

MISSISSIPPI EXOTIC PEST PLANT COUNCIL (MS-EPPC)

STATISTICS:

Website: <http://www.se-eppc.org/mississippi/>

Original Meeting: December 10, 1999

By-laws Adopted: December 12, 2000

Incorporated: December 18, 2000

501 (C) (3) Application Approval: January 17, 2001 (date of IRS advance ruling)

Membership: 41

Number of Meetings Per Year: Two board of directors meeting annually; one at an annual meeting with a program including presentations, open discussions, and business meetings for the election of officers.

Budget: Typically have a balance of about \$2500; currently it is \$1300 due to expenditures associated with hosting the 2008 SE-EPPC symposium.

States Represented: Mississippi

Organizational Structure: MS-EPPC has a board of directors with 11 members that consists of five officers (president, vice president, past president, treasurer, and secretary) and six directors. Past Presidents become members of an Advisory Board.

Synopsis: The Mississippi Exotic Pest Plant Council provides a focus for and promotes public understanding of issues and concerns regarding exotic pest plants in native plant communities in Mississippi. MS-EPPC seeks to facilitate communication and the exchange of information regarding all aspects of exotic pest plant control and management, and provide a forum where all interested parties may participate in meetings and share in the benefits from the information generated by this council. The council also facilitates action campaigns to monitor and control exotic pest plants in Mississippi.