

Minutes
CWMA Board of Directors Meeting #1 – 2006
January 19 – Eagle County Maintenance -- Gypsum

Legend:	
MSP = Moved, Seconded, Passed	MSF = Moved, Seconded, FAILED
TAB = Tabled	REF = Referred to Committee for further study.
TT = Task Team Formed	REP = Report, discussion presented, no action taken

2006 Board Members: (Terms Served/Term Begins)

President Alicia Doran (2/03)	President Elect Fred Raish (2/05)	
Sec.-Treas. Steve Anthony (1/06)	Tim D’Amato (1/05)	Stephen Elzinga (1/05)
Elizabeth Gillespie (1/06)	Hal Pearce (2/03)	Mel Shumway (2/04)
Paul Schreiner (2/03)	Larry Walker (1/06)	Kelly Uhing (ex-officio)
Eric Lane (ex-officio)		

Committee Chairs Present None
Excused: Paul Schreiner
Guests:

Meeting called to order at 9:20 a.m. by President Alicia Doran

New Business:

1. BLM EIS Comments

REP: The Board discussed the importance of supporting the BLM towards being able to use all available methods to manage noxious weeds. Their comment period was extended so CWMA has time to make comments. The Board then directed the President with the following motion.

MSP: To support BLM Alternative B via a letter from President Alicia Doran to include comment that CWMA encourages language in the final decision that allows the BLM to utilize all available integrated weed management technology and the use of federally labeled herbicides.

2. Weed Act Weed List Regulations Update

REP: The new language for updating the Weed Act is not yet complete, so there is little for CWMA to comment about currently. However, there has been enough information disseminated for discussion and comment and the Board thoroughly discussed several key points of the proposed changes.

MSP: To have the President write a letter of comment to the Department of Agriculture to include the following points:

1. The Department of Ag is making a good effort to solicit input and collect opinions and information from the counties and other agencies.
2. There are problems with how the state maps are dividing certain areas. For instance, specific weed species are mandated for control on one side of a highway and other species are mandated on the opposite side all within the same area or jurisdiction. The dividing lines need to be re-thought.
3. The current system does not take into account watersheds. There is too much micro-management of the program.
4. The system needs greater flexibility for modification and revision within a given year.

5. There is too much emphasis on certain areas of the state and a lack of dealing with counties that did not report.

3. Pesticide Applicator Law

REP: The revisions to the law have been introduced into the House and Senate and discussion have begun as the first reading has occurred. There are not a lot of changes currently proposed and the Legislative Committee will track the bills as they work through the legislature.

4. National Invasive Weed Awareness Week VII- Washington, D.C., Feb. 26 – March 3, 2006

REP: The Board discussed various issues that Alicia and Fred should focus on during the week in Washington. The CWMA will support the position papers that have evolved from INWAC and NAWMA. The CWMA delegates will also stress the need for more on-the-ground Federal agency coordination with state and local agencies.

5. Eric Lane Board Attendance

REP: The Board was asked to discuss the current status of Eric Lane as an *ex-officio* member of the CWMA Board of Directors. Alicia reviewed the history of how this relationship evolved beginning in 1999 and 2000. The Board felt that Eric provided valuable input to the Board.

MSP: To continue to invite the Colorado state weed coordinator serve as an *ex-officio* member of the CWMA Board of Directors. An amendment to this motion to also invite coordinators from CDOT, USFS, BLM, DNR and other agencies was withdrawn for a lack of a second.

6. State-wide Weed Management Team

REP: The Board briefly discussed the state weed management team that is coordinated by Eric Lane and initially included CWMA representation. The team operates under a MOU and the Executive Director will attempt to update the Board on the current status of this agreement.

7. CWMA Committee Reorganization

REP: During the retreat the day before the Board meeting, members discussed at length each committee and how they could be made more meaningful and useful towards fulfilling the mission and goals of the Association. Several committees were deemed no longer needed and others needed to be created to better fit current operating practices. To this end the following motion was referred to the business meeting on the 19th.

MSP: To reorganize the committees of CWMA as follows:

To eliminate the Standing Projects Committee

To maintain the Commercial Applicators Committee for one year and then re-evaluate

To create the following new or blended committees:

1. Education/Outreach/Membership Committee – Tim D’Amato
2. Intern Program/Scholarship Committee – Kelly Uhing

To maintain the following Committees of the Association:

3. Annual Conference & Trade Show – Fred Raish
4. Weed Management Training School – Mel Shumway
5. Ornamental Weed – Steve Anthony
6. Nominations and Awards – Elizabeth Gillespie
7. Finance – Executive Committee
8. Internet and Newsletter – Alicia Doran
9. Commercial Applicators – Paul Schreiner
10. Professional Improvement – Hal Pearce

8. CWMA Annual Budget

REP: The Board spent much of the retreat day before the Board meeting discussing (and cussing) the annual budget. Through an excellent project planning exercise introduced by the President, the members formulated new ideas and projects for 2006 to further the goals and mission of the Association. All ideas were duly discussed and prioritized and then worked into the 2006 budget. New to the budget are the following projects and programs:

1. "Don't Plant a Pest" brochure and Internet PDF
2. Adamson/Chief Creek Russian Olive Project in eastern Colorado (education component only)
3. Outreach Project Phase I
4. To create a CWMA College Level Intern Program and redirect the CWMA scholarship program to those who complete CWMA Internships.
5. CWMA Weed Awareness T-shirts
6. Fully fund the CWMA Reserve Account for 2005 at a level of \$3,600
7. To reduce, but fund the CWMA Grants category as funds become available

MSP: To approve the 2006 CWMA Annual Budget (Attached)

9. Items to be included in next Weed Watch Newsletter:

1. Commercial Applicators Pledge and invitation to join CWMA
Executive Director will assume implementation of this program for 2006.
2. Invitation to all members to join and participate in the committees of CWMA.

10. Playing Card Project Update

REP: Kelly Uhing briefed the Board on the progress of the playing cards projects showed the Board artwork of the proposed cards. The project is defined as follows:

CWMA will contribute weed photos and profiles and layout and design work via Kelly in cooperation with \$3,500 contributed by the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI). The cards will be completed by June 2006 and CWMA will receive a set amount for distribution and use. The CWMA logo will appear on the card box, but not the playing cards.

11. Board of Director Meeting Dates for 2006:

- April 12**, 6 p.m., Fort Collins Marriott (or alternate location TBD)
- July 19**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Summit County Commons Building, Frisco
- October 18**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Summit County Commons Building, Frisco
- December 6**, during the Annual Conference, Grand Junction

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,
Charles Henry, Executive Director

Executive Director:

Charles Henry 1-24-06

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Signature Date

Secretary:

Steve Anthony 2-

Signature Date