

**SE-EPPC Board of Directors Meeting
Conference Call – September 4, 2014**

Minutes approved at November 12, 2014 board meeting in Athens, GA.

In Attendance: Karan Rawlins (GA), Karen Brown (Secretary), Nancy Loewenstein (NA-EPPC), Sherry Williams (FL), Jessica Spencer (USACOE), Brian Arnold (President), Lee Patrick (Treasurer), Ben Powell (SC), Jack Ranney (TN), Anna Greis (USFS), Stephen Enloe (AL, SE-EPPC President-Elect), Nancy Dagley (NPS)

Officer's Reports:

- President – Brian Arnold introduced Jack Ranney as the new TN-EPPC President.
- Treasurer – Lee Patrick submitted a balance sheet showing total assets of \$10,982.06. The final payment from the USFS Grant was finally received.
- Secretary – Karen Brown – Minutes for 2013 are now on the website. The April 2014 minutes will be sent over once approved. Karan/Sherry motioned to approve; approved.
- Editor – Karen Brown – Wildland Weeds (WWs) should go to an online publication with the next issue. Sherry Williams asked if it should be posted immediately on the website or sent to members only with a notice to those on the list-serv. Karen motioned to go online and deliver experimentally to members only. Post the issue 6 months later to the website and notify list-serv and the membership. Discussion: Sherry and Karan think it should be a perk of membership. Ben suggested social media with individual articles. Karen agreed that this is a good idea but takes dedicated personnel and time and expertise. Karen could work on a brochure highlighting WWs and also membership. Nancy – chapters could take articles and use as needed. Motioned to move WW to PDF; send to members; send notice to list-serv; work up a brochure highlighting WWs and SE-EPPC and EPPC chapters. Karen motioned; Ben Powell seconded. Approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- NA-EPPC Update – Nancy Loewenstein
 - NJ Invasive Strike Team wants to join NA-EPPC. This led to updating the application form and a discussion about getting a copy of by-laws and current board members and affiliations from each chapter
 - Will vote soon on changing name to NA IPC (National Association of IPCs)
 - Letter sent to National Fish & Wildlife Foundation re: NA-EPPC activities
 - Next meeting October 2nd - 1PM EST –Each chapter should have their representative or a proxy on the call.
 - ASTM Plant List Standard – Brian asked for status. Negative comments had to be addressed so they withdrew the application until these could be addressed, which is on-going. It could be more complicated than expected to implement the plant list standard. Once latest draft is finalized, it will be sent out again. Jack Ranney asked to be added to the group list.
- Annual Meetings
 - 2014 Annual Meeting – Karan Rawlins / Brian Arnold
 - Annual SE-EPPC award – need nominations. Karen suggested it doesn't need to be awarded annually. Ben asked if the parameters are listed somewhere. Karen will look into this and report back.
 - Call for Papers sent out; deadline is Sept 20th – sent to SE-EPPC list-serv and is posted on SE-EPPC web page. Jessica suggested sending to universities as well. Karen will look up other list-servs such as SER (done), EcoloG (done via Deah).

Sherry suggested CWMAAs (done), FISP (done), Elachee Nature Science Center (done). Karen will send vendor info from last year's meeting to Brian.

- 2015 Annual Meeting – Rob Emens– NC-IPC – Rob was unable to call in – no report.
- USFS Grants (pertains to Annual Meetings) – Anna Greis – \$5K came through to support the 2014 and the 2015 meetings. Money will require an invoice after an award letter is sent out once the grant is approved. This will support both meetings for \$2,500. each as a grant. Anna will be at the Athens meeting.
- Mississippi Chapter – Brian – disbanded and gave moneys to CWMA in MS. Julie Marcy (MS-EPPC Executive Secretary/Treasurer) asked if they could retain their Federal ID number to be able to resurrect the chapter at a future date and Lee said this is possible.

