

Meeting Facilitation, Tim Campbell had some excellent ideas on how to run a successful meeting, much of them outlined here <https://coast.noaa.gov/data/digitalcoast/pdf/effective-meetings.pdf>

Governor's Council on Invasive species. Tom Beuchel advised CISMAS to think big. Gave Duck Dynasty as an example, duck habitat is being impacted by invasives, they need to sell duck calls and potentially have \$\$\$\$ to assist in our efforts to combat the invasions. Discussion with Tom and Kelly Kearns about the status of the next SAG (Species Assessment Group) reviews for NR40- next winter, if you have species in mind to add to the list or want to see the current list contact Kelly.

CISMA updates I think there were reports from 9 different Cismas all unique.

Here are a few highlights:

SEWISC they received a big grant and will skip a 2018 Economy meets Ecology. Save the date Sept 25th 2019 at a bigger venue, still co-sponsored by Johnson Nursery.

LISMA low on funds, promoting the UMISC Conference

Northwoods, funding up and down. Did receive a USFS GLRI grant

Door Co Revised strategic plan- finalize this month

Central WI. Amy Thorstenson Golden Sands have been doing invasive work for years (mostly aquatic) but are just starting to formalize as a CISMA. Eric Olson from UW Extension has been the motivator. Have submitted an initial application for a NFWF grant (for a coordinator) Have baseline data on aquatics, working on terrestrials. Mentioned that Monroe Co seem to be going alone but Tim W comes to meetings. While networking with Amy later in the meeting she offered that if Monroe Co. needed to get assistance through their organization for grants they would be willing to help. Look forward to a good relationship between MCISWG and Central WI.

ST Croix Red Cedar. Angelique Biocontrols a big part of their (NFWF?) grant. Lots events, partnering with Woodland Owners, IPAW and others for a 2019 Forestry Conference.

MCISWG Mic: MOU, Strategic plan, AOP, AWP, Hold harmless ready for discussion. Listed milestones. Future meeting mapping for Highway staff and Towns March 28th (WFDN lead- Anne Pearce); June Field day planned Anne Pearce, Fort McCoy, CSU, CPS?

Lower Chippewa Chris G Artisanal use of wood from invasive woodies-buckthorn Amur Cork tree. Back pack/ herbicide loan program to Land owners-simple form (Scribe research note- Backpacks and Herbicides are stored at 4 Control's facility. LCISP have a sweet deal there, there are no similar contractors in Monroe Co.) Word of mouth advertising. Active citizens are Key.

Upper Chippewa Marjory Brzeskiewicz: Goat browsing buckthorn (Medford), Buckthorn bash with schoolkids- going 6yrs, now the students are in HS and are mentoring the younger kids. Projects with Parsnip, Marsh Thistle. Redoing MOU so that USFS will sign off (networked with Marjorie to get contact for USFS)

South West Brandon Bleuer: Citizens Monitoring grant for 5 County area. 6 Workdays planned including one in Onalaska. Surveying roadsides for La Crosse Co. NIPWP? Grant writing lots of brush management plans for EQIP funding.

WHIP (Headwaters): Rosie Page Mostly work with terrestrials. Just a little of their area is GRLI eligible. WHIP had posters at a little store- donations of \$480.00 were matched by a Federal grant.

Christa from **DOT** mentioned that anyone doing roadside surveys should contact their DOT region and get a permit, they will be required to wear safety vests. Permits are free.

WIFDN (WI First Detection Network) Anne Pearce: They have a great website (There is a link on MCISWG) and Face book Page. Both can be used to promote CISMA events. They offer training (Anne is coming to teach mapping later this month). They also have a Cerceris wasp survey in progress-I could not find it on the website, surveys are done in baseball diamonds and the wasp is an indicator for EAB infestations.

A memorial plaque made from buckthorn was presented to Rolph Uttergard's wife. Jerry Doll gave the 'eulogy'. Rolf was a larger than life figure usually decked out in suspenders and a bush hat of many badges. He was a power house for IPAW's early years. Rolph's wife had some good stories too.

IPAW. President Christa Schaefer presented the IPAW annual report. CISMAS can get \$200.00 to cover cost of attending trade shows etc., must promote IPAW with the logo and or brochures. Talked about the upcoming UMISC conference in Rochester October 15-18 – the largest invasive species conference in North America. IPAW still offers a bounty on the first example of any Prohibited species identified (Photo) in your county \$25.00-Double if you provide a specimen vouchered. Quarterly Newsletter coming out soon. Website and Facebook have had more hits this year. Membership is up.

How can IPAW and CISMAS work together better Diane Schauer The room divided into groups and brainstormed on flip charts. Dianne will send results out when she has them collated.

IPAW Field days and CISMA roles Anne Pearce Plant ID, training in management and planning. There will be a fee for non IPAW members. CISMAs are responsible for organizing venues, local networking.

Roundtable Discussions I joined Chris Gaetzke from the Lower Chippewa and Brent? From the Upper Chippewa partnerships for a discussion about working with Highway departments. In his area they are using plant growth regulators the pray the roadsides causing invasive plants to flower later and seed maturity to delay- allowing mowers and applicators more time and lessening impacts.

Plants to be aware of. Kelly Kearns Kelly listed 42 species according to my notes. The power point will be posted on the AIS "Box". Not sure how that works. I will send out to the group when I figure it out.

There is a power point titled New Invaders 2018 available – will post with these notes.

One important note from Kelly's presentation on **Amur Cork Tree** *Phellodendron amurense* reportedly in some circumstances, (when females removed from a population?), males are capable of producing viable seed. So the cultivar exemption under NR-40 will likely be revisited by SAG next year.