

Oregon Invasive Species Council

Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2014 and February 25, 2014

Portland State University, Smith Memorial Student Union Room 329

All members and special assistants were present on 2/24 except Dan Sherwin and Tania Siemans. Members of the public included: Catherine deRivera, Jeff Lesh, Jon Pampush, Lindsey Wise.

All members and special assistants were present 2/25 except Dana Green, Dan Sherwin, Tania Siemens and Vern Holm. Members of the public included: Catherine deRivera and Jill Mosteller.

Chair Mark Sytsma presided over the meeting.

1. Oregon Invasive Species Council (OISC) Budget

Carolyn Devine used an explanation of the budget – it's organization, timeline, categories and revenues and expenditures as well as a draft budget for the remainder of the biennium.

The budget table as prepared by Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) shows a negative balance for iMap invasives. However, it does not include support from Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB). All invoices to ODA for iMap should have been billed prior to December 2012.

Council members discussed the costs and value of an external review as a strategic approach to evaluate the Council's operations.

Federal agency representatives (USDA-USFS, BLM, USFWS, USDA-APHIS) were asked about their budget situation and whether or not the Council could expect funding support.

Previously, OISC has provided \$5,000 each year to help defray travel costs of participants to Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) annual summits. This year's meeting will be held at Whistler, B.C, July 20-24. Council members discussed whether or not it was advantageous to the Council to continue this sponsorship.

DECISION

The Council members voted unanimously for Carolyn Devine to re-do the draft budget for Operations, Coordinator, Other and Outreach after gaining clarity about expected revenues from federal fiscal sponsors and the Poster Contest expenditures proposed by the Education/Outreach Committee.

ACTION ITEMS

Carolyn Devine will follow up with federal representatives to ask for more information regarding potential financial support to the Council's Operations/Coordinator budget. Carolyn will update the draft budget for Operations, Coordinator, Outreach and Other accordingly.

Carolyn Devine will ask Roberta Laux about the merchant fee. She will also ask Roberta to separate advertising dollars for marketing/campaigns and advertising required for public meeting notices, etc. Carolyn will report these findings back to the budget committee. **Leslie Shaffer** will set up a meeting with Mark, Dan, Glenn, Roberta and a representative from iMAP (Jimmy Kagan and/or Lindsey Wise) to conduct an audit of revenue and payments associated with iMap and then to determine next steps regarding the accounting of these project funds.

Leslie Shaffer coordinate a meeting with herself, Carolyn Devine, Rick Boatner, Tristen Berg and other interested parties to inventory and retrieve items from the storage unit for relocation to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW).

During that time, this group will decide what to do with the various items.

Carolyn Devine will develop a detailed inventory and system for tracking items.

Leslie Shaffer will ship a reasonable quantity of extra firewood outreach posters to Shawna (USDA – US Forest Service) and Wyatt Williams Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF).

Carolyn Devine will contact Megan Levy to determine whether or not we have already made a commitment to provide sponsorship dollars to PNWER. (206) 443-7723 or sponsorship@pnwer.org

2. Chair Rotation

DECISION

Council members voted unanimously to approve the following chair rotation:

YEAR	CHAIR	VICE-CHAIR
2005	ODFW	SeaGrant
2006	SeaGrant	ODA
2007	ODA	PSU
2008	PSU	ODF
2009	ODF	SeaGrant
2010	SeaGrant	ODEQ
2011	ODEQ	ODFW
2012	ODFW	ODA
2013	ODA	PSU
2014	PSU	ODF
2015	ODF	SeaGrant
2016	SeaGrant	ODEQ
2017	ODEQ	ODFW
2018	ODFW	OSMB
2019	OSMB	ODA

3. Advisory Committee

Carolyn shared a draft proposal for how to structure the committee using minutes from previous council meetings where the Advisory Committee was an agenda item. Council members discussed the potential purpose, history, advantages and weaknesses of engaging this group.

DECISION

Council members voted unanimously to establish the Advisory Committee with Vice-Chair Wyatt Williams as Chair. He will work with a subcommittee to establish clear criteria for the Advisory Committee's roles and expectations.

ACTION ITEMS

Carolyn will locate the most up-to-date list of Advisory Committee members.

Mark Hitchcox will send Carolyn a copy of the results of the previous Advisory Committee survey.

Carolyn will ask Tristen to add Catherin deRivera to the Education-Outreach Listserv.

