

IPAW Board Meeting Minutes
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Monday, November 12, 2018
Wisconsin DNR Office, 101 S Webster, GEF 2, Room 628, Madison, WI 53707

Board members present: Kari Hagenow, Nisa Karimi, Anne Pearce, Jessica Roloff, Christa Schaefer, Diane Schauer and Patricia Trochlell

Board members present by telephone: Mic Armstrong, Jeremy Chiamulera, John Lunz, Mark Renz and Kathy Stahl

Also present: Michele Jasik, Kelly Kearns and Matt Wallrath

Absent: Greg Bunker and Heidi Kennedy

Administration

1. **Roll call** – Matt Wallrath the new DNR Organisms in Trade coordinator introduced himself to the IPAW board.
2. **Approval of Agenda** – Kearns asked to have NR 40 Updates to the agenda. Trochlell moved to approve the agenda. Lunz seconded the motion. The motion passed.
3. **Approval of Minutes** – Schauer moved to approve the minutes of September 10, 2018 and Pearce seconded the motion. The motion passed.
4. **Treasurer's Report** – Renz sent out a treasurer's report. Renz stated that most of the money IPAW has gotten has been for the 2018 UMISC which the majority of it will be used to pay bills for the conference. UMISC results are still being calculated and a profit was generated. Otherwise, money has been spent on Jasik's salary, field days, grant to Northwoods CWMA, exhibitor fees for the Wild Ones conference and some supplies. Lunz moved to approve the treasurer's report and Karimi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

5. **Calendar Updates** – The potential calendar of events has been given out to the board. Schauer stated that Fleet Farm holds a Sports and Outdoors Show in Green Bay at Lambeau Field the second weekend in April. She believes that this is a good event for IPAW to exhibit at.
 - Hagenow will round up volunteers to work at the IPAW booth at the Sports and Outdoors Show.
 - Schauer will attempt to get booth space at Fleet Farm's Sports and Outdoors Show.Armstrong stated that the International Plant Propagator's Society will be having a conference in Madison, Wisconsin October 16-19, 2019.
 - Kearns and Renz will look into this having speakers at this meeting.
6. **Newsletter** – Schaefer suggested that folks get their articles to Jasik by Christmas and the newsletter come out within two weeks after the New Year. Several ideas for a newsletter were given.
 - Rosie Page writing an article thanking her volunteers.
 - Jasik writing one about the outcome of UMISC.
 - Kearns will write one for a call for species for NR 40.
 - New board members introductions.
 - Kearns will ask Matt Wallrath and Jason Granberg to write something up introducing themselves.
 - Roloff asked if we would be interested in an article as to what WPS is doing with regards to invasive species.
7. **Board Statement of Commitments** – Jasik stated that she has received all of them except for Bunker and Lunz.
 - Jasik will send out an email to them reminding them to sign it.

New Business

8. **2019 Board Meetings** – Schaefer asked if the current schedule of having board meetings on the second Monday of every other month work for the board members. Renz will have a conflict starting in January.

- Schaefer will send out a Doodle asking for the best dates for the board meetings and a board retreat.
- 9. **9/11 Survivor Tree Seedling Program** – Schaefer stated that IPAW has received an invitation to write to the Survivor Tree Seedling Program asking them not to use the invasive Callery Pear (*Pyrus calleryana*) in their 9/11 memorials. Kearns stated that Callery Pear was chosen because it came back after the disaster was cleaned up at the twin tower site. After discussion, it was decided that IPAW would not mail a letter.
- 10. **NR 40 Updates** – Kearns stated that changing NR 40 is a time consuming process. She stated that generally the process starts with the creation of a list of species that an assessment group of 10-12 people will review. The first winter a list is pre-screened. The second winter the list goes through a literature review. After completing the literature review, the list is presented to the Invasive Species Council who will use it to advise the Department of Natural Resources. The list will get published and an economic impact analysis will be performed. The final list will be opened up for the public to comment on and maybe in 2022 or 2023 there will be amendments to NR 40.
Kearns stated that they are in the process of coming up with a list of species to be considered for NR 40. If anyone knows of anything that should be added to the list, please let her know. Also, if anyone would like to participate on an assessment group, please let her know.

