

2010 MWCA Board, Staff and Committee Objectives

Presidential Objectives:

- 1) Work closely with ED and staff to continue to make the most of current technology
- 2) Make cost effective decisions to help the MWCA get the most out of a limited budget.
- 3) Implement the Strategic Plan thru support for
 - a) a refined “early detection Rapid Response system”
 - b) Statewide New Mapping Initiative
 - c) Enhanced Partnerships in the education component of the MWCA mission
- 4) Encourage the IWM committee in its goal to complete recommendations for implementation of the State Noxious Weed Management Plan.

Board Objectives:

- 1) Promote the Association
 - a) Each board member will be responsible for having their own personal objective to reach this goal
- 2) Enhance board knowledge regarding Association activities
 - a) Each board meeting, board will receive information
 - b) Staff and executive committee will host an orientation webinar for new board members and will create a checklist of important items board members need to be aware of
 - c) Evaluate agency role on board and create a workgroup for this purpose
- 3) Clarify the MWCA audience
 - a) Education committee will lead the review the original SNWAEC document with all committee chairs
- 4) Strengthen the Nominations and Board Development Committee
 - a) Develop a one page document of board responsibilities in order to approach potential board candidates

Staff Objectives:

- 1) Create and conduct an orientation webinar for board members
- 2) Create a checklist for board members
- 3) Receive training and help nomination committee in gaining clarification
- 4) Complete a firm emergency system back-up for staff and organization
- 5) Gather and produce written success stories

Committee Objectives

Integrated Weed Management Committee

- 1.) Finalize the recommendations document for implementation/revision of the MT Weed Management Plan and submit to the MWCA BOD and the State Summit Steering Committee.
- 2.) Continue to support the Montana Invasive Species Information Management System (Weed Mapping Project) with the Mapping Workgroup.
 - a. Explore potential avenues for sustainable funding and support
 - b. Explore the potential for creating a more recent statewide data capture to give us a “moment in time” look at what MT’s weed problem looks like across the state.
- 3.) Support and encourage the development of a Research and Development Working Group.

- 4.) Support the development of a website to coordinate the distribution of currently available biological control agents across the state and to provide information on current research on potential agents.

Education Committee

- 1) Inventory of education resources on the MWCA website
- 2) MWCA Calendar review and picture selection
- 3) Host a legislative education program and/ or handout information to legislators
- 4) Create a MWCA promotional fact sheet to include in mailings, create compliments of MWCA sticky labels for weed id booklets
- 5) Help with Noxious Weed Certification Course for weed professionals
- 6) Identify MWCA's audience
- 7) Re-evaluate ED committee's Policies

Some other projects that are going on or ideas that were floated: Reprint of MT Weed ID booklets, MT Invasive Species Summit Oct. 19-20, Youth Invasive Species Summer Camp, Youth Chapter of MWCA, Video trainings via bugwood.org, and MWCA Membership Survey for educational needs.

Coordinator Support Committee

1. Assist MWCA in finding a direction for the area councils and help define their function.
2. Work with Jane Mangold in developing weed professional certification criteria.
3. Implement stronger training components into coordinators trainings including reveg and restoration and professional development
4. Promote the attendance of spring coordinators trainings.

Nominations and Board Development Committee

1. Help develop a board member handbook in conjunction with objective of educating all board members about Association
2. Develop evaluation and process for Board and Executive Director; implement in spring of 2011
3. Develop fund raising work group once MWCA audience is determined