

SE-EPPC Board of Directors Meeting
Conference Call – November 30, 2012

Minutes

ATTENDEES: BRIAN ARNOLD, NANCY LOEWENSTEIN, BEVERLY JAMES (KY), KAREN BROWN, ALIX CLEVELAND, KATE WILSON (USFS GRANT CONTRACTOR), LAUREN PILE (CLEMSON – PhD student), KARAN RAWLINS (GA).

Officer's Reports:

- President – Brian Arnold
 - Welcome
 - Nominations for president-elect – none.
- Treasurer – Not present; no report.
- Secretary – Karen Brown
 - Review and approval of meeting minutes (5/8/2012) – unanimously approved.

Brian Arnold reported that Brian Bowen has resigned from the board. His involvement had been taking a lesser role. He has been on the board since 1999. His most recent role was as liaison to NA-EPPC, an officer's position. This position is now open.

USFS GRANT REPORT: Kate Wilson is working on completing the USFS project. Brian Arnold has received favorable comments and is very pleased with the report. Nancy and Karan thought Kate did a really good job. Alix has scanned the report and read a couple of sections but has not read the entire report. Alix thinks it looks good and agrees with Karen that a summary article in *Wildland Weeds* is a good idea. She appreciates the survey material from the field that makes the information more relevant. Project a SE-EPPC/USFS project with four tasks (see report):

- 1) Comparison of listing criteria for invasive species;
- 2) use of EDDMapS and potential issues involved;
- 3) facilitate sharing updates to lists and other information (weed alerts, etc);
- 4) CWMAs/CISMAs increase success in the southeast. Included case study by Stephen Enloe on CWMAs.

Karan Rawlins and Brian Arnold suggested using a survey. Karan said that feedback is invaluable. Brian said the purpose was to increase communication among chapters. He also felt that having a more consistent listing process would be beneficial but he understands how difficult that can be. Look for commonalities and create a core criterion among states to demonstrate consistency amongst the southeast. Alix thinks a summary article and a separate conference call specifically about the report would be very useful. Karan suggested having a committee member from each state that would participate for each task. Nancy suggested we have a conference call soon and set up committees. Brian thinks the conference call should take place in mid-January. Karen suggested we look for potential members to work on the committees ahead of the conference call. Nancy suggested a Doodle poll. Karan, Karen, Alix and Nancy will create a message to preface the Doodle poll to get good participation in the next conference call. Alix ran into issue of non-participation among groups in forest work when they tried to develop base criteria for evaluating plants. Tiered to NaturServ criteria and coordinated with them to have some species evaluated to give leverage to their invasive listings. FS walks the line between conservation concerns and public concerns. Private, political, agencies – NaturServ is good at assessing. Kate will write a summary article for *Wildland Weeds*. She is also willing to put a summary into the report. Lee asked for an invoice and he will take care of payment. Karen thought the balance in the grant would be paid to Kate. Nancy thought so, too, and said they had figured out the amount. Nancy will find it in her emails and send along.

Committee Reports:

- Annual Meeting – Florida
 - Venue – contract signed with Edgewater Beach & Golf Resort, Panama City Beach
 - Keynote – Damon Waitt? (National EPPC; ISAC; Keynote in GA a couple of years ago and did a good job (Brian); Karan says he's very involved from state to national levels and Texas has done good things; they hired a PR group to come up with slogans to be inventive with public) – board voted to invite Damon to be the keynote speaker. Karen will contact him.
 - Sponsors – USFS – Alix Cleveland (Brian and Nancy to pursue)
 - Field trips – invited others from other states; Karan would like to do an EDDMapS field trip in the field; Nancy suggested we offer prizes for EDDMapS entries
 - Annual SE-EPPC award – David Moorhead? (retiring in a few years); Ken Langeland?; Randy Westbrooks – seek nominations from membership?
 - SILENT AUCTION – Brian favors; TN or KY or SC – starting bid of 40% of value; if we have someone willing to handle it.
 - POSTER COMPETITION-CASH PRIZES (NANCY) (\$150, \$100, \$50 = \$300) – will do again.
 - STUDENT TRAVEL GRANTS (NANCY) (\$400 x 4) Lauren Pile thinks travel grants aren't necessary as they receive support from their university; reduced registration good. Advertise on ECOLOG list-serv – open source for ecological studies, conferences, free. Apply for grant to cover registration. We need state boards to disseminate among state universities and ask that it be disseminated. Put on call for papers and then send a separate RFP.
 - Travis Rogers in SC might be a good person re CEUs. 56 members in SC-EPPC.
- NA-EPPC update
- *Wildland Weeds* – Karen Brown – the Summer/Fall issue will be out soon.
- Chapter Grant program– Nancy Loewenstein – 50/50 Match required – Nancy willing to take it on again. Beverly said there were three submissions; one had a much higher budget; wondered if there should a limited budget. Nancy will add language that specifies worthy projects that are underfunded will be given preference.

SE-EPPC Invasive Species Grant Report

- Use of the report – summary report in *Wildland Weeds*; presentation at meeting
- How do we sustain chapter communication?

Website

- Online process for EPPC membership – Karan set it up for GA that you can register online and pay membership online. AL-IPC set it up for last meeting using PayPal but there is a fee. Karan and Brian suggest we have all chapter transactions go thru SE-EPPC and SE-EPPC keeps records since people usually join at their annual meetings. Tabled for further discussion at next meeting.
- Chapters should advertise workshops etc. on the SE website.

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Nancy motioned to adjourn; Karen seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:25.