# Florida EPPC

## THE 2001 16th ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

*Weeds in La Florida, 2001*

11 - 14 September 01

*Casa Monica Hotel*

*St. Augustine, FL*

Keynote Speaker will be Sara Reichard talking about evaluating plants for invasive potential or "Nipping New Invasives in the Bud"

There will be field trips, exhibits and posters!!!

The Annual FL EPPC Social will be held at the Governor's House & catered by the Gypsy Cab Company.

## Field Trips

Include:

- Anastasia State Recreation Area
- Bayard & Black Creeks
- Dunns Creek State Park
- Ft. Matanzas National Monument
- Guana River State Park & WMA
- Moses Creek & Favor-Dykes State Park
- Timucuan Ecological Preserve
- Tomoka State Park & Aquatic Preserve

& much much more!!!

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**FL EPPC**

**Second Quarter**

**Board of Directors’ Meeting**

**Gulf Islands National Seashore**

**Pensacola, FL**

**28 June 01**

Ken Langeland, Chair, called the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council Second Quarter Board of Directors Meeting to order on 28 June 01 at 10:00 a.m.

Officers present at the meeting included Jackie Smith, Tony Pernas, Hillary Cherry, Amy Ferriter, Mike Bodle, Alison Fox, Brian Nelson, Dennis Giardina, Kristina Serbeseff-King as proxy for Don Thayer, and John Vohn as proxy for Francois Laroche. Also present were Kathy Burks and Andi Van Loon.

A motion was made and approved to accept the minutes of the 1st Quarter Board of Directors Meeting at the Kissimmee Disney Preserve in Kissimmee, Florida on 3 April 01 (H. Cherry/B. Nelson).

**Correspondence**

There was no correspondence at this time.

**Treasurers Report**

Kristina Serbeseff-King reported for Dan Thayer that as of 15 June 01 the Council had $48,684.92. Ken once again requested that all committee chairs and working group leaders submit a budget request for the year. A motion was made and approved to accept the Treasurer’s report (A. Fox/H. Cherry).

**Editor’s Report**

Amy Ferriter reported that the magazine was doing well. She noted that if you would like some extra copies of the magazine to please contact Ken Langeland. A motion was made and approved to accept the Editor’s report (M. Boehe/A. Fox).

**Committee Reports**

**By-Laws** - Dennis Giardina reported that the by-laws change was complete. After review, a motion was made and accepted to approve the change (J. Smith/H. Cherry). The change will now go to the general membership for approval at the annual symposium in September.

**CAST Liaison** - Ken Langeland stated there was nothing to report. There was discussion about whether the Council should send a representative to the CAST meetings. It was agreed that the Liaison goes to the meetings when possible.

**Education** - Hillary Cherry stated that she was working with the committee chair for Membership & Publicity to develop a FL EPPC brochure that could be handed out at meetings.

**Legislative** - Jackie Smith noted that the FL DEP Bureau of Invasive Plant Management Uplands section would receive $6 million for FY 2001/2002. Ken Langeland brought up the new Brazilian pepper ordinance in Hernando County. All Brazilian pepper in the county must be removed both on public and private lands. Ken noted that it would be interesting to see how the county handles the private property issue. It would be a good idea for FL EPPC to be involved.

**Local Arrangements** - Ken Langeland noted that JB Miller has been working hard to tie all the ends together for the September meeting. It should be a good one. He noted that everyone should make their reservations soon. We need to meet our minimum required number of rooms to keep the cost of the meeting down.

**Membership & Publicity** - Andrea Van Loon requested a list of radio & TV contacts so she could contact them about the upcoming symposium. It was also requested that a post card be sent out to ex-members from a couple years past reminding them to re-join the Council.

**Merchandise** - Tony Pernas told everyone to call Bill Snyder with suggestions on what to purchase for the upcoming meeting.

**Nominations** - Tony Pernas and Amy Ferriter, the nominations committee, gave their slate for the new chair of the Council and for the new Board of Directors. The nomination for the Chair of FL EPPC starting in September 2002 will be Mike Bodle of the South Florida Water Management District. The nominations for the 4 incoming Board members are Ray Miller from the South Florida Water Management District, JB Miller for DEP - Recreation & Parks, John Volin from Florida Atlantic University, and Tom Fucigna from William, Hatfield & Stone, Inc.
Plant Industry Liaison - It was noted that FN&G has made a policy decision not only to ask their members to discontinue growing certain plants but to distribute nearly 40 plants considered to be invasive by the Plant Industry/FL EPPC Group, they are now no longer listing those items in the Plant Availability Locator.

