Georgia Exotic Pest Plant Council-GAEPPC
June 12, 2019 at 2:00pm-Zoom Conference

In Attendance: Timothy Daly, Karan Rawlins, Eamonn Leonard, Emilee Poole, and Ben Ackerly

Timothy Daly, President, called the meeting at 2:00pm.

Action Items/Notes:

- Minutes from May 15, 2019 were approved by members in attendance.

- Eamonn will continue to research the steps for completing the status change for GAEPPC to have 501-(3)c status.

- Newsletter and/or small publication- Karan Rawlins suggested continuing Wildland Weeds publication for members of the GAEPPC and collaborating with other chapters in the southeast for article and photo submissions. Other presidents in surrounding states will need to be contacted for interest. Emilee Poole noted that making the publication available exclusively online, which is becoming more popular with small journals, will save on printing and postage costs. Karan suggested a volunteer Master Gardener or paying a graduate student for editing the publication. Emilee may be able to compile submissions for other states, but it will be on her own time. Additional discussion in future meetings is needed for outline the requirements of the submissions and the goals of the publication. Tim Daly suggested also providing a quarterly newsletter to GAEPPC members.

- Treasurers Report-Eamonn Leonard reported the bank balance of $3896.10. The PayPal balance is currently $3841.80 with an increase of $20 for an additional membership payment.

- Recruiting new members and obtaining data-Karen Rawlings suggested board members highlight GAEPPC and have applications when giving presentations and attending other meetings and workshops. She also suggested explicitly discussing the need for attendees to collect and submit data on invasive species. App-based technologies are available to make this process easier to compile data for encouraging changes in legislation. She has seen a greater response from workshop attendees after discussing the topic.

- Webinar-Karan suggested changing the format of the yearly conference to a webinar. The webinar will allow more flexibility for speakers and attendees. Tim mentioned a webinar will not provide hands-on-learning or demonstrations. It was determined board members will advertise the First Detector Workshops more to provide attendees an opportunity to attend a workshop close to their location. Attendees will need to be added to the First Detector email list for updates. Continuing Ed. Credits should be offered for attendee and more discussion will
follow for determining if there will be a cost to attend. Registration will be required for attendees and will be a good opportunity to get emails to update email lists. The conference agenda will likely be used from the 2018 canceled conference. Speakers will need to be confirmed. Karan will contact Chip Bates, Tim will contact Deah Lieurance, and Emilee will contact Mike Ulyshen.

**Motion:** The yearly conference will be changed from an in-person conference to a webinar. Motion introduced by Karan Rawlins. Motion seconded by Tim Daly. Vote was 5-0 for; motion passed.

- Plant list update-a morning or afternoon will be required to discuss updates to the plant list. Karan will update the weed risk assessment for all board members to evaluate before the plant list discussion. Karan suggested updating the plant list every 2-5 years and others agreed. A required plant list update every 3 years was determined and discussed to be added to the bylaws.

**Motion:** The plant list must be updated every three years. Motion introduced by Tim Daly. Motion seconded by Eamonn Leonard. Vote was 5-0 for; motion passed.

- Quarterly Newsletter-Tim suggested a quarterly newsletter. Potential included topics are First Detector workshops, important board meeting agenda items, plant list updates, and other interesting events.

- Tim will email board members to confirm all are on the general GAEPPC LISTSERV.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:41 P.M.