



Meeting Minutes: October 6th, 2022

October 6th, 2022 • 9:00 am to 12 pm
Remote only

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Present

Most but not all participants were present for the entire meeting.

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| 1. Bob Dunning | 8. Cori Mattke | 16. Kelly Pennington |
| 2. Doug Jensen | 9. Jake Anderson | 17. Kelsey Taylor |
| 3. Chelsey Blanke | 10. Jim Caulkins | 18. Liz Anderson |
| 4. Ariana Richardson | 11. Jeff Forester | 19. Paul Erdman |
| 5. Bob Dunning | 12. Jeff Kalin | 20. Rob Venette |
| 6. Christina Bosch | 13. Jen Larson | 21. Shawn Murphy |
| 7. Emily Dunlap | 14. Jen Burington | 22. Val Cervanka |
| | 15. Kate WG | 23. Dane Huinker |

Council Business

- Vote to approve the agenda, Approved
- Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 2022, approved 19 of 21 voted
- Treasurer's report submitted by Wildlife Forever, fiscal agent for MISAC, vote for renewal of contract tabled for review by Wildlife forever
- 2023 Leadership: Chelsey Blanke, Ariana Richardson, Sascha Lodge
Nomination for Sascha Lodge for Co-chair, 3 calls for nominations, no further nominations, Val motion to elect Sascha, Ariana seconded, called for a vote, 100% voted yes

Meeting Dates 2023

- January 18 & 19 (half days, virtual)
- April 12 & 13 (half days, virtual)
- July 13 (in-person, location TBD)
- October 11 & 12 (half days, virtual)

2022 UMISC Planning Update- Doug Jensen

UMISC is on schedule: Formatting and graphic design for the conference program is being done by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, thank you very much to them. A PDF of the word version is available or will be available on the conference website. A separate document houses poster abstracts and author biography information for speakers and will be available online for download. The hybrid conference will have a few prerecorded talks, and slides and audio will be live streamed through our online event conference platform again event mobi based on our conference experience as the ex-com and participant feedback, we have chosen use it again, the app will be accessible to attendees the first week in October. Promotion for the conference has been shared on social media newsletters and partner outreach. We currently have about 390 registrants. We've exceeded our in-person estimate but I underestimated the remote to 10 minutes on a field trip but attendance as well so our registration income is under by about \$50,000. In 2020 UMISC had 1000 registered, we expected 600 in 2020, possibly with registrations up-to the deadline.

- 290 are in person registered, 100 online registered
- 37 exhibitors including a booth reserved for MISAC
- Of the 37 exhibitors, 19 are sponsors, one Champion sponsor which is Wisconsin DNR, one event sponsor which is Michigan's invasive species program, 8 daily sponsors and 9 sessions sponsors
- Exceeded sponsorship and exhibitor goals by about \$19,400.
- Repayment to the 3 partner groups is likely to be under \$1,000.

Program overview:

- 160 presentations across 40 sessions and 22 posters
- a new art show is going to be exhibited this year with the for contributing to a place of painted sailboat sails with AIS messaging
- Two free workshops AIS Plant ID and Japanese stilt grass ID and management
- Originally offered 7 field trips but cancelled 2 due to low registration numbers, total of 69 registrants across four field trips
- Opening remarks by Doug Jensen, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources secretary Preston Cole, Amaad Rivera-Wagner- Chief of Staff the Green Bay mayor's office and then Maria Otto, Green Bay's conservation corps coordinator
- Plenary Speakers Chairman Tehassi Hill of the Oneida nation, Carrie Brown Lima- director of the NY Invasive Species Research Institute
- MISAC will present Carol Mortensen awards
- Plenary speakers on the Wednesday lunch: Dr Greg Ruiz from the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center & Dr. Ajay Sethi Professor of Population Health Sciences, Faculty Director of the MPH Program
- UMISC is providing breakfast each day, lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday morning and afternoon refreshments and a reception on Tuesday with complimentary horderves and a cash bar, Wednesday evening will be dinner on your own
- We need volunteers to support the registration area on Tuesday afternoon between 11 and 4 p.m
- Planning for 2024 has begun,

