



Florida EPPC

All Fires Must Someday Go Out (Norwegian proverb)

Kathleen Allison Craddock Burks; just Kathy or Burks to us, her friends, passed away June 8, 2006. Kathy was a friend whom we laughed with and a colleague whom we depended on. She



Kathleen Allison Craddock Burks
1947-2006

was caring and loving as a friend, dedicated and tireless as a colleague. She always found time for both. With expertise in Journalism and Botany (and Norwegian ancestry), and a passion for plants and natural communities, she helped us communicate the importance of protecting endangered plants and abating invasives. As FLEPPC List Committee Chair, Kathy kept the FLEPPC List of Invasive Species current and publicized. She was Co-Editor of "Identification and Biology of Non-Native Plants in Natural Areas of Florida". She served on the FLEPPC Editorial Committee, as FLEPPC Symposium Program Chair, and on the FLEPPC Board of Directors. Kathy was Botanist for the Department of Natural Resources for many years and was employed at the time of her death as Botanist and Coordinator for the Florida Natural Areas Inventory. She was also a Research Associate of Florida State University's Robert K. Godfrey Herbarium. We will miss Kathy deeply, but her friendship will remain in our memories and her

accomplishments will guide and motivate us.

Tributes to Kathy may be entered in the guestbook at:

<http://www.legacy.com/tallahassee/Guestbook.asp?Page=Guestbook&PersonId=18041298>

Donations in memory of Kathy may be made to:

Robert K Godfrey Endowment Fund, Fund No. 0303, FSU Foundation, PO Box 3062739, Tallahassee, FL 32306

Message from our Chair

I hope that everyone is having a safe and productive summer. As if there isn't enough going on in the great out-doors to keep us busy, your Board members and committee/task force chairs have been hard at work taking care of FLEPPC business. We had a long, but fruitful FLEPPC Board of Directors (BOD) meeting on June 28th and I greatly appreciate the excellent facilities and lunch arrangements that Todd Olson organized for us. It was also very encouraging that so many officers, directors and chairs could attend. Thank you, all.

Although many items of business were discussed and are summarized in the Minutes (in this newsletter), the following highlights a few of the most significant changes.

Ellen Donlan (who works for the South Florida Water Management District) attended as proxy for Kristina Serbesoff-King. Kris had announced that she would like to step down in September after serving for five years as FLEPPC Treasurer. At Kris's recommendation, Ellen was appointed as the new FLEPPC Treasurer allowing for a period of transition between now and the end of September. We are greatly indebted to Kris for her long and invaluable commitment to FLEPPC as Treasurer and are thankful that she in-

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tends to stay active in the Council, particularly through the Lygodium Task Force. We welcome Ellen as our new Treasurer and look forward to using her MBA experience to optimizing the FLEPPC accounting practices to match our evolving needs.

The unexpected and very sad loss of Kathy Craddock Burks in early June made it necessary to appoint a new Chair of the Plant List Committee. After volunteering to take on this position and receiving the endorsement of other committee members and the FLEPPC Board, we welcome Keith Bradley (The Institute for Regional Conservation) as the new Plant List Committee Chair. At the Board meeting, Keith outlined some plans for the committee, including the possible addition of some new members, a review of the definitions and processes by which plants are listed, and a mechanism by which new database records are validated. With a new Invasive Plant List due for publication in 2007 and exciting opportunities developing for expanding the scope of the plant database, Keith and this important committee will have plenty to keep them busy in the coming year.

A new committee was established to be chaired by Charter FLEPPC member, Bob Doren (Florida International University). The Biological Control Committee will develop biological and economic criteria to provide a list of prioritized biological control projects based on the FLEPPC Invasive Plant List. This is a good time to review the current relevance and functions of all FLEPPC committees, with the long-term objectives to clarify their roles (especially as reported in the Standard Operating Procedures) and to encourage increased committee membership and activity.

The next BOD meeting (at which the 2006/07 budget is approved) will be held on September 19th and is being hosted by Tony Pernas at Canaveral National Seashore Eldora House, New Smyrna Beach. Collectively, we have many good ideas for making FLEPPC more efficient and productive than ever. The June BOD meeting was a good opportunity to see how we are making progress and things are looking good!