State Reports

- Alabama – Nancy reported that 115 people attended the May meeting in Huntsville (northern AL). Their new president is Jacob Hodnett (Dow). ALIPC had a display at the National Association of County Ag Agents in Mobile.
- Florida – Sherry reported a successful joint meeting with 150 attendees at the FLEPPC/ FL TWS (Florida chapter of The Wildlife Society) in Safety Harbor. Made \$5800 including membership renewals and merchandise sales. Recruiting some new committee chairs and filling vacant chairs; some have been filled. Developing a white paper explaining the plant listing process. Working on a campaign to recruit CISMA members to become FLEPPC members. Finance committee being resurrected to make budgeting smoother and have a longer term plan.
- Georgia – see meeting narrative above.
- Kentucky – Jody will send comments via email as unable to call in.
- N. Carolina – Rob Emens had a back injury and had to cancel.
- S. Carolina – Ben Powell – having a conference Sept 16th near Beaufort – slowing or stopping the spread. Katie Walters will talk about Lakeville. Update from DPI – junior invasive species investigators. TNC will discuss Phragmites Task Force. Will be end of Ben's term as President. Most successful accomplishment: two \$500 grants awarded. New invasive plant found in SC – *Ficaria verna*; a popular community walkway was given a grant to clear *Eleagnus*.
- Tennessee – Jack Ranney – board wants to change from EPPC to IPC if SE-EPPC changes accordingly. Had to postpone conference as they did not market it well enough. They will hold it Feb 27th with National Botanical Society. Another meeting is also scheduled February 7th in Memphis at the Memphis Botanical Garden. They've been working with a large wholesale nursery business in Little Tennessee. Provided a letter of support to the Great Smokey Mountains Nat'l Park about the dangers of transporting firewood after some public push-back. Most recent newsletter is out; they publish 3 per year.

Liaison Reports

- NPS – Nancy Dagley – NPS EPMT program has a new national coordinator: Invasive Plant Program Manager – Terry Hogan, Fort Collins, CO. Making migration to National Invasive Species Information Management System (NISIMS) database (USDI Bureau of Land Management). The database records data collected during their work such as acres treated, GIS coverage, etc. This is how they report to Congress on what they have accomplished.
- USDA FS – Anna Greis reported above.
- USFWS – Christen Mason unavailable for call
- APHIS – no liaison; no report
- Industry – no liaison; no report
- USACE – no specific report but they found the first population of Brazilian pepper tree in GA working with coastal GA CISMA on the road to Jeckyll Island. Their strike team took care of it. 8-9" in diameter and reproducing. Great EDRR story. Dismayed that species are moving north.
- TNC – no liaison; no report

Old Business

- Update on Arkansas chapter formation – Brian said they called two weeks ago. Method of joining is in the bylaws. They are still working on it.
- Liaison representatives – tabled until next meeting.

New Business

- Discussion of Collaboration with other organizations
 - SE Chapter-Society of Ecological Restoration (SER) – Brian reported that John Tobe seeks help of SE-EPPC:
 - needs contacts/speakers/practitioners for 2015 meeting in Knoxville, Oct 14-16
 - needs contacts to help develop spring 2016 Joint Meeting in Daytona area with Florida Native Plant Society. Speakers and field sites showcasing restoration of Florida ecosystems. Karan suggested that FNPS should be able to help them.
 - SER working on an Ecological Restoration Certification program.
 - Southeast Chapter of Weed Science Society of America – SWSS meeting was suggested by Karen and a possible collaboration. This meeting was attended by Anna Greis who reported that it was quite formal (suits), very crop oriented, new chemicals on the market, product updates, etc.
- EPPC vs. IPC – discussion of organization name – table until next board meeting in Athens, GA.

Adjourned at 4PM.

Addendum I to September 2014 SE-EPPC Board Meeting Minutes:

From: jb.arnold11@gmail.com Brian Arnold

Sent: Friday, June 13, 2014 10:39 AM

To: Jody Thompson, President KY-EPPC; Karan Rawlins; Powell, Ben; Rob Emens; Williams, Sherry; Tackett, Marie, Enloe, Stephen ALIPC President; Karen Brown; Lee Patrick; Loewenstein, Nancy

Subject: SE-EPPC Presidency - IMPORTANT

Board, The other officers and I have been in discussion regarding when Stephen Enloe is to assume the office of president, and we now request your consideration of the matter.

Per our by-laws, officer terms are two years in length. As you likely know, the president-elect traditionally assumes the office of president at an Annual Meeting, since Annual Meetings typically coincide with officer terms. However with the annual meeting in November, this will result in an extra six months on my term.

Having stated all the above, we request that you consider approving my remaining president until our upcoming Annual Meeting in November.

