

THE OKLAHOMA INVASIVE PLANT COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
HYATT REGENGY HOTEL, TULSA, OK
FEBRUARY 23, 2018

Russell Stevens called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m. Priscilla Crawford, Mark Howery, Curtis Tackett, Lucie Wilson, Kelly Boyer, Mike Porter, Jeri Irby, Candice Miller, David Gerken, Mike Kenna, Mary Wallas, Lisa Castle, Bryan Yockers, Alyssa Whiteman, Paulina Harron, Morgan Starr, Rauneet Kaur, Jay Pruett, and Tonya Dunn attended the meeting.

Tonya Dunn commented on the draft meeting minutes from October 30, 2017; only minor typos need to be corrected. A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes with edits; the motion was approved unanimously.

President Report

Russell reported on the election results. Karen Hickman was voted as President Elect. Marla Peek and Jay Pruett were re-elected and Greg Scott, Jeri Irby, and David Gerken were elected to serve on the Board. Tonya Dunn and Amy Buthod were re-elected as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

President Elect Report

No activity reported.

Secretary Report

No activity reported.

Treasurer Report

Priscilla Crawford reported for the Treasurer. As of February 2, 2018, the last posted balance was \$10,481.92. This balance includes \$240.70 deposited from membership fees and \$1,000 donated to the Conference as Bronze sponsor.

Upcoming deductions will include reimbursing student presentations, providing student awards, and paying for logo stickers. Upcoming deposits will include the Council's portion of revenue from the Annual Meeting.

All other Board Members Report

No activity reported.

Annual Meeting Committee Report

Priscilla reported the Annual Meeting Committee activity. Over 110 people in attendance at the Annual Meeting signed in as OkIPC members; the entire conference/meeting had over 310 attendees. Revenue from the conference will be split based upon attendance and participation in the planning committee.

Priscilla reminded the Council that there is a paid membership now; everyone is encouraged to join and pay membership dues via the website: okinvasives.org.

Management of the joint Annual Meeting will rotate to OkIPC in 2020; Priscilla is considering holding the meeting near Norman, OK, for a more central location.

Policy Committee Report

No activity reported.

Membership and Public Relations Committee Report

Russell noted the website looks great and reminded everyone that membership is automated and will send out reminders; no manual maintenance of the membership is required.

Nomination Committee Report

Results of the elections were previously discussed.

Old Business Discussed

Priscilla discussed purchasing member items; she went with low cost. Future items were mentioned as well as the possibility of student items. Thoughts and suggestions can be sent to Russell or Priscilla.

Student presentations and awards were announced; **Lucy Wilson** was awarded third place and will receive \$50, **Jay Nolen Crohn** was awarded second place and will receive \$150, and **Kelly Boyer** was awarded first place and will receive \$200.

New Business Discussed

The invasive species small meeting will be held in the fall; possibly with other entities like landscaping and/or horticulture companies. The small meeting would be centrally located.

Russell noted the importance of getting the information out to producer/landowner level. Jay Pruett noted the monarch and pollinator information will be reaching people; this may provide a framework. There are also landowner newsletters and workshops. Jay recommended starting a running list of publications/newsletters and who might do those things.

Alyssa Whiteman, undergraduate research scholar, passed out a survey for attendees to fill out for her kudzu research. The survey focused on ranking best management practices for kudzu.

Bryan Yockers presented OkIPC with an update of work accomplished with small grant award he received. Bryan is a teacher at Jenks Public Schools and has set up demonstration plots for the Fire Ecology Research Station for Teaching (FERST) at Jenks. This allows students to learn about the environment. He also holds teacher workshops on site as well. Bryan reported purchasing much needed equipment with the small grant award he received from OkIPC.

Russell discussed revisiting the OkIPC mission and strategies of 2013. Russell noted reviewing them for relevance and the Council will discuss at a later time.

Announcements

No announcements were made.

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tonya N. Dunn, OkIPC Secretary