

OIPC BOARD MEETING SUMMARY SEPTEMBER 2007

OIPC Board Nominations

Nominations for the OIPC Board will be solicited and accepted this fall. OIPC may be seeking Board members in the Academic, Non-profit, and Interested Public categories. Completed applications will be due to Carrie Morrow, nominating committee chair, by November 21, 2007.

New OIPC Board Member

Board member, Jim Hansel, has resigned. The OIPC Board of Directors has asked Jim Searcy, who was nominated in the last round of elections, to fill the remainder of the term, and Jim has agreed. Jim will complete the term through 2009.

Organizational Structure Improvements

Carrie Morrow and Donna Boyce have combined a variety of mailing, e-mail, and attendance lists, weeded duplicate entries, and nearly completed a comprehensive Excel spreadsheet of those involved with OIPC.

Invasive Plants Chapter for Ohio Master Gardeners

Members of the Education Work Group will write a chapter on invasive plants for the Ohio Master Gardener Training Manual. Chris McCullough, Melissa Moser, Cory Skurdal, Toni Stahl, and Jennifer Windus will develop the chapter and submit it to Master Gardener State Coordinator, Pam Bennett, for review and approval.

Research Conference Proceedings

The proceedings of the Research Conference are being edited. Proofs should be out in a few weeks. The proceedings should be published in a few months.

OIPC and MIPN Meeting

OIPC Board members will meet with Board members from the Midwest Invasive Plants Network at the NAA Conference in Cleveland in October. OIPC and MIPN are interested in working more closely with one another, and the meeting is the first step toward increased collaboration and resource sharing.

New CWMA May Develop in SE Ohio

A second group interested in invasive plants has begun forming in southeast Ohio, and is exploring the option of becoming a Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA). Areas being considered include Hocking, Athens, Monroe, Noble, Morgan, and Perry counties. The group and OIPC are discussing including the group's postings and informational updates on the OIPC website. For more information, contact OIPC Board members Marilyn Ortt, Cheryl Coon, or Brian McCarthy.