

## **South Central Invasives Partnership Meeting Minutes for 12/1/22**

### Introductions

Attendees were Heather Hasenstein, Matt Wallrath, Katie Abbott, Jason Neton, and Shelby Adler

### Calendar

We discussed how we can best utilize the calendar on the website. Katie Abbott suggested posting events from any of the organizations on our MOU to make the website a central point of reference for all our member organizations and interested volunteers. Jason Neton also suggested linking to the ED maps from the DNR to encourage reporting of invasive species.

### Creating a “Learn” Page

Heather Hasenstein has started creating a page with identification charts that anyone can access to verify what species they have found, or what species to keep an eye out for. It is not live yet, but has been started. Jason Neton suggested possibly posting fluctuations in invasive species, such as what species were most prevalent during a specific time of year. Matt Wallrath suggested posting invasive alerts for newly found species or new locations of species. Emerging threats were also discussed and it was suggested that we might be able to post species that had the potential to appear in our area because of close geographic proximity to our area.

### Outreach

A bi-monthly e-newsletter was suggested by Heather Hasenstein to share events and news by email. Katie Abbott suggested having sharable social media posts that member organizations could easily share with their members. Topics for the posts would be things like Invasive Species Awareness Week and Month, invasive alerts, volunteer work days, etc. Matt Wallrath suggested we also create some workday events specific to SCIP to raise awareness of the Partnership.

### Presentation on Knotweed Genetics Research

Matt Wallrath presented his work on Knotweed genetic research. The goal of the research is to determine if knotweed hybrids are forming and if they are more prolific than previously thought. Early results are showing that the hybrids produce viable seed and are thus able to spread more widely and vigorously.

### Schedule Next Meeting

It was agreed that Thursday evenings work well and that for the time being virtual meetings were the most convenient for everyone. January 12 from 6-7pm was chosen for the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 7:00 pm