Alison Fox, Chair

**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
June 28, 2006
West Palm Beach, Florida**

These minutes will be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval at the meeting scheduled for September 19, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Alison Fox, Chair. A moment of silence was observed in memory of the late Kathy Craddock Burks and Philip Myers.

The following Officers, Directors and members, constituting a quorum of the Board of Directors, were present for roll call: Mike Bodle, Karen Brown, Jim Cuda, Ellen Donlan, Alison Fox, Tom Fucigna, Alison Higgins, Chris Lockhart, Gary Nichols, Cheryl McCormick, Todd Olson, Bill Overholt, Dianne Owen, Tony Pernas, Donna Watkins. Keith Bradley and Jim Burney joined the meeting after roll call.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes of the previous Board of Directors Meeting of April 24, 2006, were distributed to the Board. Following discussion of the item related to sharing of the FLEPPC site occurrence database, there was general agreement that this issue would be revisited later in the meeting and that there was no need to amend the previous minutes. Upon motion made by Tony Pernas and seconded by Karen Brown, the previous minutes were unanimously approved as written.

Correspondence – Alison Fox

Most correspondence is received through the FLEPPC web site and forwarded to the relevant Committee Chair. Alison Fox distributed a letter (Attachment 1) with the FLEPPC's comments on the proposed "Local Agency Program Landscape" that was sent to the Florida Department of Transportation on May 31, 2006. The comments commend the FDOT on drafting the landscape specifications and recommend that the specifications should prohibit the use of plants on the most recent FLEPPC list of Category I or II invasives and require the removal of these invasive species during roadway construction. Karen Brown indicated that the final FDOT decision on the landscape specifications would be noted in *Wildland Weeds*.

Treasurer's Report – Ellen Donlan, proxy for Kris Serbesoff-King

The Treasurer's Report (Attachment 2) showed cash inflows exceeding outflows by \$11,219.10 for FY05-06 to date. The income/expense summary for the 2006 Symposium showed a total profit of \$11,132.07.

Upon motion made by Alison Higgins and seconded by Karen Brown, the Treasurer's report was accepted unanimously.

Kris Serbesoff-King, who has served as the FLEPPC Treasurer for the past five years, will be resigning in September, 2006. The Chair introduced her appointee to the position of

Treasurer, Ellen Donlan. Ellen, who holds an MBA in Environmental Business, indicated that she was willing to accept the appointment and her resume was distributed to the Board (Attachment 3). A motion was made by Tony Pernas to approve the appointment of Ellen Donlan as FLEPPC Treasurer for a two-year term to begin Sept 6, 2006. The motion was seconded by Alison Higgins and approved unanimously by the Board.

Chair Alison Fox brought it to the Board's attention that an amendment is needed to Article X, Section 6 of the By-Laws to correct an inconsistency in the wording of the procedure for approval of the annual budget. Committee Chairs will be asked to prepare the FY0607 budget for their Committee before the next meeting, when the annual budget will be approved by the Board. The Chair also asked for clarification of procedures for the annual audit referenced in Article IV, Section 5 of the By-Laws. Tony Pernas, past Treasurer of the SE-EPPC, explained that as the umbrella group for the state EPPC's, the SE-EPPC retains an accountant to do the annual tax audit that also covers the state EPPCs. The Chair recommended that the Board consider forming a Finance Committee to review the FLEPPC accounts and prepare an annual financial report. Discussion of this issue was tabled until the next meeting when Kris Serbesoff-King will be present and Ellen Donlan will have had the time to familiarize herself with the Treasurer's duties.

Editor's Report – Karen Brown

The Summer issue of *Wildland Weeds* made a net profit of \$3,237 and brought in two new advertisers, including an advertiser from the SE region based in Nashville, TN. The Fall issue will primarily include articles from SE-EPPC, with at least one Florida article; the submission deadline for the Fall issue is July 1. Comments and suggestions on WW and other FLEPPC publications are always welcome. Tom Fucigna mentioned that the "Herbicides for Homeowners" brochure has been very popular and recommended that the FLEPPC logo be included when it is reprinted.

Upon motion made by Donna Watkins and seconded by Tony Pernas, the Editor's report (Attachment 4) was accepted unanimously.