Carolyn will research the listserv to see if there is a solution to the issue of redundant emails.

Wyatt will convene a subcommittee and/or work with Carolyn's current draft to establish the Advisory Committee's roles and expectations.

Council Members, after receiving both a copy of the current list of Advisory Committee members and the roles and responsibilities as established by Vice-Chair Wyatt will send Carolyn names of potential Advisory Committee candidates.

4. Award Process, Nominations and Banquet

Carolyn shared a draft project management outline for the banquet. Barry suggested that the council seek sponsorships to help defray event costs and perhaps even make the event a bit of a fundraiser. Council members brainstormed ideas for potential nominations. Council members determined that the Awards Banquet would be held during Legislative Days in Salem in December.

ACTION ITEMS

Carolyn Devine will proceed with Banquet and Award Ceremony project management, keeping Mark apprised of developments.

The first items will be to

1. Research whether or not the Legislative Days in December have evening activities planned which may conflict with the Award Banquet.
2. Call Chemeketa Community College regarding the availability and costs of the facility.
3. Determine if there are copies of the previous Banquet budget; if not, request Roberta Laux help track down expenditures related to previous events. Draft a budget for 2014.
4. Convene the Sponsorship Subcommittee: Barry Horowitz, Leslie Shaffer, Mark Sytsma, Dan Hilburn (for consultation only), Rick Boatner, and potentially former members of the Council represented industry, and Tristen Berg.

Council Members will send to Carolyn, by March 14, 2014, their nominations for the various award categories.

Ex-Officio Members will meet via conference call prior to the June meeting to discuss nominations.

5. External Review

The purpose of an External Review is to provide a critical examination of Council activities and governance structure for effectiveness and efficiency; and to provide recommendations for improvement. Desired outcomes / use of the report:

- A platform for fundraising
- Recommendations for improved operations
- Recommendations for edits to Council bylaws and rules

The process for conducting the review:

- INR in Corvallis will serve as the external, third party, objective reviewers who will consult on
- The framework for the review
- The interview questions
- The final review and approval of the report for objectivity and accuracy

Carolyn Devine will implement the activities of the review process:

- Conducting the actual interviews. Approximately ½ hour each, the interviewees will include all current Council members in addition to selected:
 - past Council members
 - Legislators
 - Industry leaders: Oregon Association of Nurseries, Oregon Cattleman's Association, etc.
 - Representatives of councils from other states
 - Key staff of represented agencies and organizations
- Drafting the report

DECISION

The Council members voted unanimously to proceed with pursuing an external review with a budget of \$6,000. [I thought we voted on a hybrid system that would cost less. \$6,000 was the cost of the full-blown external review, wasn't it? DJH]

ACTION ITEMS

Mark Sytsma will call INR and discuss the budget and deliverables associated with their work.

Council Members will send Carolyn names for potential interviewees by March 14, 2014.

6. Council Member Updates

SHAWNA BAUTISTA

- Shawna has re-established her membership in the Regional Invasive Species Issue Team (RISIT), which is a group charged with addressing consistency issues and serves as a resource to field staff. The group covers all taxa.
- Last fall, an agency-wide invasive species framework was released. The document concerns mostly internal direction and coordination, however there are action items for which partners could help to hold USFS accountable. Shawna recommends that each Council member read this document.
- USFS regulations are also becoming better aligned with those of each state so that staff can enforce. These changes will be available for public comment soon.
- Shawna noted that during the Western Weed Coordinating Meeting last fall, a recurring message was the recognition of the importance of USFS funding for the basic capacity of these groups to do their work. Shawna encourages members of the Council to think about ways stakeholders and others can provide compelling.

RICK BOATNER

- The aquatic invasive species boat inspection station at the Ashland Port of Entry opened on February 11, 2013. Stations in Gold Beach, Klamath Falls, Lakeview and Ontario will open in the coming months.
- Aerial gunning did not find any feral pigs this year; however, there is also no further damage to properties. A private landowner removed 7 pigs including 1 boar from one trap not far from the Crooked River.
- In June of last year, Oregon State Police visited pet stores as well as an exotic pet show; they found protected species as well as game fish that are not allowed in the pet trade.
- ODFW is in the process of creating administrative rules for holding native animals. The Rules Advisory Committee will provide feedback to the public by November 2014.

