

Maryland Invasive Species Council
Maryland Department of Agriculture Headquarters
Annapolis, Maryland
December 3, 2001
Minutes

Call to order ~9:45

Bob Tichenor, facilitator - Thanks to Behnkes for the poinsettia centerpiece.

Additions to agenda

none

Introductions

Dick Bean, MDA-PPWM

Carole Bergman, M-NCPPC

Carole Bordelon, USDA/ARS/USNA

Dave Clement, UM HGIC

Don Cober, MD SHA

Stanton Gill, CMREC UMD

Anne Hairston-Strang, MD DNR FS

Carol Holko, MDA-PPWM

Jennifer Kujawski, USDA/NRCS

Donelle Keech - TNC

Kerrie Kyde, USDA/ARS/MA-EPPC

Larry Hurley, Behnke Nurseries

Mary Kay Malinoski, UM HGIC

Meredith Malone, TNC

Fred Mann, USDA/APHIS/PPQ

*Larry Meyers (for Del. Baldwin) MD House of
Delegates

Bob Rabaglia, MDA-FPM

Don Robbins, MDA-PPWM

Malcolm Sarna, MDA-Turf and Seed

*Deborah Schwab (for J. L Fischer), ASLA

Britt Slattery (for Julie Thompson), USFWS,
Bayscapes

Laura Stedman, MD SHA

Bob Tichenor, MDA-FPM

Wayne Tyndall, MD DNR-WH

*Randy Westbrooks, USGS

*Sue Zwicker, USFWS

* indicates new attendee

Presentation: Federal Interagency Committee for the Management of Noxious and Exotic Weeds (FICMNEW) Early Warning System, Randy Westbrooks, National Invasive Plants Coordinator, US Geological Survey

- Invasive species management starts at local level
- 2 lines of defense - 1. regulation, 2. everything else (MISC, et. al.)
- Need to coordinate public and private agencies, connect the dots; most important thing is to get to know each other.
- Invasive species are no. 2 threat to biodiversity.
- MISC needs four subgroups:
 1. Aquatic
 2. Injurious wildlife
 3. Insects and diseases
 4. Invasive plants
- continued mixing of world's plants and animals will reduce biodiversity
- Crop Protection System - traditional strategies for crop protection
 - 1st line prevention - APHIS, ports of entry, pre clearance, exclusion - not efficient
 - 2nd line of defense - MISC and others, detection, containment, eradication, e.g. johnsongrass
- Some species don't fit traditional model, changes needed:
 - 1st line change - prescreening of new imported species, exclusion at ports of entry
 - 2nd line change - MISC, et. al.- partnerships, national early warning and rapid response

- system, education and outreach to public
- Criteria for Environmental and Crop Protection
 - environmental protection / human health protection
 - crop protection
- National Early Warning System for Invasive Plants (in development) needs:
 - I. Early Detection Network, Reporting, Identification, Verification
 - II. Rapid Assessment
 - III. Rapid Response
 - IV. Public Outreach and Education
 - V. National and State Coordination
 - VI. National Funding Mechanism
- Interagency Partnerships
- Global Warming and Species Migration - has happened before; new barriers to migration

Break ~10:40 - 11:00

Approval of minutes of October, 2001 meeting

Motion to approve as submitted. Motion seconded and passed.

New Memberships

- Debora Schwab - Could membership be for group?; eg., one ASLA representative can't commit to every meeting
 - membership committee will take under advisement

Update on Invasive Species brochure - Kerrie Kyde, Larry Hurley

- copies of draft passed out (prepared by Behnke's Graphics Department)

Discussion

- Need color on text pages
- Key codes - Numbers? Letters? Line up?
- Larry will email to listserv by end of week
- Send suggestions/comments to projects working group <beanra@mda.state.md.us>
- Mary Kaye will post on HGIC web page when ready
- Larry Hurley - 5,000 copies, 8 ½ x 14, two sided, three fold, four color = \$2070
- Britt Slattery will check with Chesapeake Bay Program Print Shop

Committee Reports

Organizational

- Motions out before group:
 1. One third of the membership is required for a quorum. Motion seconded and passed.
 2. Terms for facilitator/recording secretary will be renewable annually in April. Either the facilitator or recording secretary may step down, or a member may nominate a replacement. The OC will be responsible for nominating a replacement in the former case. Alternates will be selected by acting facilitator/recording secretary. Motion seconded and passed.
 3. New attendees requesting voting privileges need to be present twice to be voted into membership and must be present for vote to proceed. Motion seconded.

Discussion:

 - private industry may need to send different representatives to each meeting.
 - Continuity?
 - Randy Westbrooks - different categories? - individual or organization.

Motion to table. Seconded and passed.

- OC will revisit.

4. If a member is inactive for one year, membership will be suspended. Motion withdrawn pending discussion by OC.

Projects

- brochure

Education and Outreach - Bob Tichenor

- Web page - <mdinvasivesp.org> not secured.
- How to pay for things:
 - Randy Westbrooks, partnership a foundation (eg.), each agency puts in money; the foundation writes check
 - Government can't transfer money without buying something
 - Buy membership? Different fee for group/individual?
 - Grants; Incorporate; MOU
 - Organizational committee will take up funding mechanisms; - send comments on this subject to Carol Holko, <holkoca@mda.state.md.us>.

OLD BUSINESS

Envirothon - Carole Bergmann

- Training CD is being distributed to schools; still opportunities to help, i.e. teaching the teachers, help students on field days, exam grading; contact Betty Marose <bm7@umail.umd.edu>, Carole Bergmann <bergmann@mncppc.state.md.us>, or Bob Tichenor <tichenrh@mda.state.md.us>
- Maryland Envirothon web page; <www.mda.state.md.us/enviro/enviro1.htm>
- Randy Westbrooks, upon request, will prepare PowerPoint presentation for others to present to MD Envirothon.

HGIC draft Invasive Species brochure - Kerrie Kyde

- PWG will review brochure

NEW BUSINESS

Allegheny Forest Project - Donnelle Keech

- Invasive species impacts in forests - TNC workshops; will meet with three other sites four times over the next two years to determine how to deal with invasive species on large scale (hundreds of thousands of acres).
- Meeting for potential partners on September 16 to discuss assessment; diverse attendance:
 1. Assessment is not enough; integrated assessment and pilot program needed.
 2. Goals for assessment - funding, ability to detect trends, tools for devising strategies.Discussion:
 - Pass along information.
 - Not restricted to plants.

Weed Science Society annual meeting - Don Robbins

- February 10-13, 2002, Reno, Nevada
- Invasive Plant Species Workshop - February 13-14

NE Weed Science Society meeting, Jan 7-10 - Kerrie Kyde

Jan 7-8 - MA-EPPC symposium on invasive plants (*Ailanthus*, garlic mustard, *Microstegium*)

Fruit fly larvae - Fred Mann

- found in small Spanish clementines
- mandatory cold treatment apparently didn't work; APHIS will review transit conditions, hourly log
- 2 supermarkets in MD - Weiss Markets, Giant distribution center in Bowie
- Florida and California have issued total bans - no more allowed in, existing stock removed from shelves
- One shipper and packer involved - Nadal
- Call Fred Mann for more information (410) 224-3452.

Invitation - Randy Westbrooks

- invitation to send representatives to FICMNEW monthly meetings
- National Weed Awareness week, Wash D.C., last week in February

Next meeting

Monday, February 4, 2002 - location TBA, 9:30-12:30

Adjourn ~12:15

Respectfully submitted by Carol Holko, Recording Secretary.