

# OIPC Board Meeting Summary

## March 2010

### The Annual Meeting

- The Annual Meeting was held at the Dawes Arboretum where elections were held for four OIPC Board of Directors: Elected and returning to the Board are Tom Borgman (metro parks), Cheryl Coon (federal government) and Jan Hunter (green industry). New to the Board is John Navarro (state government), an aquatic biologist from the ODNR Division of Wildlife.
- Election of OIPC Board Officers: Theresa Culley as President, Mary Klunk as Vice-President, Mark Gilson as Treasurer and Cheryl Coon as Secretary.

### Work Group Reports

- **Education:** Potential Projects for 2010 were discussed, some of which include the revision of the OIPC Brochure, revision of the Invasive Plant Fact Sheets and organization of regional workshops. One workshop is already scheduled for The Wilds in September. There was also discussion about having a Plant Identifier List (similar to the speakers list) that could be available on the website for people to take plant samples for ID.
- **Research:** Over 200 people attended the Research Conference held February 18, 2010 at the Franklin Park Conservatory and Indoor Adventure Center. There was a poster session with 20 plus posters submitted and a wonderful keynote speech by Richard Mack.
- **Control:** The group came up with ideas to assist in the current revision of the Invasive Plant Fact Sheets. They felt that some species such as white/yellow sweet clover could be removed and other species added such as Lesser celandine, flowering rush, kudzu, privet, Japanese stilt grass and others based on the new Invasive Plant List Protocol when it is completed.
- **Invasive Plant List:** The purpose was to begin to test Part 1 questions of the Plant List Protocol, so several plant species were run through the questions and as a result, slight modifications were made to some of the questions. Also, the group felt that photos of invasive plant populations were very important for demonstration purposes for the public, showing the impacts these plants can have. They would like to find a way to have these photos available on the website.

### Other News

- Suggestions were made for potential use of the DOW/AIS grant money available that included: 2010 OIPC annual meeting expenses, boat ramp signs along the Ohio River, workshops in 2010, reprinting of the Invasive Plants of Ohio Fact Sheets.

**The next OIPC Board meeting is scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup> location TBA**