Committee Reports

- 11. **CISMA** – Schauer stated that the master gardener coordinator in Winnebago County has reserved the J.P. Coughlin Center meeting rooms A & B for our workshop, CISMA/IPAW Annual Meeting, and AIS meeting April 2-4, 2019. We will be inviting master gardeners (probably somewhere between 12-20 folks) so they can get educational hours. They also asked for a presentation on jumping worms and to be able to present some master gardener reports. There is hope that some of the folks might be interested in creating a CISMA in the area. Schauer stated that because we are having an empowering workshop the day prior to the CISMA meeting, there is also interest in “Generations” training. Generations training is to help different generations talk to each other. The Coughlin Center has such person and Schauer is researching whether or not they would be interested in speaking at our event. Schauer wanted to know if IPAW would cover the cost of lunch for these extra master gardener folks. It was suggested that we discuss this when we discuss the budget at the next board meeting.
- 12. **Website** – Schaefer stated that the website committee folks are meeting immediately following the IPAW board meeting and will get back with the board later on this topic. If any new board members would care to join the committee, please do. Karimi volunteered to help out after the first of the year.
- 13. **Field Days** – Pearce stated that she and Renz have been asked by Corteva Agriscience to create bus tours targeting invasive plants along roadways for folks who work on highways. They would like to invite folks from townships and municipalities to educate them on identification and control of the biggest invasive in their area. There would be five tours at five different locations. The five areas that are being considered are Racine/Kenosha, Iowa County, Wausau, Portage/Columbia, Green Bay and St. Croix County. Renz is also working with Crop Protection Services, UW Extension, and Wisconsin Department of Transportation on this project. He asked if IPAW was interested in helping out and if so, at what capacity. Kearns pointed out that local CISMAs may be interested in helping out. It was asked what can IPAW do to help out. Kearns stated that one or two board members should commit to attending and be the face of IPAW.
 - Renz will write up an email explaining how IPAW can help with the invasive species bus tours.

Pearce stated that she would still like to continue working on the IPAW field days that were not able to be completed last year – Vilas County, Monroe and Central Sands. Jasik added that although we had money in the budget for field days for 2018, IPAW actually made \$675.03. Schauer stated that Rosie Page’s board in Vilas County does not want to charge for an event and Rosie is not given permission to work on getting financial support for the event. Schauer asked if the \$200 grant program that we are giving CISMAs per year can be amended to provide folks like Rosie help with having a field day.

- Schauer will amend the grant to include funding for field days to CISMAs.
 - 14. **Nominating** – Nothing to report.
 - 15. **Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)** – Schaefer stated that she has not cleaned up the SOPs and put them on the website as of yet.
 - Schaefer will clean up SOPs and have them put on the website.
 - 16. **UMISC 2020 and Beyond** – Renz stated that working with the Natural Areas has been a challenge. They have a different model than UMISC because they need to generate a certain amount of profit in order to run their organization. Currently, the committee is trying to come up with a budget for the 2020 conference and it has been challenging.

Schaefer added that she had asked the board to vote on whether or not to sign a Memorandum of Understanding, which basically states that the UMISC committee will work with the Natural Areas towards having UMISC 2020 in Duluth, MN. The IPAW board had passed a vote to work towards this Memorandum of Understanding on September 30, 2018.

It was questioned whether or not a UMISC is 2019 or 2021 was discussed for Dubuque or elsewhere. Renz stated that it has not because they are trying to finalize the 2020 conference. Schaefer asked if there was a feeling as to when we will know if we need to move on versus continuing with these negotiations. Renz stated that they do have the space in Duluth on a “soft hold” but the paperwork has not been finalized for the conference. A decision has to be made soon. Schauer stated that Clair Ryan of the Midwest Invasive Species Network is working on the budget committee on behalf of themselves and IPAW. Schauer asked that she be thanked for her efforts.

Jasik stated that IPAW received 12 memberships from UMISC 2018. Six of those were new members and six were renewals from previous UMISCs.
 - 17. **Membership** – Nothing to report.
 - 18. **Grant** – Nothing to report.
 - 19. **Legislative/Government Relations** – Nothing to report.
- Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.