



THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EXOTIC PEST PLANT COUNCILS

NAEPPC FORUM MINUTES

Thursday, September 17, 2009 – 7:00PM-8:00PM PST

Attendees:

- Kristin Sewak – MAIPC
- Chris Evans – MIPN
- Wendy DesCamp – PNW - IPC
- Damon Waitt – Chair/TIPPC
- Brian Bowen – Treasurer/SE-EPPC/TN-EPPC
- Lisa Smith – Secretary
- Les Mehrhoff – IPANE/Conn. Invasive Plant Working Group
- Mandy Tu – PNW – IPC/Cal-IPC
- Jim Burch – FLEPPC
- Tony Pernas – FLEPPC/SE-EPPC/NA-EPPC Past President
- Jim Houser – TIPPC

Damon Waitt opened the meeting to all member groups present to share their organizations updates:

Florida EPPC – Jim Burch and Tony Pernas

- Annual symposium was late May, 2009 – attendance was down.
- 2010 symposium in April – partner with Florida Native Plant Society
- Wildland Weeds – biofuel focus in southern Florida – public statements/white papers, completed revision of Floridas Most Invasive Species List (FLEPPC List)
- Currently at 300-400 members

Mid Atlantic EPPC (IPC) – Kristin Sewak and Lisa Smith

- Welcome new president, Kristin Sewak
- MA-EPPC is now MA-IPC accompanied by a new logo/website redo.
- 2009 conference at Univ. of Pittsburgh in Johnstown, PA – attendance down
- 2010 workshop is in planning stages
- Recent focus on EDRR for Mid-Atlantic region with development EDMaps for Mid-Atlantic funded by National Park Service.

Midwest Invasive Plant Network – Chris Evans

- Currently rewriting CWMA (Cooperative Weed Management Area) Cookbook and continuing with CWMA workshops.
- 1 paid staff
- Invasive Plants of Midwest flip book on sale
- January 2010 conference in partnership with North Central WSS in Lansing, MI



Texas Invasive Plant and Pest Council – Jim Houser and Damon Waitt

- Biennial conference of TIPPC to be held in Austin in November at Trinity University.
- Using California/Arizona Assessment Protocol to develop a Texas Invasive Plant List
- Invasive database still active
- State giant salvinia campaign will result in an update of website that is being funded by Parks and Wildlife at \$250K???
- An invasive species coordinator has been hired by the state and will be overseen by the Soil and Conservation Board.

Pacific Northwest –IPC – Wendy DesCamp and Mandy Tu

- 2009 conference partnered with US Forest Service. Focus will be EDRR.
- Seeking funding to hire a coordinator
- 15 board members and membership includes OR, WA, Vancouver, BC, Yukon
- Embarking on a statewide campaign in OR with film documentary. Other states have been offered the format.

Invasive Plant Atlas of New England – Les Mehrhoff

- IPANE is currently lacking support
- There has been some discussion about forming a NE-EPPC
- USGS has been supporting IPANE thru ABII
- IPANE has a steering committee, not a board

Southeast – EPPC – Brian Bowen

- No longer has a coordinator position
- 2009 SE-EPPC conference was held in South Carolina in May, 2010 will be held in Chattanooga, TN and sponsored by TN-EPPC and SER (Society for Ecological Restoration).

Tennessee – EPPC – Brian Bowen

- Forming a state CWMA