If you object to this measure or if you have any concerns, please reply to the group or to me by Thursday June 19, 5:00pm Eastern. If there are no objections or concerns, expressed either to me or the group, by respective date, we'll proceed with change of presidency at Annual Meeting.

Brian Arnold, SongBird LandCare, Brian@SongBirdLC.com | 770-880-5041

Subsequently approved by Sherry Williams (FLEPPC), Karan Rawlins (GA-EPPC), Ben Powell (SC-EPPC), Stephen Enloe (President Elect), (ALIPC), Karen Brown (Secretary), Lee Patrick (Treasurer). No response from Jody Thompson (KY-EPPC), Rob Emens (NC-IPC), Marie Tackett (TN-EPPC).

Addendum II to September 2014 SE-EPPC Board Meeting Minutes:

-----Original Message-----

From: Marcy, Julie ERD [mailto:Julie.B.Marcy@usace.army.mil]

Sent: Wednesday, June 04, 2014 11:52 AM

To: Aaron Hayek; Becky Stowe MSEPPC; Benny Graves; Charles Bryson; Chris Bryan MDOT; Cofrancesco, Alfred F (Al) ERD; Daniel Sumerall, TNC; Dennis Riecke; Donna Beliech - MSEPPC; Freedman, Jan ERD; Gary Ervin; Greg Wall; James Blocker TNC; Jeff Head - MSEPPC; Jim Copeland; John Byrd - MSEPPC; John Corban - MSEPPC; John Huddleston; John Huddleston; John Madsen - MSEPPC; John Taylor MSEPPC; Keith Billingsley - MSEPPC; Ken Gordon - MSEPPC; Kenneth Calcote - MSEPPC; Lisa McInnis, NPS; Lisa Yager; Marcy, Julie ERD; Mark Weaver MSEPPC; Melinda Lyman MSEPPC; Miriam Allred; Nathan White; Nelson, Linda ERD; Nelwyn McInnic MSEPPC; Bailey, Pamela ERD; Patty Rogers - MSEPPC; Rima Lucardi; Ryan Wersal; Shearer, Judy ERD; Simeon Williford; Stacey Shankle, TNC; Stephen Brewer - MSEPPC; Tim Dickinson; Vernon Hartley; Victor Maddox - MSEPPC; Brown, Karen P; Brian Arnold; Lee Patrick; Ferguson, Justin; jmadsen@ucdavis.edu

Subject: FW: Proposal to Disband MSEPPC - Responses Required Prior to 2 June 2014

Hello All,

I am providing the results of the survey below as promised. Of the 43 members the message was sent to, I received email bounces for 11 previous members. Of the remaining 32, 14 members responded. Of those, 12 voted to disband the chapter and provide remaining funds to the MS Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA). Two did not wish to see the chapter disband and one of these individuals agreed to serve as an officer. The lack of response from 18 members and non-receipt of updated email addresses for 11 others are indicative of the lack of active participation in the chapter.

As mentioned previously, chapter officers require a minimum of a President, Vice President, Combined Secretary/Treasurer (with board approved bylaw change - currently 2 positions), and 6 additional members for the Board of Directors. We obviously did not receive enough volunteers to serve in those roles.

Accordingly, the MS Exotic Pest Plants Chapter will become Inactive. I currently recommend retaining the chapter EIN (tax exempt number) and I am checking with financial representatives at SEEPPC regarding this. If we are able to retain the number, it should make reactivating the chapter easier in the future should that opportunity arise.

I will process the closing of our MSEPPC bank account at Regions Bank. The last statement I received showed a balance of \$5,503.59. I will check with the bank to see if there are any remaining fees, allow the last check to clear and then close the account. A check in the remaining amount will be written to MS CWMA c/o MFB Foundation. It will be sent to: Mississippi Farm Bureau Foundation, Attn: Justin Ferguson, P.O. Box 1972, Jackson, MS 39215.

I encourage members who wish to remain active with invasive plants in MS to consider attending MS CWMA meetings if you aren't already doing so. Their next meeting is July 17 in Jackson at the MS Department of Agriculture and Commerce (MDAC) building (behind the fairgrounds). They usually meet quarterly on the 3rd Thursday of the month. All are invited to attend, but only board members can vote. Board members are comprised of representatives of the governmental and private organizations that signed a memorandum of agreement to participate in the MS CWMA. If you wish to receive meeting and other announcements, you may contact the CWMA coordinator, Victor Maddox, at VMaddox@pss.msstate.edu to be added to the mailing list. The MS CWMA bylaws may be viewed on their webpage at www.mscwma.org.