JOHN BROWNING

- Described his role at Weyerhaeuser as liaison between his company's managers and forester and natural resources agencies.
- He is most concerned with monitoring SOD and Asian gypsy moth and some others.
- He has reviewed Weyerhaeuser's policies on invasive species for west of the Cascades, and noted that the company's Environmental Management System includes policies for managing invasives. There's a forester in each region that is responsible for monitoring for invasives in their region.
- He is also involved with the sanitary permitting required for exporting wood products to other countries from Washington ports.

SAM CHAN

- SeaGrant hasn't had a director for about 1 year, and because of this, strategic direction and the ability to provide \$10,000 project development grants have suffered. They had 4 great candidates for the position; no decision yet.
- OSU Extension surveyed stakeholders via open-ended questions and invasive species were mentioned as an area of importance and concern in a high proportion of respondents. This is important and somewhat surprising information. Sam will share details of the survey when it becomes available, probably sometime in March.
- By the end of March, OSU will have completed an app that provides information about risk assessments for pesticides by species, life stages, etc. The data is present but needs beta testers. Anyone who wants to test the app should contact Sam.
- There's a new book: Identification Guide: On the Lookout for AIS in the West. Those who are interested should take advantage of the opportunity to pre-order copies at close to printing costs. Will send notice for orders in the next 2 weeks.
- A group that includes Robyn, Rick, Glenn, Rian, others is looking at the ways to build consensus on prevention practices and laws of 15 states regarding the movement of invasive species via water craft. The group will recommend items upon which states can agree to be consistent. For example, the inspection processes.
- An article regarding school children's release of crayfish and elodea that will appear in FOSS (Full Option Science System), a research-based science curriculum for grades K-8 that is used by approximately 30% of the schools throughout the country. The article builds on the Stone Soup cartoon stories on the topic created by Nationally renowned cartoonist Jan Elliot.

GLENN DOLPHIN

- 2013 Annual Report highlights last year's accomplishments. Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) has the lead role in implementing the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) permit program, which is the funding mechanism for the activities. The sale of these permits are now available online at OSMB's website (in addition to point of sale locations throughout the state).
- Glenn has continued annual trainings with county Sheriff Departments and Oregon State Police. Law enforcement officers are able to enforce boating laws, answer questions, and explain the AIS program to boaters as part of their daily activities.
- The awareness and knowledge of non-motorized boaters of the AIS program is increasing; last year, 14 non-motorized boats were found to be contaminated with different AIS at the inspection stations. This data is important to share with non-motorized boaters to demonstrate the value of the program.
- OSMB reaches out to the boating public by having a presence at boat shows, sportsman shows, etc.
- 2 Early Detection Programs will continue to be funded in 2014.

ROBYN DRAHEIM

- USFWS funded a project to develop a "test-strip" method to determine live vs. dead dreissenid mussels. While the test-strip method will not meet rigorous standards required for use in the field a protocol for determining live vs. dead should be forthcoming.
- Pacific Region Invasive Species Team (PRIST) launched a new digital publication "The Invasion Quarterly" or "IQ"
- PRIST is also pushing to increase FWS participation and coordination with each of the state invasive species councils in the Region.
- The Service is working with the Columbia River Basin Rapid Response Group to develop guidance on EIS/emergency consultation should the Basin be faced with a Zebra/Quagga mussel control/eradication scenario.

DANA GREEN

- Dana reported that while the airport is generating income, the Port's other business units are not doing well.
- The Port coordinated with USDA-APHIS in the treatment of Asian Gypsy Moth and Japanese BB.
- and ODA is helping to monitor the transportation corridor. The concern is that in the past, after 3 years of treatment, the beetle would not be detected. However, this infestation is continuing after treatment, and some are showing up in the same areas after years' of repeated treatment.
Dana described the difficulties of treating for JBB along highly visible traffic median on Airport Way.

THEA HAYES

- Had nothing to report now as a member; spoke during committee updates about the poster contest.

DAN HILBURN

- The state's SOD program is scaling back because the federal program has gone from testing all nurseries growing host plants yearly to focus on those that have had problems in the past.
- ODA is in the process of rule-making regarding invertebrates: what you're allowed to bring in, sell, and release in the state. There are 200 spp on the list. How to handle monarch butterflies was a little controversial; currently, ODA leans toward the conservative approach of not allowing their release. Tarantulas however, seem to not be of a concern, with some species already approved for sale in the state.
- ODA continues to monitor the state for gypsy moth. Moths were detected in only one location in 2013 outside Grants Pass.
- Research on biocontrol for brown marmorated stink bug (BMSB) is progressing at 4 labs around the country including OSU.
- Oregon State Weed Board (OSWB) met last week and made decisions on the following species.
 - Cheatgrass had not been on the state's weed list previously because it is pervasive annual found throughout the state and is not listed by any of the

nearby states. However, with the emphasis on sage-grouse habitat, OSWB created a policy on cheat grass that allows for spending of resources on this weed.

