FLEPPC Board of Directors Conference Call
August 21, 2019
Call-in Information:
Topic: Deah Lieurance's Zoom Meeting
Time: Aug 21, 2019 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
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Administrative dissertation

➢ Call to Order: 2:05 p.m.; Attending BOD: Karen Brown (Treasurer), Allegra Buyer (1st-yr), Aimee Cooper (Secretary), Jimmy Lange (Chair), Andrew Lawrence (2nd-yr), Deah Lieurance (Chair-Elect), Sal Medina (1st-yr), Sarah Martin (2nd-yr), Cody Miller (Treasure [voted in]), Carey Minteer (1st-yr.), Melissa Smith (2nd-yr.), Sherry Williams (Liaison); Lynn Proenza (1st-yr), Deb Stone (2nd-yr.); Non-attending BOD: Members: Christen Mason (Committee), Katharine Murray (Committee)
➢ Chair Activities/Correspondence: Jimmy Lange
  o Invited speaker and panel member at the South Florida Association of Environmental Professionals monthly luncheon. The focus was “Native plants for native wildlife” focused specifically on how Broward County can work with partners and stakeholders to improve and/or implement policies that can increase availability and facilitate the use of native plants that are site appropriate throughout the County and form a hard line stance against invasive plants. I spoke about the FLEPPC mission and listing process.
  o Helped teach a plant identification course at the ECISMA Summit based on the FLEPPC-funded pamphlet of ECISMA EDRR species.
  o Continued reviews of South Florida EDDMaps submissions
➢ Chair-Elect: Deah Lieurance
  o Nothing to report
➢ Treasurer’s Report: Karen Brown/Cody Miller
  o Jimmy nominated Cody to Chair; motioned by Aimee; seconded by Deah; carried unanimously by BOD with none opposed
  o Bank of America balances as of July 30, 2019:
    Checking $32,767
    Savings $21,009
    Total assets $53,776
  o All grants have been paid out so there are no outstanding payments to be made.
  o Our annual IRS report for FY 17/18 was filed with SE-EPPC in August. A copy is available on request. Next year we will be filing as an independent chapter. I hope to have forms filed to be independent shortly.
➢ Committee Liaison: Sherry Williams
  o FISP: Working on the Strategic Plan with a meeting to follow-up in November. Funding for the coordinator position (Emily Bell) will be running out by March 2020. Hoping to get funding from the partners.
  o NA-IPC: Evaluating the services that they are providing the IPCs;
  o SE-EPPC: Officially dissolved
➢ Secretary’s Report: Aimee Cooper – update website
The minutes from our March meeting were approved by the BOD via email and added to the FLEPPC website.

Please remember: any success stories, upcoming projects, ongoing projects, events, news releases, photos, memorials, etc. that you would like to see in the newsletter, forward them to me at coopera@stlucieco.org.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Bylaws:** Brian Lockwood
  - Term limits being proposed
  - Code of Conduct discussion: (COC provided by Deah Lieurance)

- **Checklists:** Allegra Buyer
  - Sent update requests

- **Control and Evaluation:** Greg MacDonald

- **Editorial:** Melissa Smith (Jimmy Lange, Christen Mason, Katharine Murray, Deb Stone)
  - Jimmy nominated Melissa Smith; motioned by Aimee; seconded by Cody; carried unanimously by BOD with none opposed

- **Finance:** Gregg Walker
  - Sherry motioned, seconded Deah, BOD unanimous
  - Gregg needs to step back from FLEPPC business for now. The BOD felt an interim chair be voted in; Gregg will remain on the committee for a limited time.
  - Jimmy nominated Allegra to interim chair; motioned by Aimee; seconded by Sherry; carried unanimously by BOD with none opposed
  - Vote for budget, totaling $33,311.25 with an additional $119.88 (MailChimp). Aimee motioned, Carey seconded, unanimous by the BOD
  - Planning to draft some SOPs for the finance committee.

