

Mid-Atlantic Exotic Pest Plant Council

2010 Nominees for Board of Director Positions

From Represented States & the District of Columbia

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CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS BEING NOMINATED TO SERVE ANOTHER 2-YEAR TERM:

Carole Bergmann, Maryland

Carole serves as Forest Ecologist and Field Botanist for Montgomery County, Maryland and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. She is a founding board member of the Mid-Atlantic Exotic Pest Plant Council, serves on the Maryland Invasive Species Council, and holds memberships in the Plant Conservation Alliance's Alien Plant Working Group and the Montgomery County Forestry Board, and was a past President of the Maryland Native Plant Society. Carole earned an MS in Environmental Biology from Hood College.

Chris Dionigi, District of Columbia

Chris is the Assistant Director for National Policy and Programs for the National Invasive Species Council. Chris has a primary responsibility for domestic policy development. He works with a wide variety of stakeholders and representatives of state governments in the U.S. to develop and coordinate invasive species policies, programs, and information networks.

Chris received a PhD in Crop Science (emphasis in Weed Science) from Iowa State University, and BA and MS degrees in Biology from the University of Northern Colorado and the University of Louisiana, respectively. He has authored over 25 peer-reviewed manuscripts.

Steve Manning, Virginia

Steve has an MBA from the University of Oregon, and a Masters of Science degree in Parks and Recreation Administration from the University of Utah. After graduating in 1997 he started Invasive Plant Control, Inc. (IPC).

IPC was created to extend nationally its dedication to the control of invasive species utilizing a revised Integrated Pest Management approach. A sample of IPC's clients include Shenandoah National Park, Oak Ridge National Laboratories, Paris Island US Marine Corps, and the city of Greensboro, NC.

Steve is also heavily involved with local, state and regional industry development projects. He is a board member the Mid-Atlantic Exotic Pest Plant Council, and active with many national organizations.

Steve Young, Virginia

Steve is a Senior Advisor to the US Environmental Protection Agency, serves as the Mid-Atlantic Exotic Pest Plant Council's Treasurer, and is an invasive plant management volunteer in Arlington County, Virginia. Steve received a BA from Columbia University in New York City.

NEW NOMINEES FOR 2-YEAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS POSITIONS:**Melissa Almendinger, New Jersey**

Melissa is the Director of Stewardship for the Upper Raritan Watershed Association. She has served as the Association's Invasive Species Coordinator and Director of Education and Outreach. Melissa has experience in environmental monitoring and permitting through her work with ENSR Environmental Consulting, Piscataway, NJ. She also has teaching experience through the Environmental Discovery Center/Outdoor Lab, Wayne, NJ and Bedminster Township School, Bedminster, NJ. She holds a B.S. in Natural Resource Management from Cook College, Rutgers University.

Faith Keuhn, Delaware

Faith is Plant Industries Administrator for the Delaware Department of Agriculture. She holds over 25 year of development, technical support, marketing, and regulatory experience in agriculture. She is a member of the Entomological Society of America and a board member of the Delaware Invasive Species Council. Faith earned a PhD in Entomology from the University of Arizona and a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Delaware.

Michael Strager, West Virginia

Michael is Adjust Assistant Professor for the Division of Forestry and Natural Resources and Assistant Professor of Spatial Analysis for the Division of Resource Management at West Virginia University. His primary research interests are in using spatial analysis and decision support analysis in the management and sustainability of natural resources. Michael has applied these interests to research and management of invasive plants and emerald ash borer. In 2004, he earned a PhD in Natural Resource Economics from West Virginia University and has since authored many peer-reviewed articles.