Minutes
GA-EPPC Board of Directors
January 27, 2017

Meeting began at 12:00 pm

Attendees: Bodie Pennisi, Timothy Daly, Malcolm Hodges, Stewart Chandler and David Coyle were present and Karan Rawlins, Mincy Moffett, Randy Tate and Gary Dye joined by call

Bodie stated that all Georgia Green Industry SeGreen Conference sessions were poorly attended. Brian spoke during one session. Bodie advised that we continue to participate at SeGreen Conference and all were in agreement

Urban Ag Council EDGE Conference: we had a good program in 2016. We didn’t participate in 2017. It was agreed that we should try to participate at EDGE in future.

Karan reported on First Detector Workshops. Has one planned for Griffin. Considering other sites throughout the state. Possibly State Botanical Garden and a north Georgia location. Tim mentioned several sites for consideration. Karan would like to plan 6 workshops throughout the state. She has been able to get several pesticide ceu’s awarded for the two day events – about half of what is needed to maintain license. Master Gardener Credits available for attendees. Cost is kept as low as possible, but GA-EPPC profited $300 in 2016. May call upon board members to help with upcoming workshops.

(Gary phoned in)

Bodie reviewed the two $1,500 grants – James E. McGuffey and Land O Lakes

Bodie stated that we need to do a better job of reporting on the outreach efforts that we are involved with.

Brian updated on SE-EPPC activities. 2017 Annual Meeting may be skipped due to lack of a hosting state chapter.

(note: in week following board meeting, SE-EPPC was presented with a scenario in which the organization can partner with other entities, including Invasive Plant Control, Inc., and conduct an Annual Meeting after all. Discussion is presently taking place)

Brian rotated off board as Past President. Stephen Enloe (UFL) now Past President, Karen Brown (UFL) is President, Rob Emens (NC DNR) is Secretary, Lee Patrick (Invasive Plant Control) remains as Treasurer, Nancy Loewenstein (Auburn) remains liaison to NAIPC.)
Malcolm stated that he informed SE-EPPC Board that a new liaison for TNC will be needed, as he semi-retires.

**List**
Bodie reminded board of the landscape architect that was bidding on a LEED bid, and so was not allowed to use plants that are on our list. He desired to use Liriope muscari. Conflict followed.
The above event provided a reminder that we need to update list.
Bodie suggested we consider hiring a grad student to update list, under our direction.
Mal suggested directing toward a Student Conservation Association.

Annual Conference discussion tabled due to shortage of time.

**Officers**
Bodie nominated Tim Daly (UGA Cooperative Extension Agent – Gwinnett County) for President. Seconded by Mal and supported by all.
Tim has a Masters in Entomology from UGA.
Board approved of Tim as President, but he must be voted in by the membership at Annual Business Meeting. Until Annual Business Meeting, Tim will serve as interim President.

Meeting adjourned due to 1:00pm workshop.