



THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EXOTIC PEST PLANT COUNCILS

NAEPPC BOARD MINUTES

Friday, February 20, 2009 - 11:00AM-12:30PM CST

Welcome from Vice Chair – Brian Bowen

- Roll Call of Representatives

Chuck Bargeron, SEEPPC and GAEPPC

Brian Bowen, NAEPPC VP, Treasurer Elect, SEEPPC

Bill Brookerson, PNW-EPPC

Lisa Brush - MIPN

Theresa Culley - OIPC

Meghan Fellows, MAEPPC

Jason Giessow – Cal-IPC

Marijka Haverhals – N.Rockies

Doug Johnson, VP Elect, Cal-IPC

Kelly Kearns, IPAW

Nancy Lowenstein, AL-IPC

Lisa Morris, KY-EPPC

Lisa Smith, Secretary Elect, MAEPPC

Damon Waitt, President Elect, TIPPC

LinnAnn Welch - TNEPPC

- Election Results and New Officers

14 EPPC/IPC Officers voted. 5 did not.

Announced new officers. Thanked current slate of Officers which include - Tony Pernas (P), Brian Bowen (VP), Nancy Fraley (S), Mike Bodle (T).

New Officers: Damon (P), Doug (VP), Lisa (T) and Brian (S).

1. Chair Elect: Damon Waitt

- Executive Committee (Article VIII, Section 1) – “board may designate an executive committee”

Establish Executive Committee (Bylaws: Article VIII, Section 1). Board empower/elect the Executive Committee which to consist of the Officers and any other members that the board or Officers feel might be important, such as webmaster Chuck Bargeron.

ACTION: Bill Brookerson made a motion to establish an EC consisting of the officers of the NAEPPC, Lisa Brush seconded. No discussion. Vote U.

- Change to Board of Presidents (Article VI, Section 1) – “voting members delegated by member councils”



3 reasons – 1.) ease of tracking, 2.) authority. Assumption is that presidents have the authority to make decisions for their orgs. and are most informed about the activities of their org. 3.) increasing influence of NAEPPC.

We'll work on proposed language change to the by-laws reflecting ideas brought forth and will bring to the board for a vote.

- Meeting Frequency -

Putting a listserve in place could help with communications in the interim. Chuck B. will do this. Lisa B. – Given that we have an EC in place, let's go with quarterly

2. Vice Chair Elect: Doug Johnson

- Discuss NAEPPC process for taking or endorsing a position.

Referred to a proposed policy process. An example would be to support a letter to TNC advocating the need for continued focus on invasive species. All board members are encouraged to bring potential actions to the attention of the board. For now the EC is empowered to make the decisions and can also be empowered to involve policy experts in decisions if that is necessary.

- Summarize top advocacy issues. For example, NAEPPC endorse NECIS transition document (NECIS_Transition.pdf) or condemn TNC for GISI action.

ACTION: Chuck Bargerone made a motion that NAEPPC Join NECIS with Doug being our representative. Bill Brookerson seconded. NECIS information will still be sent to all board members. Vote U.

3. Secretary Elect: Lisa Smith

- Inconsistencies between Bylaws and NAEPPC MOU
- Sections missing or not well defined in Bylaws: Officer duties, terms, and elections, NAEPPC membership

Lisa made a recommendation for the EC and any other interested individuals to draft revision of Bylaws and MOU for Board approval

4. Treasurer Elect: Brian Bowen

- NAEPPC financial status

\$5K profit for NAEPPC from NAC08. We need to resolve the issue of where the money is deposited. NAEPPC does not have a business license or an EIN. Brian will explore alternatives.

- NAEPPC short and long term funding needs

Article 11 of bylaws has no guidance on EC expenditures. We have an immediate expense related to website domains.



ACTION: Jason Giessow made a motion that the EC be able to spend up to \$500 without board approval. Bill Brookerson seconded. Vote U.

Updates and Other Business

- Annual Conference – Lisa Smith

NAC09 – Are we interested in using the NAA conference as a venue for furthering initiatives (there has been some discussion already with organizers that Brian and Lisa)? Can we use NAC09 as a venue to advance efforts of western EPPC's/IPC's to organize?

- Website and NAEPPC board listserv – Chuck Barger

Chuck is working with GIST (Barry Myers Rice) to capture info from the GIST website before it is shut down.

Chuck got a recommendation from the board to keep 2 of 3 existing domains registered.

- National Network of Invasive Plant Centers (Update) – Chuck Barger

Working group formed National Network for Invasive Plant Centers. NAEPPC sits on in an advisory capacity. Purpose is to coordinate those centers with dedicated staff that are outreach in focus. Coordination around funding and resources.

- PNW EPPC (Update) - Sarah Reichard

Bill reported that PNW was still struggling to get the organization off the ground.

- **Next Meeting May 15, 2009**
- Other

Doug will send a letter re: the TNC situation to the board via the listserve.

**ACTION:
Damon made a motion to adjourn. Vote U.**