

IPAW Board Meeting Minutes
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Monday, July 16, 2018
Wisconsin DNR Office, 101 S Webster, GEF 2, Room 628, Madison, WI 53707

Board members present: Anne Pearce, Mark Renz and Christa Schaefer

Board members present by telephone: Mic Armstrong, Heidi Kennedy, John Lunz and Diane Schauer

Also present: Michele Jasik, Kelly Kearns and Mike Putnum

Absent: Greg Bunker, Jeremy Chiamulera and Patricia Trochlell

Administration

1. **Roll call**
2. **Approval of Agenda** – Mike Putnum and UMISC 2020 and Beyond were added to the agenda. Renz moved to approve the agenda as amended. Pearce seconded the motion. The motion passed.
3. **Approval of Minutes** – Lunz moved to approve the minutes of May 14, 2018 and Pearce seconded the motion. The motion passed.
4. **Treasurer's Report** – Renz sent out a treasurer's report this morning. There have been deposits from memberships and from the Barron field day and withdrawals of Jasik's salary in the IPAW account. The UMISC account has been getting deposits from sponsors and exhibitors at this point and paying Bergner & Associates for their monthly invoices. Schauer moved to approve the treasurer's report and Lunz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

5. **Calendar Updates** – IPAW having a booth at the Wisconsin Farm Technology Days was thought to be very successful. We are able to speak to many folks about invasive plants. Schauer stated that Golden Sands (whose booth was next to IPAW's) only provided information on aquatic invasive species and she was disappointed that they did not have someone who knew more about the local terrestrial invasive species. Jasik stated that it was reported to her that 42,200 people attended the event. She has been asked if we are interested in having a booth at the 2019 Wisconsin Farm Technology Days in Johnson Creek, which will take place July 23-25th. Since there is no local CISMA in the area, it was suggested that perhaps a master gardeners, Southeastern Wisconsin Invasive Species Council or Wisconsin First Detectors Networks booth can be next to ours in 2019. Lunz asked if a key of some type be created to help with identification of plants. It was decided that this would be impossible and that there is a weed identification website folks could use and reference books at our booth. Schauer stated that she would like to keep the IPAW booth exclusively invasive plants and not to include field weeds to keep the distinction of who we are. No other items have been added to the calendar. The two field days are coming up – one in Madison on 8/22 and the other in Cedar Grove on 9/19. Renz added that they may be having an ATV sprayer field day and he will pass on the date when it is determined.
6. **Newsletter** – Jasik stated that she has not done a newsletter because she does not have all of the articles. She stated that she has an article on burnet saxifrage from Ben Johnston, an article on Palmer Amaranth by Sam Marquardt and an article on IPAW's field days. She is still waiting for other articles. Renz stated that he could add an article on where invasive species are in Wisconsin. It was also suggested that an article be written announcing Mike Putnum as Wisconsin Department of Natural Resource's new Forest Invasive Plants Coordinator. Articles are due to Jasik by July 31st for an early August newsletter.
7. **Invader Crusader Award Ceremony** – Schaefer stated that the Invader Crusader Awards Ceremony took place on June 6, 2018. Both Jim Reinartz and Jill Hapner received awards. Overall, the ceremony went very well and several folks were in attendance as compared to last year when the event took place elsewhere.

