

OIPC Board Meeting Summary

February 2009

OIPC Board of Directors' Meeting, February 11th

- Outgoing members of the Board were recognized for their contributions and include: Carrie Morrow (Local Government/Metro Parks), Theresa Culley (Academia), Marilyn Ortt (Interested Public), and Jim Searcy (Green Industry). Craig Nilsson (Green Industry) resigned before completing his full term due to other commitments.
- New members of the Board were welcomed: Mary Klunk (Local Government), Mark Gilson (Green Industry), Jan Hunter (Green Industry), and Sandy Woodthorpe (Interested Public). Theresa Culley (Academia) was re-elected for another term.
- Election of the Board Officers resulted in Jennifer Windus as President, Theresa Culley as Vice-President, Cheryl Coon as Secretary, and Chris McCullough as Treasurer.

Work Group Reports (Work Groups met on the same day at the OIPC Annual Meeting)

- The Education Work Group is looking for a new leader as Melissa Moser resigned. The work group is trying to facilitate invasive plant workshops in NW and NE Ohio this year. Ottawa NWR is willing to host a NW Ohio workshop. Progress has been made on updating the OIPC speakers' list.
- The Research Work Group led by Don Cipollini is currently planning the 2010 invasive plant research conference. The event is tentatively planned for Thursday, Feb. 18, 2010 at the Outdoor Adventure Center at Franklin Park in Columbus. The fee for the conference will include admittance to the Franklin Park Conservatory.
- The Control Work Group led by Karen Adair has proposed the development of an invasive plant control database, starting with one species at a time. The work group is still looking for a new leader
- The Plant List Work Group is led by Theresa Culley and Nora Hiland. At the most recent meeting, the group worked together to begin developing draft questions for the protocol. It was also noted that this group may be more effective if a smaller subgroup were willing to tackle the intricacies of the questions first and then bring them back to the larger group for discussion and approval. Members of this group will also be meeting in early March with a similar ONLA group to hear Dr. Schutzki discuss Michigan's plant invasiveness assessment process.

Other News

- A grant proposal will be submitted to the Columbus Foundation's Small Grants Conservation fund in early April. This potential funding would help support the 2010 research conference, workshops in central Ohio, educational materials, and a part-time contractor to assist in OIPC activities.
- OIPC will obtain a new mailing address in the near future; options are being explored.

The next OIPC Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 14, 2009.