Secretary's Report - Dianne Owen

There were a total of 201 registrations for the 2006 Symposium, including 19 vendors. Dues were paid by 93 members at the time of registration; the current membership total is 311. To facilitate tracking of membership dues paid in conjunction with the annual Symposium, the Secretary is creating a database that will integrate information related to Symposium registration, general membership and members of the Board, Committees and Task Forces. This database will be updated with current email addresses; a gradual transition will be made to electronic mailing of newsletters, announcements and dues reminders for those who prefer this method to hardcopy mail. Alison Fox will discuss the procedures for quality control and updating of the membership list with Jackie Smith, who is currently responsible for maintaining the list. There was general agreement that for the pur-

poses of notification specified in the By-Laws, "mail" is understood to include electronic mail. The Board also recommended that the membership form in the newsletter include a section for members to volunteer for Committees.

Upon motion made by Karen Brown and seconded by Cheryl McCormick, the Secretary's report (Attachment 5) was accepted unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

By-Laws - Dennis Giardina

Alison Fox will contact Dennis Giardina concerning revisions to the By-Laws that have been brought to her attention; these changes are needed to clarify ambiguous or inconsistent language and correct errors in the numbering or referencing of the sections. The revised By-Laws will be distributed electronically to Board members for review before the next meeting. After the revised By-Laws are approved by the Board, they will be submitted to the membership for approval at the 2007 Business Meeting. The decision as to whether the By-Laws will be posted on the FLEPPC web site will be made after final approval in 2007.

The Standard Operating Procedures (Attachment 6) are being reviewed by an ad hoc committee of Alison Fox, Karen Brown, Mike Bodle and Dianne Owen and comments from Board members and Committee and Task Force Chairs are requested before the next Board meeting, when the final draft will be submitted to the Board. Certain items currently addressed in the By-Laws, such as the specific schedule of membership dues, will be included in the revised SOPs. The SOPs will also include procedures related to the annual Symposium. Donna Watkins has developed a checklist/calendar (Attachment 7) that will help to identify the duties and coordinate the activities of those involved in planning and implementing the Symposium. Donna emphasized that this checklist/calendar will require ongoing input from everyone involved. Donna will also begin to develop a Committee Checklist that outlines the duties and deadlines of the FLEPPC Committees; this can be used to help to publicize the activities of the Committees and recruit volunteers.

Education - Leesa Souto

Chris Lockhart reported that Leesa is willing to continue as Chair of the Education Committee. Chris will contact Leesa about the status of budgeted funds not yet expended by the Committee for FY0506 and ask her to develop a timeline of procedures for releasing the Education RFP, reviewing proposals, distributing award monies and following up on reports. This timeline will be included in the Committee Checklist.

Legislative- Matt King

There has been no change in the status of the proposed change to Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs (DACs) Rule 5B-57 (the Noxious Weed List) since the last FLEPPC Board meeting. The proposed rule change would provide definitions and add language for biomass plantings and permitting, and add the follow-

ing plants to the State's Noxious Weed list: *Abrus precatorius*, *Ardisia elliptica*, *Casuarina equisetifolia*, *Casuarina glauca*, *Colubrina asiatica*, *Leucaena leucocephala*, and *Scaevola taccada*. The written report of the Legislative Committee is attached to the minutes (Attachment 8).

Matt has agreed to serve as Chair of the Legislative Committee of the National EPPC, which will have a conference-call meeting on July 13. The National EPPC Legislative Committee will be working to develop white papers in support of various issues of national concern.

Symposium Program - Cheryl McCormick

Cheryl McCormick has agreed to serve as Program Chair for the 2007 Symposium. There was discussion about whether field trips should be scheduled before, during or after the Symposium; each option presented advantages and disadvantages. A motion made by Alison Higgins and seconded by Cheryl McCormick, that the field trips be scheduled for one half-day during the 2007 Symposium, was approved unanimously. Tony Pernas then made a motion that the schedule for the 2007 Symposium be set as follows: Monday late afternoon - Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors; Tuesday morning and afternoon - Symposium Sessions; Wednesday morning - Symposium Sessions; Wednesday afternoon - Field Trips; Thursday morning - Symposium Sessions. After second by Karen Brown, the motion carried unanimously. Discussion of the rates to be charged for the Symposium was tabled until the next meeting.

