

Ohio Invasive Plants Council OIPC

STATISTICS:

Website: <http://www.oipc.info/>

Original Meeting: Ohio Invasive Plant Working Group efforts began in 1998 and the Ohio Invasive Plants Council held its first official meeting in April 2005.

By-laws Adopted: (Code of Regulations) June 8, 2005

Incorporated: 2005

501 (C) (3) Application Approval: March 14, 2006

Membership: No fee at this time

Number of Meetings Per Year: Annual meeting for entire council, with quarterly Board meetings and committees meeting as they deem necessary. Workshops coordinated throughout the state on as needed/requested basis.

States Represented: Ohio

Organizational Structure: The organization is a volunteer effort and has a twelve member board of directors with four officers (president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary), and one volunteer communications facilitator. There are four committees: financing and fundraising, organizational cohesion and structure, nominating, and state wide presence. Council work groups include research, education, communication and outreach, invasive plant list, and control, mapping and restoration, which is currently inactive. Each work group has a chair or two co-chairs with a director liaison.

Synopsis: The Ohio Invasive Plants Council is a coalition of agencies, organizations, and individuals throughout Ohio concerned about the introduction, spread, and control of invasive, non-native plants in Ohio's natural habitats. OIPC promotes public awareness of invasive species issues and encourages land management and research to detect invasive species and prevent new invasions into natural ecosystems. OIPC was formed as a 501(c)(3)not-for-profit organization in 2005 as a result of efforts in the late 1990's to improve awareness of the threats of invasive plants.