Suggestions to share UMISC Registration Links through State University Activities Offices to increase online attendance

DEI & Website Committee Updates- Ariana Richardson

- State plan Weblink updated
- Menu Update
- Merged State Letters and Meeting Minutes
- Updated with 2023 Calendar

- Updates to be made: Meeting Minutes, UMISC and Future Meeting Links
- Call for interest in DEI Committee: review of charter content, originally formed to respond and support the need for DEI Sessions at UMISC 2020, 2024 UMISC letter to the executive committee in support of DEI Sessions

2023 Carol Mortensen Award – Chelsey Blanke

- Awards were announced, Nominees and winners were contacted
- Lifetime Achievement Award: Randy Schindle, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- Individual Achievement Award: Julia Bohnen, University of Minnesota
- Team Achievement Award: Sisters of Saint Francis - Environmental Committee
- 8x10 oil paintings in shadow frames from Karen Savage Blue, Fond du Lac

State Plan – Chelsey Blanke

- Laura is worked with the DNR’s creative services to complete the design work
- The State Plan was updated and the 2009 plan was retained for reference on the site\

Invasive Species Metrics and Performance Measures Recap – Jennifer Burington

Each of the four elements in the plan had their own strategies and workshopped metrics noted at our in-person meeting, are summarized in the notes from our July workshop sent out as a separate document.

Element 1 Prevention:

- state regulations were highlighted a lot
- federal and state inspections and enforcement

Element 2: Early detection and response

- develop response plans was kind of the big head for that group
- funding sources

Element 3: Management of Invasive Species

- integrated Pest Management plans
- coordination and communication
- evaluation as well for management and funding

Element 4: Leadership and coordination- less clear but a lot of focus on communication

2023 Goals Definition- Chelsey Blanke, Ariana Richardson

Discussion around implementation evaluation process for the state plan and subcommittees for each element.

- Continue open communication about invasive species actions and issues facing member organizations with quarterly meetings (January, April, July, October)
- Continue to follow up with Earthworm Regulation

- Engage in field trip and UMISC planning
- Produce MISAC calendar for 2024
- Membership (annual) review (2023)
- Conduct evaluation of the Minnesota's Invasive Species Management Plan
- Identify key issues as brought forth by members where we have ability to influence decision-making
- Invite speakers on key issues to improve understanding

Updates from Members

Jim Calkins - Minnesota Nursery & Landscape Association- Updated Jumping worms BMPs, shared with MDA for their distribution. Japanese apple rusts have been found in MN, the farthest west so far.

Jen Larson- USFS-St Paul Field Station We have several entomologist and plant pathogen folks, I am the Plant person. Some background, we don't have or manage a land base but support forest conservation with funding leadership and technical assistance. A big part of our work is partnerships with state and local governments tribes and educational institutions NGOs. We are primarily focused on non-federal lands.

Jake Anderson - Nature Conservancy- Wrapping up field season, Marissa Ahlering our team scientist was recently published with their work on invasive cool season grass show no increased abundance with earlier growing seasons

Kate Wyman Grothem – US FWS- the upper Mississippi river basin's Horizon Scanning Project is still on going, if interested in attending the next meeting were in the midst of defining the scope, geography and taxa of the project, we would love to have the input, email shared in the chat

Kelly Pennington-MN DNR- Laura Van Riper has continued to shepherd the proposed rulemaking through our process, we hope to get it listed as a prohibited invasive species, and we'll inform the group when the rule making is open for comment, so no harm in keeping earthworm regulation on MISAC's future goals. DNR's Invasive Fish Coordinator organized a MUM, method targeting carp on the Mississippi, and found no invasive fish but it was a great response exercise with a number of agencies from the region.