Local Arrangements - Mike Bodle

Possible 2007 Symposium sites include the Marriott on A1A in Delray Beach and the Holiday Inn or the Hilton on A1A in Cocoa Beach. Each of these sites has indicated that they can offer rooms at the current federal per diem rate of \$96. Mike will request quotes for two possible dates, April 16-19 or April 23-26, and a decision will be made following email discussion among Board members once the quotes have been received. Evening Symposium functions would take place off-site at locations to be determined once a site has been chosen.

Agenda items about whether Symposium sites should be selected a year in advance and whether local arrangements and site selection should be separate functions was tabled until the next meeting.

Plant List

The Plant List Committee is a well-established FLEPPC Committee with an important role. Kathy Burks, who recently passed away, performed many functions as Chair of the Plant List Committee that were not among the specific duties of the Committee. Alison Fox announced that, after discussion with other members of the Plant List Committee, she has decided to nominate Keith Bradley as Committee Chair, and his appointment was approved unanimously by the Board.

Keith was asked to present his vision of the future role of the Plant List Committee to the Board. Keith is with the Institute for Regional Conservation (IRC) in Dade County and has been a member of the Plant List Committee for several years. One of his priorities as Chair of the Committee will be to ask the Committee to review the Category I and II list definitions and make recommendations to the Board for any needed changes.

He would also like to implement a ranking system that will provide objective, defensible criteria for the Plant List categories. He would also like to update the Committee membership to include more members who currently do active field work. Alison Fox pointed out that although the process for establishing the Plant List has a long tradition, there are no specific guidelines in the By-Laws concerning this process. In particular, there is no requirement that the final Plant List be approved by the Board of Directors. Keith said that he would like to see this provision included in the By-Laws or Standard Operating Procedures. He would also like to have more frequent meetings of the Committee, instead of only one meeting every two years when the Plant List is reviewed, and to have regional meetings with local land managers to broaden the sources of information used in developing the list. Other issues Keith would like to address include enhancing the information available through the online database of site occurrences, such as observer notes, and adopting a standard taxonomy (for example, Wunderlin and Hansen, 2003).

Alison Fox noted that it will be important in the future for the Board and the Plant List Committee to define the specific tasks of the Plant List Committee and, if appropriate, assign tasks to other Committees or create Committees to perform certain tasks. For example, the Board and the Plant List Committee may want to address what the role of the FLEPPC should be in the process required for adding new species to the DACS Noxious Weed List.

Tony Pernas provided an update on the status of the FLEPPC site occurrence database. In the past, Tony coordinated with Kathy Burks to validate observations through an informal process. Within the last year, Tony has been working with SE-EPPC and the FNAI to georeference the FLEPPC site occurrence records and establish a standardized online database that will allow map-based queries. Chris Lockhart provided clarification of the relationship between the FLEPPC site occurrence database and the online plant database maintained by the FNAI. The FNAI was hired by the Bureau of Invasive Plant Management under a state mandate that requires the DEP develop an Invasive Plant Geodatabase by 2010. This statewide database, which serves as an inventory and tracking tool for managing invasive exotic plants, goes beyond the scope of the FLEPPC database. To date, the FNAI database does not include any records from the FLEPPC database; in the past concerns had been raised about the advisability of sharing data when no procedures are in place to assure adequate data validation, updating or maintenance and no guidelines have been established for proper source attribution. Chris emphasized the potential benefits of data sharing for the FLEPPC. Alison Fox, Tony Pernas, Keith Bradley and Chris Lockhart will meet before the next Board meeting to discuss the status of the FLEPPC database, policies for sharing of data, and the role of the Plant List Committee relative to the database.

A motion was made by Dianne Owen and seconded by Karen Brown, that the FLEPPC site occurrence data will be shared with other entities, subject to approval by the Board. The motion was approved unanimously by the Board.

A subsequent motion was made by Karen Brown, as

follows:

The FLEPPC site occurrence data will be shared with FNAI for use in the statewide FNAI database. The FLEPPC will be properly credited as the source of the data by the FNAI.

The motion was seconded by Donna Watkins and approved by a majority of the Board, with Tony Pernas, who expressed concerns about the current lack of procedures for ensuring data integrity and validation, dissenting.

