SIGNED UP FOR FIELD TRIPS.

LAST ANNUAL GRANT WENT TO UGA TO DISSEMINATE LAKEVILLE ACTIVITY TO SCHOOLS IN GEORGIA. WILL DECIDE ON NEXT GRANT AFTER THIS SYMPOSIUM IS OVER AND AMOUNTS ARE TALLIED. KARAN RAWLINS TO PRESENT RESULTS DURING SYMPOSIUM.

ANNUAL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE PLAQUE PURCHASED FOR CHUCK BARGERON FOR \$275 (12"X15" SOLID WALNUT) FROM FLORIDA AWARDS & TROPHY IN GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA.

FOUR STUDENT POSTERS. NANCY ASKED FOR VOLUNTEER JUDGES: STEPHEN ENLOE, DAVE MOORHEAD, BEN POWELL, JODY THOMPSON, JIM BURKE, ALIX CLEVELAND AGREED TO PARTICIPATE. POSTER AWARDS ARE \$150, \$100, AND \$50 FOR 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD PLACES.

TRAVEL GRANTS: THREE STUDENTS RECEIVED \$300 EACH (SARAH FARMER (NC), ALEXIS MALDONADO (FL), BATOUL DAMGHANI (AL)) AND THE FLORIDA INVASIVE SPECIES PARTNERSHIP (FISP) COORDINATOR ROSE GODGREY RECEIVED ONE AS WELL (SHE IS NOT A STUDENT). SHE IS ONLY EMPLOYED PART-TIME AND HELPED COORDINATE A CONCURRENT SESSION ON COOPERATIVE INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT AREAS (CISMAs). ROSE'S TRAVEL GRANT WAS MOTIONED BY KAREN BROWN, SECONDED BY NANCY LOEWENSTEIN AND VOTED ON VIA EMAIL VOTE.

NA-EPPC LIAISON UPDATE FROM NANCY LOEWENSTEIN: CURRENT PROJECT INCLUDES WORKING ON ASTM STANDARD ON INVASIVE PLANT LISTINGS FOR LEADERSHIP IN ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (LEED) CERTIFIED (GREEN) BUILDINGS.

ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION – FIRST LETTER WAS IGNORED SO TOOK IT TO NA-EPPC AND THEY SENT A LETTER. DOUG JOHNSON CALLED AND OTHERS WROTE AND NOW THERE'S INTEREST. WAITING TO SEE WHERE THAT GOES. ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION WANTS AN OFFICIAL LIST.

ALIX THOUGHT THAT IF SE-EPPC HAD AN AGREED UPON PROCESS IT WOULD HELP BUT NANCY RE- STATED THAT ASTM STANDARDS WOULD BE THE MOST READILY ACCEPTED STANDARD.

EPPC UPDATES IN NEXT ISSUE OF WILDLAND WEEDS SUGGESTED BY BEN POWELL. KARAN RAWLINS SUGGESTED ARTICLE ABOUT EXPERTS INVOLVED ON ALL EPPC CHAPTER PLANT LIST COMMITTEES.

CHAPTER UPDATES SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW: STEPHEN ENLOE (AL), BEN POWELL (SC), KARAN (GA), JIM BURKE (NC), JODY THOMPSON (KY), DENNIS GIARDINA (FL).

ONLINE MEMBERSHIP BY SE-EPPC WEBSITE PROPOSED BY KARAN/BRIAN – TABLED FOR LATER DATE.

USDA-FS LIAISON REPORT – ALIX CLEVELAND; REARRANGED THE STATE/PRIVATE SIDE AS USDA-FS LIAISON WITH MICHELLE FRANK (PESTICIDE USE COORDINATOR) AND ANNA GREIS (INVASIVE SPECIES SPECIALIST). BOTH ARE IN ATLANTA. THEY ARE ATTENDING THIS SYMPOSIUM. LIAISON SHOULD COME FROM STATE/PRIVATE SIDE RATHER THAN THE FEDERAL SIDE AS FEDERAL FUNDS COME DOWN TO THE STATES. USDA-FS HAS THREE PRIMARY AREAS – RESEARCH: NATIONAL FORESTS: STATE/PRIVATE FORESTRY.

STEPHEN ENLOE MOTIONED TO ADJOURN; BEN SECONDED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:40.