

Georgia Exotic Pest Plant Council
Board Meeting
Summary of Minutes
March 15, 2004

Attendees: Jim Allison, Leslie Edwards, Connie Gray, Rusty Hattaway, Malcolm Hodges, Elaine Nash, Cindy Reittinger, John Taylor

Treasurer's Report

Elaine handed out the current membership list, derived from recipients of *Wildland Weeds* and those who have sent membership checks since the reorganization of GA-EPPC. The treasurer will implement a rolling membership renewal policy, until such a policy becomes burdensome. Under the policy, members' renewal dates will be the month and day they joined, rather than January 1 of each year. Bank accounts have been established and the organization is in sound financial condition.

Workshop Discussion

The workshop will be called the [*Inaugural*] *Invasive Plant Control Workshop*. It will be held at the University of Georgia Extension Service campus in Griffin, Georgia, on September 25. The registration period for the workshop will run from July 1 – September 10. Attendance will be limited to 100 people. The main target audience is homeowners and landowners. Others include county extension agents, parks personnel and landscape personnel.

The workshop will consist of a morning indoor component and an afternoon outdoors component. The morning session will be held in Stuckey Hall, with the following speakers: Jim Allison, Tim Murphy, Lee Patrick and/or Steve Manning of IPC, and John Taylor. The afternoon session will consist of field stations set up near the Redding Building, where there is a good representation of problem invasive plants. Six stations will be set up – 2 led by IPC staff, and one each by Jim Allison, Malcolm Hodges, Tim Murphy, and Connie Gray.

Workshop content will emphasize the process of decision-making – how to choose effective products and techniques – and stress that there is no cookie-cutter approach to invasive plant control. John Taylor's talk will address safety, labeling, and methods of application. IPC will have equipment and will demonstrate how to use it.

Workshop logistics, including meals, notebooks, parking, display areas, sponsor acknowledgement and costs were thoroughly discussed. The seminar could be priced at \$45.00 per person, \$40.00 for members. Given additional costs, the price could go to \$55.00.

Upcoming Joint Meeting of FL-EPPC and SE-EPPC

The joint meeting of FL-EPPC and SE-EPPC will be held from April 28-30th in Pensacola. Connie Gray and John Taylor are attending. Jim Allison may attend the SE-EPPC Board of Directors meeting that will take place the morning before the meeting.

Georgia List of Exotic Species

Connie noted that we need a list of exotic species specific to Georgia. We should establish a committee to come up with a list that covers the state.