



# The Idaho Association of NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL SUPERINTENDENTS

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## WINTER EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

College of Western Idaho, Nampa Campus—Health & Science, Room 109  
5700 E. Opportunity Drive – Nampa, ID 83687  
**Monday, January 12, 2026 – 9:00AM (MST)**

### Attendance – Officers & Executive Board:

**Chair** – Mike Ottley  
**Secretary** – Chase Youngdahl  
**Past Chair** – Kali Sherrill  
**Region 1** – Chase Youngdahl, rep  
**Region 3** – Steve Anderson, rep  
**Region 5** – Travis Ashby, rep

**Vice Chair** – Denise Helsley  
**Treasurer** – Sharayh Krantz  
**Region 2** – Mark Lincoln, rep  
**Region 4** – Terry Lee, rep  
**Region 6** – Bryce Fowler, rep

### Attendance – Others:

Bill Hargrave (Region 1 alternate), Jason Parker (Region 4 alternate), Rhett Hansen (Jefferson County)

*Chairman Ottley called the meeting to order at 9:11AM*

### Reports

**Minutes from Fall Executive Board Meeting:** Motion by Terry to approve the minutes of the fall executive board meeting as presented, dated October 1, 2025, second by Bryce. Motion carries unanimous. No further discussion.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sharayh presented the financial report dated January 12, 2026 with a total fund balance of \$21,116.34 as of December 31, 2025, with actual expenditures totaling \$4,262.57, and current income totaling \$5,401.06. Sharayh reported that five counties have not paid their dues, and that Kootenai County had just come in a few days ago. A brief discussion followed. Sharayh concluded her report by listing a few pending expenses that had yet to clear, and that the fall executive board meeting snacks were

donated. Motion by Terry to approve the current financial statement as presented, second by Travis. Motion carries unanimously. No further discussion.

**INWCA Update:** Chase reported that due to some last minute travel restrictions, the USFS & Salmon Valley Stewardship presentations on aerial herbicide projects scheduled for a 50 minute block during the general session had to be recorded, so a video of the two presenters will be shown instead. He also reported that the Building a Game Plan presentation by Dave Collins of Envu that was originally scheduled in the Technology track of the breakout sessions was moved to the Strategies, Methods & Safety track. That move was due to the tentative Phragmites update not panning out, and the abstract provided by Dave Collins was a fit for the other track. He further reported that Dr. Stuart Jennings, who is also presenting at our annual meeting, will present on the same soils & weeds topic in place of the originally tentative scheduled BLM update in the breakout session. Chase closed the report by mentioning that new merch with different logos/slogans will be available.

**SNWAC Update:** Sharayh reported that they will meet on February 3 & 4 for cost share review, and that solicitation will be sent for new terms of service. Bryce mentioned that he hopes the committee will meet this year outside of the cost share review, which is all they met for in 2025.

**Website Update:** Chase reported that the \$144 annual platform service fee has been paid to Weebly, and that he will submit for reimbursement to the Treasurer when his credit card statement for this period is available. He further reported that since the fall meeting, the only edits that he has made are posting of the approved summer meeting minutes, the winter meeting agendas and updating county contacts as needed. He concluded by stating that the CWMA Boundaries Map that is up is from 2016, and boundary/name changes have occurred since then, so he will monitor the ISDA web page for an up-to-date map and post that to our website when available.

#### **Region Reports:**

Region 1 - Chase reported that it's an election year, and that so far there will be at least one contested seat in the Republican primary in Bonner County. He further reported having given the Bonner County BOCC a Year-in-Review presentation, and closed the report with announcing that the Selkirk CWMA was the recipient of an NGO grant for the publication of our revised local noxious weed handbooks. No further updates to report out of the region.

Region 2 – Mark reported having worked on grants and reports in December for the Palouse CWMA after Alan vacated Latah County. Mark continued that the Palouse CWMA has consistent activity from three corporate timber companies, the USFS and small-scale private landowners. He concluded by stating that he hopes to help revive the Clearwater CWMA. Scott chimed in briefly that Idaho County has been business as usual.

Region 3 – Steve reported having been working with the ISDA on engineering an herbicide treatment in Payette Lake for the management of widespread Eurasian Watermilfoil. He explained that there's serious pushback from residents of McCall, but that populations have expanded beyond feasible mechanical management means. No further updates were reported out of the region.

Region 4 – Kali reported that a Twin Falls County Commissioner was appointed to a vacancy in the state legislature, and between that and the upcoming primaries, it's a possibility that she sees a brand-new full board next year. Mike reported that a Cassia County Commissioner resigned recently and that the central committee has submitted 3 names to the Governor. He also reported having met with Representative Doug Pickett, and made it a point to our board that he's a great asset for us.

Region 5 – Travis had nothing new to report, but mentioned that things are stable in the region right now.

Region 6 – Bryce reported that Bo received a full-time, shared employee this fiscal year. No further updates reported out of the region.