Research - John Volin

Two research proposals have been received. After review by the Committee, one of these proposals has been approved for funding. The candidates will be notified of the Committee's decision and details about the approved project will be provided at the next Board meeting. John is also seeking volunteers willing to work on the Committee to help with reviewing proposals and following up on reporting requirements. The SOPs will include guidelines for the RFP announcement, review of proposals and followup on award requirements.

Membership/Publicity - Katy Roberts

Katy would like volunteers to help with the Membership Committee's task of updating, reviewing and maintaining the display materials. Katy and Chair Alison Fox have discussed the need to clarify the Board's expectation of the publicity role of the Committee.

Merchandise - Tony Pernas

Tony asked for ideas for Symposium merchandise and for volunteers to help with merchandise.

Web Site - Tony Pernas

A new company has taken over the FLEPPC website server and listserve; the FLEPPC website was down for two days during this transition. The new company can provide FLEPPC email addresses and password-protected access to sections of the website for internal access to FLEPPC documents.

Chris Lockhart and Karen Brown will be developing a section for the FLEPPC web site in memory of Kathy Burks. This page will include a link to the online obituary site of the Tallahassee Democrat where people can record their personal comments about Kathy. The web site will also provide information for FLEPPC members who wish to make personal contributions to memorial funds in memory of Kathy.

Jim Burney will develop general SOP guidelines for FLEPPC memorial contributions and make recommendations as to whether it is appropriate to form a Memorial Committee; this issue will be revisited at the next Board meeting.

Nominations - Jim Burney

Jim Burney will schedule the nominations process to ensure that a slate of nominees can be submitted to the Board for approval at the January 2007 meeting and published in the February 2007 newsletter. He also needs two more volunteers to work on this three-member Committee.

Outreach - Tom Fucigna

Tom Fucigna announced that he will be resigning as Chair of the Outreach Committee. He believes the Outreach

Committee plays an important role in cultivating media contacts and pro-actively getting stories to the media. This outreach effort requires someone who can actively pursue these goals, and could be combined with the activities of Membership/Publicity Committee. Tom will draft the SOPs for the Outreach Committee to serve as a guide for future outreach activities. The Board briefly discussed the possibility of outsourcing the FLEPPC's public relations activities. Alison Higgins agreed to write up a "how to" guide for identifying target audiences, similar to what was done for the Green Thumb nursery certification program in the Keys, and developing a program that would involve members in providing photo releases to the press that can increase awareness of exotic plant issues. Karen Brown expressed concern that any material representing a FLEPPC point of view be checked for accuracy before being used by anyone.

Industry Liaison - Doria Gordon

The Florida Department of Transportation's Beautification Task Team recently included a set of guidelines for use of non-native plants in the recommendations using the Voluntary Codes of Conduct. The guidelines, which explicitly call for phasing out any use of FLEPPC Category I and II species, are currently in draft form and will soon be submitted to FDOT management for approval in August. Doria and Matt King will keep the Board apprised of any developments on this issue.

Doria also reiterated her request that FLEPPC members alert her if they see any of the species being sold in Lowe's garden centers that are not recommended for propagation, sale or use by the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association. The written report of the Industry Liaison Committee is attached to the minutes (Attachment 9).

Field Trips/Training - Jim Duquesnel

Jim Duquesnel was unable to attend this meeting; he is currently working on the time-consuming task of inputting the Continuing Education Unit credits awarded at the last Symposium. Discussion about setting the length of the Symposium sessions to maximize CEU credits was tabled until the next meeting.

Vendors - Todd Olson

Todd Olson brought up several issues related to the handling of vendor recognition and donations at Symposiums. He felt that it could be useful to formally allocate time for door prize drawings during the Symposium sessions, if this could be accommodated without creating problems for CEU credits. The Board will address this issue when Jim Duquesnel is present. Todd is also looking for ideas for the Silent Auction, possibly replacing it with a raffle; the Silent Auction format can work well with items such as artwork or signed books, but does not attract high bids when commercial merchandise is offered. Alison Higgins suggested that a "Chinese raffle" format could be used.

The Chair asked the Board to consider whether vendor donations could be made to specific FLEPPC funds rather than to the general fund, such as the existing Julia Morton fund for FLEPPC research grants. Several Board members also suggested that an Education or Scholarship fund could be set up in memory of Kathy Burks. Kathy's family is currently asking that donations be made to the Florida State University Herbarium.