- **Grants:**
  - **CISMA:** Gregg Walker (Kris Campbell, Deb Stone)
  - **Education:** Kris Campbell (Craig van der Heiden, Sarah Martin, Sherry Williams):
    - We had 14 submission for this grant and awarded 6 projects:
      - Orange Audubon Society: has had a couple of hiccups with their signage for Lake Apopka North Shore. They have found some volunteers that will help with maintenance and Lake County will build the kiosks. They are also adding cogongrass and Natal grass to the upland sign and water hyacinth and taro to the aquatics sign. Next step is collecting images and design of layout.
      - UF/IFAS Nassau County: created a lovely brochure, Natives In Invasives Out. They have removed Boston fern from the historic lighthouse and replanted with native sunflower, firebush, and muhlygrass.
      - UF/IFAS Flagler County: holding 2 invasive plant workshops. The grantee has recently resigned. The interim director is currently interviewing for a replacement. I will check back with them at the end of October to see if the new hire will be willing to take over the project.
      - Trout Lake Nature Center: Controlling the Invasion. Eileen is researching bio-blitz methods that will best suit her volunteers and property. She is also in the beginning stages of development of the interpretive kiosks.
      - Friends of Gamble Rogers SP: National Public Lands Day – Plant This, Not That! They have created a press release for their event which will be Saturday, September 28th. (See attached)
      - City of Palm Coast: Invasive Plant Eco-Station Rotation for C.H.I.R.P. (Children Helping in Resource Protection): They are currently working on the display boards for upcoming CHIRP events in the next few months.
  - **Research:** Carey Minteer (Deah Lieurance)
    - Three applicants

- **Legislative:** Deah Lieurance

- **Membership:** Gayle Edwards
  - Tracking memberships for various reasons, including non-members registering as members for the symposium (email chain), desired member benefits (Strategic Plan), etc.

- **Merchandise:** Erick Revuelta (Jimmy Lange, Christen Mason, Sherry Williams, Aimee Cooper)
  - Stickers were bought for FLEPPC’s 35th Anniversary. The plan is to use this emblem for next-year swag!

- **Nominations:** Jim Burney
  - Board nominations for next year and revising the terms to the upcoming meeting agenda

- **Outreach:** Christen Mason
Katharine Murray requested a FLEPPC speaker at the South Brevard Garden Club Assoc. (Carey Minteer) and Conradina Chapter, FNPS (Kris Campbell or CJ Green) in Melbourne, FL. Katharine is also part of a civic organization in Brevard County and often have wanted to add FLEPPC as a resource to handouts. Can 1-200 copies of the FLEPPC brochure be obtained?

Everglades CISMA Panther game in February

- **Plant Industry Liaison:** [Vacant]
  - John Heller, DOT; Andrew Lawrence will contact Heller about bamboo plantings. LS Architect suggested these plantings.
  - Erick Revuelta will look into reaching out to LS Architects to fill committee chair
  - Christen will contact Cammie Donaldson, native plant nursery

- **Plant List:** Dennis Giardina (Janice Duquesnel, Alan Franck, Dennis Giardina, Roger Hammer, John Kunzer, Jimmy Lange, Ken Langeland, Deah Lieurance, Chris Lockhart, , Jean McCollom, Gil Nelson, Tony Pernas, Jimi Sadle, Dexter Sowell, Jessica Spencer, Arthur Stiles, Richard Wunderlin)
  - Homeowner plant list will be brought to the attention of the committee at their next meeting
  - UF has the FL Friendly Yard (master gardeners, etc.)

- **Strategic Planning:** Sherry Williams (Jimmy Lange, Brian Lockwood, Christen Mason, Cody Miller, Katharine Murray, Erick Revuelta, Deb Stone)
  - Goal 1: desired member benefits
- **Symposium CEUs:** Christen Mason
- **Symposium Field Trips:** Cody Miller
  - No fieldtrips will be offered for the 2020 Symposium
- **Local Arrangements:** Sherry Williams
- **Symposium Planning/Program:** Deah Lieurance (Aimee Cooper, Sherry Williams)
- **Symposium Silent Auction:** Christen Mason
- **Sponsors:** Katharine Murray
- **Website:** Chuck Bargeron/Sarah Jean Swain (Aimee Cooper, Deah Lieurance, Christen Mason, Erick Revuelta, Sherry Williams)
  - The website is just waiting for content. The goal is to roll out the new website around the time of the 2020 Annual Conference. Melissa Smith has volunteered to assist.
  - The BOD should decide if FLEPPC wants to change its name and come up with a new logo. If so, this should be rolled out at the same time as the website. Florida Invasive Plant Council, Florida Invasive Pest Council were suggested

- **Website Liaison:** Aimee Cooper

### Operations

- **Old Business**

### Task Force Reports

- **Brazilian Pepper:** Dale Halbriter
- **Chinese Tallow:** Greg Wheeler
- **Dioscorea:** Christopher Kerr
- **Grasses:** Greg MacDonald
- **Lygodium:** LeRoy Rodgers

### Meeting Adjourned

Jimmy: motion to adjourn at 4:30 p.m., seconded by Karen.

### Schedule next board meeting

Next BOD meeting will be held on location on October TBD, 2019. A Doodle Poll will be sent soon

### Other information