***Chairman Ottley called a recess at 9:56AM***

***Chairman Ottley resumed the meeting at 10:09AM***

## **General Business**

**Senator Crapo's Office Correspondence Update:** Mike reported on having sent concerns regarding federal funding cuts for noxious weeds to the offices of our US Senators & Representatives. He explained having met with Senator Crapo's staff for 3 hours discussing the issue, and relayed to the board that they were mostly unaware. The Cattleman's Association was looped in and supportive following the meeting with Crapo's staff, and indicated that they will contact Senator Risch's office, who evidently has a solid relationship with Trump. Mike also mentioned that he discussed the issue of federally earmarked funding for noxious weeds in his meeting with Representative Pickett. He continued that out of the 44 counties that we surveyed with questions related to federal noxious weeds funding, we only received 8 responses. It was indicated that the lackluster response was a bit discouraging, and Mike reminded board members to please make it a point to provide responses when solicited. Bryce chimed in with his concerns where nothing is getting accomplished on federal lands, especially National Forests. General discussion followed, and it sounds like different federal agencies channel funding differently. It was also brought up that state endowment grounds are lacking—separate issue, but Mike is looking to gain assistance on that one as well.

**LIA Progress Report:** Denise thanked the board for the sponsorship. Said that the first session in Moscow was overwhelming with the long days and involved assignments, and that the second session in Idaho Falls was a bit less overwhelming but covered difficult topics with speech writing. She followed up by briefing the board on some of her assignments and topics presented, and mentioned that the third session will be in Twin Falls next week and will close with the gala in Boise in February. Bryce asked Denise what her thoughts were on the program so far. Denise's reply indicated that it seems good but has the impression that they push for money by pressuring silent auction ticket sales and various donations. She mentioned that it would have been better to have gone through it at a younger age. Board member LIA alumni chimed in on the networking alone being worth it. More discussion on some of the session assignments followed. It was mentioned that it might not be as smooth as usual with the recent shift of lead instructors (Rick Waitley stepping back then later re-involving himself). Discussion wrapped up with some of the devil's advocate assignments; presenting on topics that are opposite of your positions.

**Noxious Weed Booklets:** Bryce reported having attended a Teton County, Wyoming weed & pest meeting, and learned that it cost them 65 cents per booklet for the procurement of their statewide noxious weed publication. He said that they offered their template if Idaho was interested in building a version of our own. He further explained that it's done through their council, rather than through a university, which is what Idaho does, and that prices are now at \$7 per booklet. Some brief discussion followed. Bryce volunteered to gather more information to pursue this and will report back to the board at the spring meeting.

*\*Due to a member having stepped away on a call, Chairman Ottley advanced to an item in the agenda under New Business\**

**Annual Meeting Agenda Review, Final Preparation:** Chase indicated that our agenda is intact, and that to his current knowledge all speakers will be showing up. He further shared that tomorrow's lunch and logistics are taken care of. The main area of preparation discussed amongst the board was the first agenda item—Attendee Introductions. The board agreed on questions that the Chairman would ask members during intros.

*\*Chairman Ottley moved us back into the regular order of the agenda\**

**Spiny Cocklebur:** Kali reported that this was discovered in Twin Falls County in May/June of last year, and that Jeremy Varley recommended looking into an emergency listing as a noxious weed, but wanted some inventory data gathered. Kali continued that she asked Bonnie Davis and Matt Voile about the presence in their respective counties, to which Bonnie indicated none in Washington County and Matt indicated

widespread presence in Payette County. She explained the ideal infestation sites/conditions and that it was found in five fields near a canal in her county. Kali wanted to bring this to the board in order to gather feedback on direction for method of listing, or not to list. Emergency listing versus the standard petition process was discussed. It was brought up that this could be a good testing ground to utilize our listing criteria flowchart/decision tree. It was agreed upon to revisit this issue at our spring meeting as a potential action item, pending additional info and feedback gathered from a larger sample size of our membership.

### **New Business**

**Appointments/Re-Appointments, Secretary & Treasurer Positions:** Chase Youngdahl currently holds the Secretary position, and Sharayh Krantz currently holds the Treasurer position. Chase told the board that these positions are to be appointed on 2-year terms. It was asked if this should occur on the floor of the general membership business meeting, to which Chase replied that our by-laws state that these positions are to be appointed by the executive board. Motion by Terry to re-appoint Chase and Sharayh to their respective positions, second by Denise. Motion carries unanimous. No further discussion.

**Schedule 2026 Executive Board Meetings:** Following a brief discussion of locations and timeframes, the board agreed to the following:

Spring – To be held in Salmon on Wednesday, April 1

Summer – To be held virtually on Wednesday, July 29

Fall – To be held in Grangeville on Wednesday, September 30

The fall location was left tentative at the time pending Scott Dunning's ability to host.

**Miscellaneous Business/Open Discussion:** Mike queried the board on whether he should still meet with the ISDA Director on behalf of our association. General consensus was to continue doing that. Bryce recommended having Chase send a solicitation to the membership for talking points that Mike can bring to the Director. Mike agreed to schedule a meeting and indicated working it up the chain through Jeremey.

***Chairman Ottley adjourned the meeting at 12:00PM upon no further business or discussion***