Chris Lockhart will contact the Florida Native Plant Society to find out what they have done in memory of Kathy.

Upon motion made by Tony Pernas and seconded by Karen Brown, the Committee Reports were unanimously accepted.

TASK FORCES

Australian Pine - Rob Egan

Tony Pernas reported that Rob is moving ahead with the Australian Pine Management Plan. Greg Wheeler is working on the taxonomy section, and the plan will include case studies from Sanibel, Everglades National Park, Dry Tortugas, Cape Sable and Broward County.

Brazilian Pepper – Jim Cuda

The Brazilian Pepper Management Plan has been posted on the web site and will be released in CD format, possibly as an insert in Wildland Weeds.

Colubrina - Cheryl McCormick

The *Colubrina* Management Plan has been completed and is now waiting for the case studies to be complete.

Chinese Tallow – Cheryl McCormick

The Chinese tallow management plan is completed and is available on the FLEPPC web site.

Dioscorea – Bill Overholt

Bill Overholt has begun putting together the Dioscorea Management Plan. Committee members include Mike Bodle and Janice Broda; someone is still needed to help with the chemical control. More case studies are also needed. The target for completion of the plan is the end of this year.

Carrotwood - Chris Lockhart

Chris Lockhart asked the Board their opinion as to whether a Carrotwood Management Plan is necessary or if an information circular is sufficient. Discussion of this issue was tabled until the next meeting.

Exotic Grasses - Greg MacDonald

Greg MacDonald expects to complete the management plan for cogon grass by mid-October. He is seeking reviewers for the plan.

OLD BUSINESS

SE-EPPC Dues Discrepancy

Annual dues through the SE-EPPC will remain at \$20. This issue will be re-addressed in the future if it is found to have an adverse impact on FLEPPC dues payments.

Operations Committee

Draft SOPs were submitted by Scott Ditmarsen (Attachment 10). This issue was tabled until the next meeting when Scott will be present.

Plant Conservation Alliance

The decision on FLEPPC participation in the Plant Conservation Alliance was tabled until the next meeting.



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Development of Position Papers

Consideration of whether student paper contests could be used to develop FLEPPC position papers was tabled until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Formation of a Biological Control Committee

Tony Pernas reported that following informal discussion during and after the last Symposium, it was decided that a standing Biological Control Committee is needed to develop policies for biological control. Bob Doren has agreed to serve as Chair and several members have volunteered to work on the Committee. SOPs for the newly formed Committee will be developed before the next Board meeting.

Revegetation / restoration after exotic plant removal

Dr. Richard Raid has asked the FLEPPC to consider making recommendations for revegetation / restoration after exotic plant removal, which may have significant effects on utilization by native wildlife. Alison Fox has discussed this issue with Dr. Raid and has asked him to contribute an article to *Wildland Weeds* and make a presentation at the next Symposium about this issue. Although other groups, such as the Native Plant Society, take a more pro-active role on revegetation and restoration than the FLEPPC, Alison said it was important for the FLEPPC to be informed on this issue and ensure that Task Force Chairs consider revegetation / restoration in developing Management Plans. Jim Cuda emphasized that revegetation is an important component of integrated management, citing the example of the Brazilian Pepper Management Plan,

which makes recommendations for replanting of native species, such as wax myrtle. Tony Pernas pointed out that revegetation / restoration recommendations are best made on a site-by-site basis. Board members agreed that guidelines for consideration of this issue should be included in the Task Force SOPs.

Statewide List of Recommended Alternative Plants

The FLEPPC web site currently lists recommended alternative plants for South Florida. There is a demand from the nursery industry for a list of alternatives for the entire state; Doria Gordon has been looking into extending the existing list. Alison Higgins has agreed to coordinate with Doria, the Plant List Committee, and others concerned, to move forward with this issue.

Formation of the Inter-Mountain EPPC

Mike Bodle reported for Amy Ferriter that a meeting will be held in Missoula, MT in February to discuss formation of an Inter-Mountain chapter of the EPPC.

TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 19 at the Canaveral National Seashore Eldora House, New Smyrna Beach.

Upon motion made by Karen Brown and seconded by Tony Pernas, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous decision at 2:55 pm.

Attachments referenced in the minutes can be obtained by contacting the board member, committee chair or task force chair who presented that agenda item.



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