Georgia Exotic Pest Plant Council Board Meeting – August 06, 2010

Location: Zoo Atlanta - Atlanta, Georgia

Present in Attendance: Cynthia Taylor, Meghan Heeden, Gary Dye, Stewart Chandler, Danielle Green, Karan Rawlins, Jim Allison, Malcolm Hodges, Mincy Moffett, Brian Arnold

Present via Call in: David Moorhead, Chuck Bargeron

Quorum present at 9:15am, at which time official meeting began

Approval of Minutes

Cynthia called for a motion to approve minutes of Jan 28, 2010 board meeting
Stewart made motion to approve
2nd by Danielle
All present voting members voted in favor – motion passed

Annual Meeting

Discussion regarding need to confirm speakers.
Chuck to contact Jimmy Cobb with Dow AgroSciences regarding his presentation
“Environmental Impacts of Non-Herbicidal Weed Control”
Chuck to provide short presentation on NA-EPPC prior to introducing Damon Waitt
David to contact Al Tasker regarding a biomass – invasive plant presentation
Discussion regarding advertising:
Mincy to advertise through GPC listserv and DNR Newsletter
Stewart to advertise with GGIA
Danielle to promote to Dekalb County teachers
Other means of advertising discussed
Discussion ensued regarding Registration Costs. There should be an option for renewing membership. Final Registration Cost to be determined when our expenses are better known.
Danielle says there will be a vegetarian option for lunch.
Discussion ensued regarding paying for advertising through selective venues. It was agreed upon that we can justify some expense advertising.
Danielle says Zoo will handle registration.
Danielle and Karan to correspond with each other regarding website link to registration.
Discussion ensued regarding hotel availability if Braves are in World Series, as there is a game scheduled for National League city during time of Annual Meeting. It was decided that Cynthia will reserve rooms for speakers that will be staying over night. Brian to let Cynthia know how many rooms will be needed. Danielle informs that maximum capacity of room is 110 people.
It is decided to cap registration at 100 people.

**Plant List**
Mincy explained process taken and explained progress to date.
Discussion ensued regarding categories.
Much discussion regarding “types” of lists took place. We may develop a “Brochure” list designed for non-professionals, and a more sophisticated list designed for professionals.
Jim suggested having Category 1, Category 1 Alert, and Category 2 for the proposed brochure list for non-professionals.
Discussion ensued regarding category names. It was suggested that “Alert” be renamed “Emerging Threat”, Category 1 be renamed “Severe Threat”, and Category 2 be renamed “Significant Threat”.

Lunch was gathered.
Danielle departed 1:30 pm

Current List was reviewed with regards to how plants may be re-categorized per revised format.
Suggested Reviewers of list were discussed. Mincy to request selected individuals review list and provide feedback.
The List Committee is to convene upon receiving respective feedback.

Adjourned 3:10 pm