



Greetings:

The North American Invasive Species Management Association (NAISMA) is in the process of soliciting interested, active representatives to serve on the NAISMA Board of Directors. Our elections take place in October during NAISMA's Annual Conference. Please visit our website www.naisma.org for more detail information.

If you are not familiar;

- NAISMA is a network of public and private professional invasive species managers who are involved in implementing any phase of a county, municipal, district, state, provincial or federal noxious weed law.
- NAISMA is comprised of county weed managers, and local area managers in the state, federal, and provincial land agencies such as the Forest Service, National Biological Survey, and the Bureau of Land Management. NAISMA is also comprised of private and industry business representatives.
- Until NAISMA, there was no North American organization serving the educational, professional improvement, and networking needs of the on-the-ground, local vegetation or exotic plant manager.
- In NAISMA, you become a part of a North American-wide network of people involved in preserving our natural resources from the threat of invasive noxious weeds and non-native exotic vegetation.

Some of NAISMA's Objectives:

- **To assist** in the development of uniform international, national, provincial, and state invasive species management legislation and regulation.
- **To foster** cooperation and involvement in invasive species management among federal, provincial, state, municipal district, county, and private land managers throughout North America, international, national, and provincial.
- **To coordinate** enforcement in invasive species management among federal, provincial, state, municipal, district, county, and private land managers.
- **To promote** the funding of invasive species management projects, research, and programs that are international, national, or regional in scope and effectiveness.

NAISMA's Activities:

- To provide education and professional improvement, NAISMA conducts an annual Conference & Trade Show presenting a forum for national speakers and enlightenment on state issues, and field tours to inform our members on local

issues. Advances in the technology and tools of invasive species management are showcased at our Annual Conference and Trade Show.

- To provide regulatory direction, NAISMA has been and will continue to be active at the state and federal level to inform and educate leaders on invasive species issues.
- To increase environmental awareness of the negative impacts of invasive species. NAISMA is the lead organization in the Weed Free Forage Program, National Mapping Standards, providing leadership, central administration, budgeting and accounting, and promotional and educational direction for the program.

NAISMA's list of Committees:

Audit Committee
Awards Committee
Biological Committee
EDRR Committee
Healthy Habitats Committee
International Issues Committee
Mapping Standard Committee
Nominations Committee
Personal Improvement Committee
Trade Show Committee
Weed Free Forage Committee

NAISMA is seeking active representatives interested in working on committees, dealing with issues, participation and attendance at board meetings. Upon your interest in working on the NAISMA Committees the NAISMA President assigns Board Members to work on and oversee the committee. NAISMA Board usually conducts 2 board meetings during the year. There is always a board meeting during the Annual Conference and board conference calls monthly throughout the year.

The NAISMA Nominations Committee looks forward to hearing from you and your interest to serve on the Board of Directors.

Please fill out and return the attached NAISMA Nominations Form by September 1, 2016.

Respectfully,

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