

OIPC Board Meeting Summary

December 2008

Board Member Elections in February!

- Four of our Board members are approaching the end of their 3-year terms: Theresa Culley (Academia), Marilyn Ortt (Interested Public), Jim Searcy (Green Industry) and Carrie Morrow (Local Government/Metro Parks).
- The nominating committee received 11 applications this fall to fill these positions. Nominees were selected from an excellent pool of applicants and 8 candidates will appear on the Election Ballot. The election will be held at the OIPC Annual Meeting on February 11, 2009 at Highbanks Metro Park. To view the nominees and review their biographies, visit the OIPC website: [OIPC website](#).

OIPC Educational Outreach

- OIPC and the Iron Furnace Cooperative Weed Management Area (IFCWMA) will hold an invasive plant workshop for land managers on January 30th at the Oak Hill Library in Jackson County. For more information, see the OIPC website.
- The next workshop will be in southwest Ohio at the Cincinnati Zoo on February 14th. The agenda is still being developed, but will cater to the homeowner and gardener audience. Details will be posted on the OIPC website.
- The Education Work Group hopes to organize a workshop in northwest Ohio in the spring. Watch the OIPC website for more details.

OIPC's next Research Conference

- The Research Work Group is moving forward with the planning of the next Invasive Plant Research Conference, tentatively scheduled for January of 2010. If you would like to participate in the planning of this event, please contact Board member, [Don Cipollini](#).

OIPC's Plant List Work Group

- Work Group members are currently reviewing six different assessment tools to determine invasiveness in natural habitats. A Work Group meeting is to be held in January 2009 to discuss which tool is best for Ohio. From there, the group will be able to begin updating the Ohio Invasive Plant list that was developed in 2000. To participate in this group, contact a Board member. [Email a Board member](#)

Fundraising

- Several Board members are working on draft applications for funding proposals through various large foundations around the state.
- Funding requests will be submitted early next year.

Our Next OIPC Board of Directors' meeting will be held directly after the OIPC Annual Meeting on February 11, 2009 at Highbanks Metro Park.