

Champion and Steering Team Meeting

Summary



Purpose:

- Agree on a realistic framework for moving action on issues forward, while considering and addressing the support Champions may need
- Discuss and clarify the roles of the Steering Team and Champions.
- Discuss opportunities for cross issue collaboration

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Update on progress made since December Council Meeting

- **wisconsinforestry.org continually updated to tie the Conference back to the Statewide Forest Plan (SFP) and keep partners current on action that is occurring.** It is important to remember that the Conference was the kick off for implementing the Plan, not a separate event. The goal of our work is to address issues identified in the SFP and work in collaboration with partners to take action on them.
- **Steering Team has met 3 times** now and developed roles and responsibilities for the Council, Steering Team, and the Champions and Leadership Teams.
- **Leadership teams now subcommittees of the Council on Forestry.** This however does not mean they represent the Council's views on every action they take. Everyone agreed that the Council should not be a bottle neck for moving on action but would like to see them yielding weight. Champions and leadership teams should go to Council when there is an issue that they want the Council's endorsement on. Leadership Teams can ask the Council for their "endorsement" on action they take as a leadership team. If council does not give endorsement, individuals can work on behalf of their organization but not as their leadership team which is an entity of the Council. In this way action can still move forward even if the council is not officially endorsing the work.
- **Request more information on the work of the Woody Biomass Team.** This way the leadership teams from the conference are fully informed on the task force from the council that was not a part of the conference.
- **Date set for next meeting with Champions and Council in August.**

Partnering Opportunities

- Important to recognize that all issues may not overlap or work collaboratively. This makes sense and works within the framework just fine.
- The questions of how do we decide what issues to move forward on?-Momentum vs. importance etc. People felt it was important to act on issues that have momentum, as well as are more attainable in the short term so that progress can be demonstrated and built upon. At the same time it is important that issues that aren't "hot" and may never be are not ignored.

- 2 areas of cross issue collaboration that were discussed as immediate opportunities include:
 1. Invasives BMP's
 2. Inventory and Monitoring
 - What, When, Where, How Who? In WI
 - Access

Assignments:

1. ***ALL--Next meeting: August 11th. Time to be determined.***
2. ***Sarah-Information on Woody Biomass Sent out to Champions***
3. ***Sarah-Further develop (with information on how to take action to the Council) the process for moving action forward. Send out to everyone.***
4. ***Champions-- organize & meet with Leadership Teams to do the following:***
 - a. ***Determine top priorities that you will be working on based on the action plan you developed at the Conference..***
 - b. ***What of these issues are connected to Invasive BMP's and how do you see it fitting in to action on Invasive BMP's/being affected by it?***
Note: you may not have any connection other than sharing access to your issue's stakeholders.
 - c. ***What inventory and monitoring needs does your theme have?***