

MIDWEST INVASIVE PLANT NETWORK (MIPN)

STATISTICS:

Website: www.mipn.org

Original Meeting: October 2003

Incorporated: June 2006

Number of Meetings Per Year: Board meets 4-5 times per year, in person or by conference call. Committees meet on ad hoc basis. Annual meeting for membership held in conjunction with an invasive plants symposium at Natural Areas Conference or North Central Weed Science Society Conference.

Budget: Varies by year, depending on grants and donations.

States Represented: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin

Organizational Structure: MIPN currently has 18 members on its board of directors, with positions for president, vice-president, and treasurer, five committees, and one paid staff person.

Synopsis: MIPN's goal is to reduce the impact of invasive plant species in the Midwest. The network currently has research, EDRR and data management, fundraising, green industry, and education committees. MIPN includes a diverse group of participants and partners. With assistance from both federal and private funding sources, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) is currently hosting a paid staff position for the Coordinator of the Midwest Invasive Plant Network. Along with TNC, the U.S. Forest Service and the Wisconsin DNR have played major roles in the leadership of this network.