- Juniper is also not listed on the state's weed list because it is a native. However, it has become invasive and its removal is necessary for sage-grouse habitat restoration. OSWB decided to not list juniper, but recognized it through policy so that the grant program can invest in its removal.
- Ribbon grass is a variegated horticultural variety of reed canary grass that has become a nuisance along the Metolius River where it is spreading vegetatively and changing the hydrodynamics of the system. It replaces native sedge. ODA's regional staff spearheaded a coalition to address this. This fall, they will be treating the population and will assess the efficacy in the spring of 2015. There are demonstration projects and passive water samplers to determine if herbicides impact water quality, which would be a concern in this watershed. The OSWB listed this as a B-Weed with a "T" designation and will develop a management plan for the Metolius population (only).
- To avoid having sage-grouse listed under the Endangered Species Act by USFWS in 2015, Oregon and other states need to have a plan for addressing invasives. Dan participates in sage-grouse initiative (SageCon) meetings in order to keep invasives on the platform.

MARK HITCHCOX

- Provided informational handouts to members about agency operations, planning, the Farm Bill, and surveys. One included partial lists of the 2013 and 2014 Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey related projects in Oregon.
- Mark shared with the group that recently, the Chrysanthemum White Rust was detected at a Clackamas County nursery during a routine inspection by ODA. USDA eradication protocols were implemented: plants were destroyed and the nursery placed under containment for an 8-week period. They are investigating the source of the infection.
- A new exotic moth was found in Forest Park during a "BioBlitz" event. It is the first US record for the dark strawberry tortrix, *Syricoris lacunana*. The USDA's New Pest Advisory Group is conducting a full review of the Oregon detection, and follow-up surveys are being planned for the spring to help clarify the status of the population.
- The first state record of a European moth, the barred fruit tree tortrix, *Pandemis cerasana*, was captured at a residence in north Portland in 2013. Delimitation surveys are being planned for summer 2014.

VERN HOLM

- Vern is the Coordinator for the Western Invasives Network (WIN), an affiliation of 8 Cooperative Weed Management Areas (CWMA)s in Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington.

- Due to the profusion of water primrose, *Ludwigia palustris* in the Willamette River, aquatic weeds are garnering more attention by resource managers. To this end, the Oregon Invasives Hotline was used to locate sightings of Ludwigia, commonly known as water primrose, as it is a plant that is a major problem in slack water and oxbows – prime habitat for salmonids, nesting songbirds, and waterfowl.
- Further activities will be a day-long workshop on aquatic weeds, to be held April 24th at the BLM-Salem District office. A Willamette Aquatic Invasives Network (WAIN) is also being created to link agencies up and down the entire river system.
- Vern is working on the creation of a PRISM (Partners for Regional Invasive Species Management) that will include portions of British Columbia, Washington and Oregon. The result will be a network of info sharing re: upland oak habitat restoration.

RIAN HOOFF

- In 2013, there were 24 Expedited Enforcement Offers (EEO) for Ballast water non-compliance, issued via email and international wire transfers. 23 of 24 were settled. One formal enforcement penalty was issued resulting from a non-compliant discharge event at the international terminal on the Willamette River. DEQ underwent a rule-making process to change the penalty matrix, and as a result, penalty amounts have increased substantially effective January 2014. One EEO has been issued – and settled - since that change.
- Rian is working with a variety of stakeholder and legislative advisors on the Task Force for the Shipping Transport of Aquatic Invasive Species.
- The group is looking at changes in Federal regulations to determine if Oregon's laws are adequate, and may recommend changes to statute as a result of their analysis. Generally, mid-ocean exchange is going to be replaced with shipboard treatment systems as the predominant management practice.
- The Task Force is also considering fee increases to help sustain ballast water program activities at DEQ beyond 2015. Also, the task force is considering a recommendation to dedicate ballast water management penalties funds to be allocated to the OISC trust account rather than the state's General Fund.
- There was a Rapid Response Work Group meeting in December looking at regulatory controls and potential roadblocks for pesticide use during a potential zebra/quagga mussel response. DEQ administers the pesticide general permit that would be required for any treatment applications in open water, however, ODA has state level authority for determining which pesticides may be used for specific taxa and conditions (i.e. label usage). ODFW is currently a covered permittee under the Pesticide General Permit, but the workshop helped identify additional work required at ODFW to sufficiently update their Pesticide Management Plan (a component of the General Permit) in order to respond to a quagga/zebra event.