New Business

8. **Board Member Updates** – Schaefer stated that Dahlberg had sent an email to the IPAW board stating that she will be leaving to pursue a Master’s degree in Minnesota. She added we need to get back to pursuing future board members. Schaefer provided the board with the current list of folks that have been discussed. Kearns will contact Andrew Karleigh, Kathy Stahl, Marjory Brzeskiewicz and Kari Hagenow to see if they are still interested. Schaefer will also contact Jessica Roloff to see if she is interested.
9. **UMISC 2020 and Beyond** – Renz stated that historically UMISC has been on the Wisconsin/Minnesota boarders – within 25 miles – so state employees can attend. The 2022 UMISC is scheduled to be in LaCrosse because it is the only viable option for the Minnesota folks. However, Lacrosse Convention Center (which is the only place that can house us) may be under construction. Therefore, the UMISC committee is pushing for St. Paul in 2022. Renz would like to know what the IPAW board members want to get out of UMISC. If we want to use UMISC as a way to make money, we can keep it the way it has been going. However, if we are interested in connecting with other states, such as Michigan, Illinois or Iowa, this might be the time. Kearns asked about Dubuque, Iowa. Renz stated that the Minnesota folks refuse because it is too difficult to get there. Schauer stated that it would be great to get some new blood, speakers and topics. It was suggested that we take a good look at our mission statement and determine what we would like to get out of UMISC. There were concerns of creating animosity with the Minnesota folks if we have a conference with another state instead of them. There was concern as to how it would be funded without the Minnesota folks. Renz stated that NAISMA has offered to help out. Schauer stated that Clair Ryan, from MIPN has connections and has already spoken to folks in Michigan and there appears to be an interest. There were concerns as to how to pay for the program assistant position. Belle Bergner & Associates would be more than happy to continue providing her services for another conference. Renz added that each year a new Memorandum of Understanding is signed within the host organizations and after this conference, a new one would be drawn up for the next conference, so we are not obligated beyond 2018. Schauer suggested that she believes it would be good to see how the board feels at this time, to think about why IPAW is involved in UMISC and what they want out of it. Renz will send out an email asking for the board to share their thoughts. The subject was tabled until the next meeting.

Committee Reports

10. **CISMA** – Nothing to report.
11. **Website** – Schaefer stated that the website committee folks met are meeting immediately following the IPAW board meeting and will get back with the board later on this topic.
12. **Field Days** – Pearce stated that IPAW’s first field day was held on May 24th in Barron, Wisconsin went well. All of the local people did a great job. She had three CISMAs helping out as hosts and one organizational member attended with four folks. Jasik stated that a total of thirty people attended the event (including presenters). After expenses were paid and reimbursements were made, IPAW made \$137.62 on the event.
Pearce stated that she would like to hold off on the other two events that were going to happen because of their lack of cooperation and her not having enough time. She also said that there was some confusion as to who can attend the event for free and who cannot. She did allow all of the hosts to attend for free. She also had one organizational member who brought four folks and she was not sure how many she should allow.
Renz moved that we allow 4 folks in for an organizational member, 2 for a family membership, and 1 for an individual membership. Schauer seconded the motion. The motion passed.
13. **Nominating** – See Board Member Updates (#8) above. Jasik is to send IPAW’s Statement of Commitment to Kearns and Schaefer.
14. **Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)** – Schaefer stated that she has sent out an email to the Executive Committee to get the SOPs finished. Hopefully, we will have a finished version for the board at the next meeting.
15. **UMISC – NAISMA 2018** – Schauer stated that UMISC seems to be going well and that the only glitch there is that the Holiday Inn is not accepting reservations for that time period because they

will be under construction. Renz added that the exhibitors and sponsors are right on track, if not ahead of schedule, and the schedule. The final agenda should be out by the end of the week.

Announcements

16. **WI Invasive Species Council (WISC) – Next meeting, October 10, 2018** – Schaefer stated that IPAW received an email about the upcoming Wisconsin Invasive Species Council meeting coming up on October 10, 2018. Kearns and Renz will clarify if they would like IPAW to attend or if they are more interested in the CISMAs attending.
17. **Michael Putnum Announcement** – Kelly Kearns announced that Mike Putnum has been hired by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources as the new Forest Invasive Plants Coordinator. Putnam added that he will still have involvement with CISMAs and forestry areas regarding invasive plant issues. He will be the go to person on pesticide use, education programs and training/coordinating staff. His two LTE positions in which he oversaw grants will be vacant until they find someone else.
Current funding issues within the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources were also discussed.

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.