Kelsey Taylor- Fond du Lac- Wrapped up ricing surveys and season, no new species IS found, we are also doing a fall spearing and netting season which is new for us, as there some extra quota in terms of walleye harvest. We're also trying to form an indigenous conservation core crew with MN and IA to bridge the gap that's there.

Liz Anderson- Lake SWCD- nearing the finish line for a signage project at PWA's in the boundary waters, which Doug Jensen started and then Wildlife Forever helped with the final design and production and now its being handed off to us.

Paul Erdman- BSWR- BSWR Academy is coming up, unfortunately the same dates as UMISC, a couple restoration related sessions and we will distribute some calendars at the event. Brown Marmorated Stink Bugs would be a possible future talk for the group

Rob Venette- MITPPC- The Midwest stinkbug assistant, has an app that allows you to report and ID them. MITPPC has some continuing projects and have a dozen or so proposals being externally reviewed and a few projects starting this winter, keep an eye out for some press releases about that. Angie Gupta organized an invasive species community of practice group, which had great turn out at the arboretum looking at on the ground management. The North Central Forest Pest Workshop I attended was also a great regional event and showcased the work being done in Minnesota.

Sascha Lodge – Minnesota DNR Forestry- We have a couple dozen invasive plant management projects going on or planned across the state and Forest Eidbo took a new job, as he attended these meetings some may be interested to know.

Shawn Murphy- Metropolitan Mosquito Control District – so far, no new invasive species found this season so far but our lab is still working on samples

Val Cervenka –Forest Health Program Coordinator MN DNR- After working on the North Central Forest Pest workshop all year long we had some awesome speakers, it went really well we had a hybrid meeting with some virtual speakers and attendees. While the focus isn't on invasive, we talk about them and if interested let me know I can put you on the mailing list. The event is in Wisconsin next year. A group of folks from Manitoba, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota, did a tour of spotted lantern fly and Asian longhorn beetle sites in Ohio, as part of the Forest Health Committee on the Great Lakes Forest Fire Compact, which allows MI WI MN and Manitoba travel quickly if need be, and part of our trainings include visiting sites where active management for species of concern. Angie Ambourn may be able to speak to this further at future meetings. It may be my last meeting, as I am retiring but it has been awesome to be part of this group.

Chelsey Blanke- Anoka County Parks- I finished up a seasonal role with Anoka County Parks doing some Terrestrial Restoration work, invasive species management, like oat wilt surveys, I'll be starting a new role shortly but will have more to share on that later on, hopefully continue to participate in MISAC.

Christina Bosch- MN DOT- Working on update to Noxious Weed Book update for 2023, a PDF release is expected in March of next year.

Emily Dunlap- Three Rivers Park District- Late summer wrapping up oriental bittersweet, transitioning into surveying. CPL Grant for Oriental Bittersweet control is wrapping up next June and were looking forward to comparing our treatment areas with contracted treatment sites. We're also continuing work on Jumping worms' surveys.

Ariana Richardson - Meeker County- Our 2023 grant cycle just opened up, we've focused on building up community resources and working with our grantees to focus on more long-term rather than seasonal control. We're hoping to set up volunteer training for PI Surveys and currently updating our monitoring sites and protocols for prevention and monitoring.

Bob Dunning – County Ag Inspectors – We may be looking for another letter of support from MISAC for 2023.

Jennifer Burington – MN Department of Agriculture- Our Palmer Amaranth Ad Campaign is on-going on social media, there is good click through reach. We are finishing up our surveys on apple rust and putting that out come January and an annual conference on spongey moth.

Doug Jensen- MN DNR- Updated earlier on UMISC, AIS Advisory Committee Meetings facilitated, working with partners in the northern part of the state to aid in end of year reporting. Great Lakes Panel meeting was set for Ann Arbor and has been moved to online Nov 1st -3rd. Red-Lake Reservation's project with MN DNR will see a Permeant AIS Station and Multiple CD3's installed, updates to follow. St Louis River Estuary may be delisted come 2028