BARRY HOROWITZ

- While his work does not impact directly the work of Council members, Barry values what he's learning. He expressed appreciation for the work of the group.

DOMINIC MAZE

- Earlier this year, Dominic shared a link to a 28 page annual report "Invasive Plant Management and Natural Areas Restoration" that details the activities of the City of Portland's Invasive Program.
- Dom is entering control season.
- Bureau of Environmental Services participated in the 4 county CWMA "Pull Together" event.
- Dom discussed the budget and shared information regarding a voter referendum at the Bureau of Environmental Services and Water Bureau.

MARK SYTSMA

- Quagga/Zebra mussel monitoring throughout the state - no samples positive for veligers
- Eurasian watermilfoil hybrid (with the native milfoil) is being found in more locations
- Steve Wells is continuing his work on anti-fouling coatings (testing efficacy and lifespan of various types of coatings that can be applied to concrete i.e. submersed hydropower infrastructure). Field work is being done in the Columbia River (to test lifespan of the coatings) and in San Justo Reservoir, CA (to test efficacy preventing quagga mussel attachment). The study has another year left but preliminary results indicate antifouling coatings may not be cost effective.

TODD THOMPSON

- Todd reported on a number of plans that BLM is currently working, Western Oregon, Sage Grouse, Spokane, and then Regional Resource Management Plans; most of which are still in draft form and will hopefully result in on-the-ground implementation.
- Glenn inquired about the ability for BLM to hire seasonal rangers so that he can coordinate training. Todd reported that seasonal hire authority may happen along the Wild and Scenic Rivers.
- Recently, the BLM completed a study on vegetation treatments and whether they are "up to snuff" with regard to effectiveness as well as environmental impact assessments.
- Myrtle spurge, *Euphorbia myrsinites*, is planted in the landscape outside of the new Federal building in downtown Portland.

WYATT WILLIAMS

- Wyatt explained that the invasive species program at ODF is new since 2012 and he is defining the scope and activities of the program.
- The quarantine of 264 square miles of *Phytophthora ramorum* in Curry County continues; the strategy has shifted from eradication to mitigation. They are surveying on the ground and aerial three times a year; working to eradicate outlier occurrences in order to slow the spread.

- Research on the biocontrol of Scotch broom by Oregon Department of Agriculture in Western OR has demonstrated that a seed weevil and seed beetle may be effective. The insects attack the seeds and destroy a significant portion of them. It would take many years for this to impact the population.
- ODF has their own airplane and software for mapping insects and diseases in the state and has been doing so for 66 years – the longest in the nation. The Gorse Action Group “GAG” will be partnering with ODF to do an aerial survey for gorse next month. The product will be a GIS layer of 300,000 acres in Curry and Coos Counties, looking at mechanical and chemical treatment efficacy.
- Sam noted that Frank Burriss of OSU Extension will be studying the effectiveness of using vinegar as a control agent.
- ODF has a cooperative agreement with APHIS regarding Emerald Ash Borer (EAB); there has been a 20% reduction in funding for traps.
- Oregon has asked for Farm Bill funds to create a Preparedness Plan for EAB and other wood boring insects.
- Wyatt and Rick contributed content to the latest issue of Northwest Woodlands Magazine, a publication geared to small woodlot owners in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The issue was dedicated to invasive information. A copy of the PDF is free online.
- Soon there will be a web page on ODF’s site that explains to interested folks how to identify EAB and other invasive wood borers from natives through simple photos and not requiring a microscope.

7. Draft White Paper on Council Funding

Council members discussed the strengths weaknesses and risks of the ideas put forth in the white paper. Council members agreed that it is important to convene stakeholders and affected agencies soon, prior to the Summit.

DECISION

Council members voted unanimously to move forward with the draft and that the Council should approach the Governor’s Natural Resources Policy Director, Richard Whitman soon.