Remember that our chapter will no longer be covering the cost for you to receive the Wildland Weeds magazine. I recommend that you contact the editor, Karen Brown, kpbrown@ifas.ufl.edu, to see about arrangements for continuing to receive the magazine. Archived issues may be found at: <http://www.se-eppc.org/wildlandweeds/>.

Many thanks to everyone who supported MSEPPC over the years and to those who took time to respond to the survey. It has been my pleasure to serve as your Treasurer since our founding in 2000.

Sincerely,

Julie Marcy, ERDC EL, MSEPPC Treasurer, 601 634 3684

-----Original Message-----

From: Marcy, Julie ERD

Sent: Tuesday, May 06, 2014 10:23 AM

To: Aaron Hayek; Becky Stowe MSEPPC; Benny Graves; Charles Bryson; Chris Bryan MDOT; Cofrancesco, Alfred F (Al) ERD; Daniel Sumerall, TNC; Dennis Riecke; Donna Beliech - MSEPPC; Freedman, Jan ERD; Gary Ervin; Greg Wall; James Blocker TNC; Jeff Head - MSEPPC; Jim Copeland; John Byrd - MSEPPC; John Corban - MSEPPC; John Huddleston; John Huddleston (john_huddleston@comcast.net); John Madsen - MSEPPC; John Taylor MSEPPC; Keith Billingsley - MSEPPC; Ken Gordon - MSEPPC; Kenneth Calcote - MSEPPC; Lisa McInnis, NPS; Lisa Yager; Marcy, Julie ERD; Mark Weaver MSEPPC; Melinda Lyman MSEPPC; Miriam Allred; Nathan White; Nelson, Linda ERD; Nelwyn McInnic MSEPPC; Pam Bailey; Patty Rogers - MSEPPC; Rima Lucardi; Ryan Wersal; Shearer, Judy ERD; Simeon Williford; Stacey Shankle, TNC; Stephen Brewer - MSEPPC; Tim Dickinson; Vernon Hartley; Victor Maddox - MSEPPC; Brown, Karen P; Brian Arnold; John Madsen - MSEPPC (jmadsen@ucdavis.edu)
Subject: Proposal to Disband MSEPPC - Responses Required Prior to 2 June 2014

Unfortunately, a motion has been received to disband the MS Exotic Pest Plants Council due to inactivity. Our acting President, Aaron Hayek, sent a request in March 2013 asking for volunteers to step forward to assume a leadership role, and no responses were forthcoming.

A recent payment to FLEPPC for the Wildland Weeds magazine left our MSEPPC account with \$5503.59. Due to chapter inactivity, no membership dues have been requested for the last 2 years. Disbanding includes a tentative proposal to provide any remaining chapter funds to the MS CWMA if/when the MSEPPC bank account is closed.

Closing the account and officially notifying SEPPC of the chapter closing will proceed on 2 June 2014 unless members respond prior to that date objecting to the closure and stating their willingness to serve as President and Vice President of the MS Chapter. Official duties (at a minimum) include: coordinating an annual chapter meeting (perhaps in association with the MS Cooperative Weed Management Association), 2 business meetings (one in conjunction with annual meeting), participating in periodic SEPPC board telecoms and attending the SEPPC annual meeting. If leadership volunteers are forthcoming, we would also need to establish a new Board of Directors.

A closure impact affecting all members would be no longer receiving the Wildland Weeds magazine. You would need to arrange for a continuing subscription through another affiliated EPPC chapter such as Florida.

Again, if you object to the chapter closure and wish to serve in a leadership role, please advise the undersigned or Aaron Hayek, ahayek@chemproservices.com. In the absence of said responses, closure will commence on 2 June 2014.

Ideally, I would appreciate receiving your input as follows so we may have an official record of the proceedings:

1. Approve Disbanding MSEPPC ___ Disapprove Disbanding MSEPPC ___ If disapproving, please provide your name and contact information for your willingness to serve in a leadership capacity

2. Approve Giving Remaining Funds to MS CWMA ___ Disapprove Giving Remaining Funds to MS CWMA _____

Recommended Alternative Receiver of Remaining Funds:

Julie Marcy, MSEPPC Treasurer, Julie.B.Marcy@usace.army.mil