



## THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EXOTIC PEST PLANT COUNCILS

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### NAEPPC BOARD MINUTES

Friday, September 18, 2009 - 3:30PM-5:00PM PST

#### Attendees:

- Kristin Sewak – MAIPC
- Chris Evans – MIPN
- Janet Clark - CIPM
- Bill Brookreson – PNW - IPC
- Sarah Reichard – PNW – IPC
- Wendy DesCamp – PNW - IPC
- Damon Waitt – Chair/TIPPC
- Brian Bowen – Treasurer/SE-EPPC – proxy for Chuck Barger
- Lisa Smith – Secretary
- Doug Johnson – Vice-Chair/Cal-IPC – proxy for Jason Giessow (phone)
- Les Mehrhoff - IPANE

#### 1. Chair Report: Damon Waitt

- Approve Minutes of May 22, 2009
- Welcome New Board Members.
- NAEPPC Projects - Economic Analysis, Wildland Weeds, i-Wire – first introduce NAEPPC and have each chapter include in their individual communications)

#### 2. Vice Chair Report: Doug Johnson

- Q37 Advocacy Report – NECIS and NAEPPC have drafted support letters that will be sent. Individual EPPC's have been sent and are being worked on.
- NAA will encourage it's membership to write letters via it's website and listserv.
- *Bill B. made a motion to support the Q-37 that Doug will submit on behalf of NAEPPC. Brian B. seconded. Vote U with 2 later electronic votes from Joyce Bender, KY and Jim Burney, FL. .*

#### 3. Secretary Report: Lisa Smith

- Review Board Roster

#### 4. Treasurer Report: Brian Bowen

- CAL-IPC and Fiscal Sponsorship – Cal-IPC has deposited the \$5K revenue from the Nashville conference in their checking account. We have written two checks – one to cover Mandy Tu's registration to the NAA Conference for program work and a second to a presenter to support their participation in the NAA conference.



## Updates and Other Business

- NNIPC Economic Analysis (Doug Johnson) – state-based economic analysis with National Network of Invasive Plant Centers (incl: CIPM, Cal-IPC, MIPN, IPANE, Center for Aquatic Invasive Plants – U of F, Bugwood). Doug presented the effort in California as an example. Time commitment questioned. Doug suggested that funding would be necessary to support the work on behalf of each EPPC. One page information sheet can be found on [www.naeppc.org](http://www.naeppc.org). Janet suggested that many of the states have done analysis. Bill suggested that getting information and accurate information is challenging. Sarah recommended that we be sure to get enough money to cover the work and consider hiring a consultant in the field of environmental economics. If we are going to do it, do it well and that will take some \$\$.
- Concerns about magnitude. Consistency in methodology would be critical. If we did pursue this, NNIPC would serve as the hub (coordinator, organizer, fundraiser) and NAEPPC would facilitate engaging their members in the work.
- Update on NISAW (Janet Clark) – January 10-14, 2010 in Washington D.C.. – Janet presented an information sheet on the specifics of the week. Website, [www.nisaw.org](http://www.nisaw.org), is being hosted by UGA (C.Bargeron). Janet offered a conference room to serve as a meeting room for NAEPPC.
- Update on ISAC (Damon Waitt) – ISAC presented a white paper on biofuels recently. Website is back @ [www.invasivespecies.gov](http://www.invasivespecies.gov). Reviewing applications for new members to ISAC.
- Invasive Plant Atlas and NAEPPC (Les Mehrhoff) – get all data-gathering entities to contribute to a large clearinghouse of information. Attempting to get data in on distributions from across the U.S.. Chuck B. is thinking about the database and logistics. It is a work in progress and to date has included the WeedUS, IPANE and Texas Invaders data. The individual programs databases stay intact, it just creates a database that includes national data in one place.
- Certification - Sarah discussed a workshop that was organized by John Peter Thompson recently that explored certification for the nursery industry and was sponsored by the American Landscape and Nursery Association. Interest on behalf of ANLA is lacking due to lack of a large invasive plant constituency. NAEPPC could serve as the organization that sanctions the certification. Sarah suggested that a model could be developed and tested in Seattle. Getting the box stores on board is still a nut that needs to be cracked. There are models out there that we can learn from. New Zealand wsa successful with this years ago. JPT is drafting a white paper on certification.
- Announcements (Conferences Symposia, Workshops, etc.) - Les asked the group to consider NAEPPC holding a regular meeting at NAA.
- Next Meeting – January 10-14, 2010 at NISAW in Washington, D.C.

Adjournment – Les M. and Bill B. (partial vote)

### Attachments:

Member updates from NAEPPC Forum – 9/17/09  
9/18/2009 Roll Call  
NAEPPC Q-37 Letter