

THE OKLAHOMA INVASIVE PLANT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING AT THE 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING  
OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY, STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA  
STUDENT UNION  
WEDNESDAY, 8 JULY 2009

The President Bruce Hoagland called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. with a quorum present.

President Hoagland made a call for nominations for a position on the Board of Directors. Steve Bieberich, Sunshine Nursery in Clinton was nominated in his absence, although he had previously agreed to serve if nominated. In a quick vote, Steve became a member of the Board of Directors. Steve replaced Ashley Foster on the board.

President Hoagland made a call for nominations for officer positions. Karen Hickman, Oklahoma State University Department of Natural Resource Ecology and Management, was nominated for the position of President. Jay Pruett, The Nature Conservancy - Oklahoma Chapter, was nominated for the position of Vice President. Priscilla Crawford, Oklahoma Biological Survey, was nominated for the position of Secretary. There were no other nominations and these individuals were voted into their respective positions. Bruce Hoagland will become Past-President.

The members agreed to institute a fee for people desiring membership in the OkIPC. After some discussion, it was decided to charge an annual fee of \$25 for non-students and \$10 for students, including graduate students. It was recommended that several membership categories be established to encourage larger donations to the Council. Those levels of giving are yet to be determined. Chad Cox, Treasurer, will set up an online payment system for membership.

The members present discussed the formation of standing committees in the Council. Four main committees were proposed: Science, Education, Fundraising, and Legislative. During the discussion, it was suggested that Membership be added to Fundraising and that Legislative also include Advocacy and Policy. The final committee name and goals will be determined by the founding committee members. Bruce Hoagland volunteered to chair the Science Committee. Chad Cox volunteered to chair the Education Committee. Several Council members agreed to be members of the Education Committee. Marla Peek volunteered to be the chair of the Legislative Committee. Priscilla Crawford agreed to be the Fundraising and Membership Committee chair. It was suggested that there be a Conference Committee of which Karen Hickman agreed to be chair. Priscilla Crawford and Adam Ryburn agreed to assist Karen with conference preparation.

The members present discussed how to recruit new members to the Council. Members brainstormed agencies and groups that may be missing from the current scope of membership. To increase participation of the members in the business meeting it was suggested that the business meeting occur during or before lunch at the annual meeting.

It was decided the best method of communication is via email and an newsletter. Priscilla Crawford will set up two listservs, one for general membership and one for the Executive Committee. Chad Cox volunteered to organize the newsletter which will be published two times a year.

The membership discussed the time, location, and content of the next annual meeting. It was decided to have the next meeting in July 2010 in the Oklahoma City metro area. It was recommended to have a poster session so that members can highlight research and other work on invasive species issues.

Chad Cox also requested that all presentations at the 1<sup>st</sup> annual meeting be given to him to be placed on the Council's web-site.

The meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Priscilla H. C. Crawford  
OkIPC Secretary