

# OIPC Board Meeting Summary

## February 2008

### New Board Members Elected

- The OIPC Board bid farewell to four of our Board members: Eddie Dengg, Jennifer Hillmer, Brian McCarthy and Cory Skurdal. We welcomed our new members: Karen Adair, Don Cipollini, Steve Foltz and Chris McCullough.

### OIPC Strategic Plan

- Drafts of the OIPC Strategic Plan were distributed at the annual meeting and a copy is available on the OIPC website. Comments on the Strategic Plan will be accepted via email until March 13, 2008.
- The Board will be recruiting a contract employee to help complete the goals the Board established when OIPC was awarded the Gund Foundation Grant in 2007.

### OIPC Educational Outreach

- OIPC and the OSU Chadwick Arboretum & Learning Gardens are coordinating an outdoor display of invasive plants. The display will be located in the Learning Gardens and will be set up during the summer of 2008.
- The OIPC tabletop display is done and available for use. It was recently displayed at the 2008 CENTS trade show in January. Additional copies of the panels are available if you have a display board to use. Please contact a Board member for more information (see website for email addresses).

### OIPC and ONLA have first meeting

- OIPC and ONLA Board members met at the 2008 CENTS trade show in Columbus on Sunday, January 20, 2008. This was the first meeting of the two Boards; we hope to continue to develop a good relationship with ONLA.

### OIPC Work Group News

The Work Groups within the OIPC are looking for active members to help accomplish several projects this year! Please contact the following individuals for more information:

- Education Work Group: Melissa Moser or Sarena Selbo (*develop workshops & educational materials*)
- Research Work Group: Theresa Culley (temporary - looking for replacement) (*database of Ohio invasive plant research, planning the 2009 Research Conference*)
- Control Work Group: Cheryl Coon (temporary - looking for replacement) (*develop BMPs for invasive plant controls, develop a pamphlet on "Think Like a Plant" for control guidelines*)
- Invasive Plant List: Jennifer Hillmer (*develop a process for revising the Ohio invasive plant list*)

*Our Next OIPC Board of Directors meeting is April 10, 2008.*