Plant List - Kathy Burks noted that the list has been published in the last newsletter and could be voted. There was some discussion about possibly publishing the list in a refereed journal. Kathy said she would work on an article and discuss which journal to submit the paper to.

Publications - It was suggested that publications committee become a sub-committee of the education committee. Everyone agreed it would be a good idea.

Research - John Valin noted that they only received 3 proposals for the research grants this year. He suggested that the call for proposals be sent out earlier in the year to attract more applicants.

Symposium Program - Kathy Burks stated that she had a draft program ready to be mailed out. She requested that there be a special mailing of the program and a registration form. Andi Van Loon said she would work on the mailing.

Training - Ken Langeland said the test for the Natural Areas RUP licensing would be ready shortly. There was discussion as to what the passing score should be. Ken stated he would contact the FL Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services, Pesticide Section to see what the options are.

Vendors - Brad Cochran will be the new chair of this committee. Ken Langeland noted that he is working with Phil Walla to get vendor help for the upcoming Symposium.

Working Groups

Australian Pine - No report at this time.

Brazilian Pepper - No report at this time.

Carrotwood - No report at this time.

Chinese tallow - No report at this time.

Cogan grass - It was noted that cogan grass working group would be moved into the exotic grasses working group.

Dioscorea - There was a discussion about making this committee the exotic vines committee again. The discussion was tabled till next board meeting.

Exotic Grasses - It was noted that Greg McDonald would be the chair of this committee now that cogan grass had been combined into this group.

Lygodium - Amy Ferriter noted that the Lygodium work plan was complete and could be found on both the SFWMD and the FL EPPC web sites.

Melaleuca - No report at this time.

Skunkvine - Brian Nelson noted that the work plan for skunkvine would be complete by the symposium.

A motion was made and approved to accept the committee and working group reports (A. Ferriter/A. Fox).

Old Business

2002 Symposium & International Exotic Plant Meeting - The Board voted to work with USDA to combine our 2002 annual symposium with an international meeting. The meeting will be a change from our usual venue but will increase national awareness of the FL EPPC. The meeting will be on the west coast of Florida in September 2002.

Bulk Mailing - Ken Langeland noted that we still needed the articles of incorporation so that Dennis Giardina could finish getting bulk mailing rates for the Council.

New Business

There is no new business at this time.

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held at the Casa Monica Hotel in St. Augustine, FL at 1:00 p.m.

A motion was made & approved to adjourn the meeting (H. Cherry/M. Bodle).
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Nominations
The following people were nominated to the Board of the FL EPPC:

Mike Bodle - Chairperson
South Florida Water Management District

John Volin - Director
Florida Atlantic University

Ray Miller - Director
South Florida Water Management District

JB Miller - Director
FL DEP - Division of Recreation & Parks

Tom Fucigna - Director
Williams, Hatfield & Stones, Inc.

Come to the Annual Business Meeting at the Symposium Friday, 14 September 01 from 8:30 to 9:40 am.
By-Laws Change

Notice of Intent to change the wording of the FL EPPC By-Laws

The Board of directors of the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council has suggested a change in the wording of the By-Laws Section 11 e):

FROM: To serve as an advisory panel for various interests concerned with exotic pest plants and review exotic pest plant management problems and activities and provide updated information for specific management needs.

TO: To provide expert advice for various interests concerned with exotic pest plants and review exotic pest plant management problems and activities and provide updated information for specific management needs.

This change has been recommended to better reflect the actual mission of our organization. The By-Laws is FL EPPC’s governing document and changes can only be made following the guidelines established by the State of Florida and by the protocol outline in the By-Laws document itself. Therefore the proposed change is now being presented to the general membership for examination and a vote will be counted at the annual business meeting that will take place at the annual symposium.

SEE YOU IN ST. AUGUSTINE IN 2001 AND LOOK FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE 2002 FL EPPC INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM COMING NEXT YEAR!!!
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