

Minutes
Invasive Plants Association of Wisconsin
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, May 9, 2006
2:30 – 4:30 p.m.
The Nature Conservancy, Madison

Board Members present: Amy Staffen, Gene Roark, Tom Boos

Board members joining via conference call: Pat Goggin, Rolf Utegaard, Jim Reinartz, Tom Hunt, Steve Strachota

Others present: Kelly Kearns, Lori Artiomow, Jessica Bolwahn

President Goggin called the meeting to order.

I. Administration

- Approve minutes of last regular meeting on March 7th, 2006.
Correction: Tom Hunt present.
Motion to approve with correction: Utegaard/Hunt – passed.
- Treasurer's Report (May 2006 Report as well as 2005 Year-End Summary; emailed to BOD before meeting by Boos)
Motion to approve: Goggin/Roark – passed.
- Additional note: Pat noticed that BOD minutes on website end at September 2005.
 - Jessica Bolwahn will get old electronic files of minutes and make sure that Marsha Vomastic posts them on the IPAW website.

II. Old Business

Economic Impact Statements:

- Tom needs to get pbwiki working, will talk to Mike Healy.

Long-term strategic planning for IPAW: Goggin sent email survey soliciting input from membership, has 5 surveys so far. The eventual plan is to have a one-day planning workshop with professional facilitator to guide process. Several different facilitators will be sought out, and perhaps a bid will be solicited. Tom Hunt wonders if UW-Extension would provide facilitation for free? Possible locations for workshops include Schmeekle Preserve (Steven's Point) and the UW-Milwaukee Research Station (Cedarburg).

- Goggin will send survey out to membership through LISTSERV once more.
- All Board Members are required to fill out survey!
- Goggin will compile information from all surveys.
- Goggin will talk to Linda Stowe (sp.?) about facilitating.
- Staffen will talk to Warren Gaskill about facilitating.
- Hunt will investigate facilitating services through UW-Extension.

III. New Business

Officer election: All officers are up for re-election at the end of May, 2006.

President: Goggin will not be seeking a second term on the IPAW BOD, thus position of President will be vacant after May 31, 2006. Tom Hunt nominated John Exo. Tom Boos concedes to serving as President if no one else will, though he would need to ask his employer if this would be allowable (may pose a conflict of interest). Vice President: Utegaard is willing to continue. Treasurer: Boos is willing to continue. Secretary: Staffen is willing to continue. Other: Kearns mentioned that Jerry Doll, who will be asked to accept a nomination to the Board, would make a great officer as well since he's well-versed in IPAW Board functions,.

- Hunt will talk to John Exo about nomination for President. Will let Boos know immediately results of this discussion.
- If Exo declines nomination for President, Boos will investigate possibility of Presidency with future employer.

IPAW Board of Directors Nominations/Slate of Candidates: Goggin presented a summary list of potential nominees. The 3-year terms of three Board members, Goggin, Strachota and Hammel, will expire at the end of May 2006. Goggin and Strachota will not seek future terms on Board. We assume that Hammel will choose not to seek a future term as well. Two other Board members, Baker and Van-Buecken, have resigned. These resignations and term expirations result in a Board of eight members. By-laws recommend 11-19 members, thus a minimum of three should be nominated and elected. Goal: Secure nominees in time to include ballots in May/June newsletter (deadline May 18). If not possible, a postcard ballot will have to be mailed. Goggin will remain as Chair of Nominating Committee until at least three Board positions are filled.

- Goggin will produce standardized invitation to nominees, along with 'mini-position description' that outlines functions and required commitments of Board members. Will send to Nominating Committee.
- Goggin will produce description of required information for nominee biographies that will be put on ballot. Will send to Nominating Committee.
- Kearns will contact nominee(s) representing green industry and agency/education.
- Staffen will contact nominee(s) representing consultants/land managers.
- Goggin will contact nominee(s) representing WI Indian tribes and AIS professionals.
- Nominating Committee members will strive to get nominee information to Pat by May 17 in time for his compilation and submission of ballot info to Jim Reinartz for publication in May/June newsletter.

ISAM 2006: Artiomow reports that efforts focusing on legislators are being scaled down, and her efforts are mainly being channeled into getting events on the calendar and working with event leaders in publicizing events. Goal: One event

per day in June. IPAW newsletter will be devoted virtually entirely to ISAM activities. Deadline: May 18. The meeting of the WI Council on Invasive Species/Invader Crusader Awards will take place, hopefully, in conjunction with the Governor's Capitol for a Day during June, probably either in Milwaukee or Green Bay. Staffen and Vilas County (Goggin *et al.*) were nominated for Invader Crusader Awards.

Program Assistant position update: IPAW welcomes Jessica Bolwahn as new Program Assistant. She lives in Viroqua, works at Effigy Mounds National Monument. Bolwahn signed and mailed contract to Goggin.

Boos will investigate whether Bolwahn needs to fill out any IRS form (1099?)

PooP newsletter: Articles must be to Reinartz by May 18.

Staffen will compose thank you's to Goggin, Strachota, maybe Hammel (depending on status of Board membership renewal at end of month).

Staffen will compose thank you to Simonsen, welcome to Bolwahn.

Education Committee Update: Kearns is having student work on new display with 'mix-and-match' components that can be tacked on board to suit needs. Staffen has created a brochure for the WI Council on Invasive Species which could be partially funded by IPAW; more info in future. Staffen will create draft of standardized statements on invasive species that will be included in all products and provided to all speakers/presenters representing IPAW; BOD will review and revise as needed. The door hanger project is still hanging (waiting for draft to be created).

Science Committee Update: As noted in last newsletter, they are seeking help in getting up-to-date information on invasives.

Legislative: Roark drafted two letters: one to Representative Kind to urge him to expand his wildlife refuge legislation to include control of invasive species adjacent to and upstream from the USFWS refuges; one to all of our U.S. representatives and Senators asking them to fund the Noxious Weed Law.

Staffen will type hand-written letters for Roark, email to Goggin for signature and mailing.

NAEPPC meeting update: Kearns reports that we have joined.

Coalition letter of commitment from IPAW: Roark drafted letter to Jim Bean stating our support of the Coalition for Eastern Invasive Plant Species Control. Roark saw final version of petition and felt that all of our previous concerns had been addressed. All agree that our commitment letter should convey general support of initiative with no specific details on invasives or statistics.

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Forestry best management practices: Roark reports that they had a successful meeting with loggers and foresters. Kearns proclaims victory as group has convinced Plum Creek that invasive species are important to consider. When BMPs are in place, Roark hopes that compliance to BMP will be incorporated into forestry contracts.

North Central Weed Science Society December 2006 Conference: Not much for updates, other than that all topics of presentations/workshops have been determined, and presenters are now needed.

Additional matters: Boos shared letter declaring award of \$20,000 for ISAM 2007 from WEEB (term July 1, 2006 to Dec. 31, 2007).

- Staffen will communicate with Becky Sapper about how she wants to handle this in terms of WWOA support. Their dedicated support of ISAM Coordinator may no longer be necessary. Communicate final decision to Roark before June 2 WWOA meeting.
- Boos will send copy to Goggin for acceptance signature.

IV. Next meeting/adjourn

Next meeting: June 13, 2006 from 2:00 – 4:00

- Staffen will reserve room at TNC.

Agenda item for next meeting: Official thank-yous to outgoing BOD members.

Adjourn.