



SOUTHWEST VEGETATION  
MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

SWVMA Board Meeting  
Wednesday, February 1, 2023, 10:00AM-11:30AM  
Meeting on TEAMS

## Agenda February 1, 2023

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**CALLED TO ORDER: (X=present; E=excused; A=absent)**

### **A. New Advisory Board members: Introductions / Roll Call / Call to Order**

a. Juanita Armstrong, President	E	Maricopa County Parks
b. Corina Anderson, Vice President	X	SWCA
c. Mary Fastiggi, Secretary	X	McDowell Sonoran Conservancy
d. Nick Brasier, Treasurer	X	SWCA
e. Willie Sommers, Past President	X	AZ Department of Forestry & Fire Mgmt.
f. Dan McLendon, Board Member	E	American Conservation Experience
g. Tom Dinn, Board Member	E	Cinven
h. Curt Deuser, Board Member	E	National Park Service
i. Andy Pigg, Board Member	X	USDA Coconino NF
j. Jen Becker, Board Member	X	Pima County Flood Control
k. Board Member		(VACANT)
l. Tom Ohmart, At Large Board Member	-X	Retired

Other participants – John Scheuring - X; Peter Lefebvre - X, Michael Chamberland -X; Kyle Seisinger - A

### **B. Meeting Called to Order:**

- Meeting Minutes from Jan 4, 2023 were approved.
- Corina Anderson was voted in as SWVMA Vice President.

**C. Treasurer Report:** The treasurer reported that the total Fall Conference profit was \$3,989.16, after the latest expense of \$1,700 paid to Remedy Creative LLC, cleared. On January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, SWVMA paid \$56.91 to Arrow Awards for the 2022 Weed Manager of the Year award. Three checks have been disbursed from B of A account: \$1,700 to Greenlee County (Check #2155); \$650 to University of Arizona (Check #2156); and \$39.53 to Kris Haskins for Fall conference trip refreshments reimbursement. Additionally, Liability Insurance was purchased and withdrawn from B of A account on 1/24 at a cost of \$656.

**D. Secretary Report:** Secretary will create a SWVMA gmail account to set up a Google Drive for the board by March 2023 meeting.

**E. Presentation** at 10:15 am (10-15 minutes) Al Fournier presented on EPA bulletin updates and Endangered Species Protection Bulletins. Details: Presentation by Al Fournier, IPM Program Manager, Arizona Pest Management Center, University of Arizona, Maricopa Agricultural Center, Contact:

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- a. Presentation Topic: The EPA, Endangered Species Act and Pest Mitigation Risk, presentation will be made available to SWVMA and is recorded for future use. Video recorded for future views.

**F. Old Business:**

- a. Insurance Update: We currently have Nonprofit Liability Insurance that includes both coverage for Officers and Organization liability, Employment liability and Fiduciary liability. Cost is \$656 annually and expires on January 11, 2024. We should update this every year in January.
- b. Grants Update: University of Arizona – has not cashed their check yet; Greenlee County has cashed it and is preparing for grant activities.
- c. Noxious Weed Update: African Sumac has been proposed as an additional species for the AZ State Noxious Weed List and the public comment event will be in Phoenix. It is tentatively scheduled to be held in early March. There is a need for written comments to be submitted when the public comment period opens.
- d. The Website has been updated with new position and board members; emails have been set to the appropriate members. Several areas on the website still need updating. Corina will send Mary these changes and Mary will make changes by March 2023 meeting.
- e. Updates or discussion on the new invaders/EDD data sent out? Peter to send out a list of noxious weeds.

**F. New Business:**

- a. Update on Committees: Everyone present agreed to their roles as listed in the below table.
- b. Advocacy:
  - i. Topic: Workshop for ADOT to enhance vegetative management practices. DFFM has funding to potentially put on a workshop for ADOT roadside staff on invasive plant management.
  - ii. Coconino National Forest held a brainstorming session on invasive plant outreach.
  - iii. An ongoing issue is capacity for training, which is an issue across multiple organizations. There was discussion on the need for practical, hands-on training workshops for practitioners. Also, public outreach needs to be connected to activities to keep people engaged.
  - iv. Jennifer Becker shared example of environmental awareness pamphlets, which was sent out after the meeting to the board by email.
- c. EPA pesticide registration review – no comments
- d. Need to set meetings for the Conference committee, get started working on that in monthly sessions held by the committee listed below for conference planning. Theme of 2023 fall conference: Riparian Restoration; SWVMA is planning to host a hybrid model, which both an in-person and Zoom component to the conference and is looking for an area closer to the Gila River with the media infrastructure for this model.



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<b>Board-Appointed Positions</b>	<b>*Bold indicates a standing committee, others are ad hoc</b>
Representative to North American Invasive Species Management Association (NAISMA)	Eleanor Gladding
Advocacy	John Scheuring, Tyler Bowen
Website Committee	Mary Fastiggi and <i>Juanita Armstrong</i>
Facebook Admin.	<i>Nick Brasier. Juanita Corina can assist</i>
<b>Committees</b>	
Grants	<i>Willie S., Curt Deuser <b>Others?</b></i>
Strategic Planning /Operational Plan	<i>Juanita, Corina and Willie</i>
Weed Management Areas	<i>Kim Franklin, Willie Sommers, and Corina Anderson</i>
State Weed List	<i>John Scheuring, John Brock and Patti Fenner</i>
<b>Conference Planning</b>	<i>Corina Anderson, Juanita Armstrong, Willie Sommers, Tom Ohmart and Dan McLendon</i>
<b>Education/Conservation</b>	<i>Michael C, John S, Peter Lefebvre</i>
<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>Tom Ohmart and <b>Tom Dinn?</b></i>
<b>Nominating</b>	<i>Willie and Tom Ohmart</i>

Website Committee Update: Mary has been giving admin rights and introduced to the website and how to do announcements and edit new pages. We created a new page titled Weed Manager of the year. Group took a look at the new page and no additional comments were given.

**H. Round Robin** (*if time permits*) – brief updates from Board members and participants related to vegetation management: Skipped in the interest of time.

**I. Adjourn - Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 @10:00 am**

Adjourned