ACTION

Mark Sytsma and **Dan Hilburn** will contact the Governor’s Office and Director Katy Coba to convene a meeting soon.

8. Committee Reports

TUNICATES

Committee Chair: Glenn Dolphin Committee Purpose: To create and implement an action plan for managing tunicates in the south coast.

The plan has 8 action items and a 3-pronged funding approach:

- OISC emergency funds (Approximately \$13,000 - \$15,000)
- OSMB (\$10,000)
- OSU SeaGrant funds for education/outreach activities (\$5,000-\$8,000)

Other information:

- A west coast management workshop is being planned for in May. The Workshop can help to determine if this is a regional collaborative.
- The organism probably won't establish in other Oregon estuaries. The mouth of the Umpqua and Coos Bay are likely to be the most likely habitats for the species. The tunicate does exist in CA, WA and AK. Therefore, it's likely that there will be additional introductions and exclusion is unlikely. Natural storm events may change the salinity of the triangle and aid in the eradication effort. However, increasing freshwater discharge will impact oyster culture.
- There is a strong educational component to the eradication project that boaters and fishers will likely connect with.

Reasons to fund the Action Plan:

- Educational value.
- Funds are there to be used for this kind of purpose.
- It's a pilot project for both the management of a marine species as well as the collaboration.

Next steps:

The Committee anticipates presenting the funding plan and request to OISC for approval of the use of Emergency Funds via conference call prior to the June meeting in order to have funds available for the implementation of the plan this summer.

Members who need more information prior to this vote should contact Glenn and/or the committee as soon as possible.

EDUCATION/OUTREACH

Thea presented the proposal and project plan for the Poster Contest.

DECISION

Council members voted to move forward with the Poster Contest, with a budget of \$6,500 and for the messaging to focus on "Don't Let it Loose."

9. Lindsey Wise – Update on iMapInvasives

Lindsey described how iMap Invasives works: the kinds of data it tracks, the user interface, and the process for uploading data into the system.

10. Coordinator Update

Carolyn described the accomplishments to date and shared some of the information from the Council Member survey.

ACTIONS

Carolyn Devine will schedule a GovSpace training session, and will also ask the GovSpace technical support team about the various notification options: digests, nesting, etc.

Carolyn Devine will schedule a meeting with a subcommittee to define and decide on a Scope of Work for the Coordinator in 2014.

11. Jill Mosteller – Connecting with the Consumer Stakeholders

Jill presented her research findings regarding cat-owner decisions for the cats to be “inside” or “outside” cats.

12. Catherine deRivera – Green Crab Management

Catherine shared her research.

13. Council Participation in iMap Invasives

Council members discussed the role of the Council with regard to iMap invasives. Vern Holm offered to take over the lead role.

DECISION

Council members voted unanimously to recognize iMap Invasives via communications and on the “dot org” website by adding a new page under the Resources tab which will describe the weed mapping databases, the value of iMap, the Council’s liaison, Vern Holm, and provide a link to the website.

ACTION

Carolyn Devine will contact Lindsey Wise, informing her of the Council’s intent and asking her for help regarding content language.

14. 100 Worst

Council members suggested changes to the list. It was suggested that there be more detail regarding each category and the reason for each species being selected. There was some discussion about the potential to remove some species, as well as the importance of adhering to 100 (actually 137 species are listed currently).

DECISION

Council members voted unanimously to approve changes to the 100 worst which will be provided by Robyn Draheim and Wyatt Williams regarding the removal of ISAV and the "lumping" of Phytophthora spp.

ACTIONS

Wyatt Williams and Robyn Draheim will send Carolyn the modifications to the list which were discussed.

15. Council Business

The sequence of upcoming events were agreed upon:

Soon: A meeting with the Governor's Office and Director Coba.

March: Award nominations from Council members.

April: The Summit (a ½ day workshop for stakeholders).

May: A conference call of Ex-Officios regarding the nominations.

June: The next meeting will be held in Bend or Sisters, the third week of June.

December: Banquet will be held during a Legislative Day in December.

DECISION

Council members voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the July 2013 and November 2013 meetings.

ACTION ITEM

Shawna Bautista will check on availability for the USFS building in Sisters; otherwise, there is a nice room in Bend at the Road Commission..

Mark Sytsma will contact Jackie Dingfelder regarding her interest in speaking at the Banquet.

The meeting was adjourned.