

OIPC Board Meeting Summary

September 2008

OIPC Educational Outreach

- An invasive plant workshop was held in Marietta in southeast Ohio on September 10, at Washington State Community College. The workshop included both day and evening sessions; approximately 40 people attended. Other possible workshops include: a fall or winter 2008 workshop in southwest Ohio and a spring 2009 workshop in northwest Ohio. Details will be forthcoming.

Fundraising

- Several Board members are working on draft applications for funding proposals for OIPC through various large foundations around the state.
- OIPC has applied for \$5,000 from the Ohio Division of Wildlife's Aquatic Invasive Species initiative. Funds will be utilized for workshops and outreach materials as well as the Invasive Plant List Work Group's efforts; projects must include Ohio's Aquatic Invasive Species.

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 a Board member.

National Involvement

- Several Board members will be attending the Natural Areas Conference this October in Nashville, TN. NAEPPC is having an informal breakfast before the NAA conference. They need to re-write bylaws and get more states involved in the National EPPC. OIPC is not directly affiliated with NAEPPC at this time, but is part of NAEPPC through MIPN.
- Some OIPC Board Members will also be attending the next MIPN meeting in December in Indianapolis, IN. The meeting is held in conjunction with an invasive species symposium hosted by the North Central Weed Science Society.

New OIPC Board of Director Members needed!

- 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). We are looking for interested and motivated candidates; contact a Board member for more information.
- Application materials can be found on the OIPC website: www.opic.info.

Our Next OIPC Board of Directors meeting is December 19, 2008.