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Section 1

Welcome and Introduction Leadership and Funding

Welcome and Introduction

Welcome to the 8th Annual NAPPC International Conference generously hosted by the U.S. Department of State October 23 to 24, 2008. Attending a NAPPC Conference is one of the most active and engaging ways to put your muscle behind an issue that is a cornerstone in the protection of biodiversity, food safety and healthy wild and working land. The success that NAPPC has experienced in its short history is the direct result of hardworking, selfless volunteers who have, side by side and regardless of individual agenda, made good things happen for pollinators on a variety of fronts.

About the Pollinator Partnership (P2) and the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign (NAPPC). The Pollinator Partnership (P2) is the D.B.A. for the 501(c)(3) non-profit Coevolution Institute. P2 works to protect the health of managed and native pollinating animals vital to our North American ecosystems and agriculture. Our website is a premiere source of information for consumers, gardeners, land managers, educators, resource managers, producers, and farmers to help pollinators, essential components for all of life.

As one of its many projects, P2 manages the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign (NAPPC) a collaborative group of over 120 organizations and individuals that promote and implement a continent-wide Action Plan to encourage activities to protect the numbers and health of all pollinating animals.

P2 also manages the [InterAmerican Biological Information Network \(IABIN\) Pollinator Thematic Network \(PTN\)](#), with its partners the [University of Sao Paulo](#), [NBI](#) and [USGS](#).

If you are new to NAPPC, rest assured that these two days will be 48 hours of determined effort committed to protecting and enhancing the well being of the continent's pollinating species, and you will meet some of the greatest individuals you will ever encounter. We asked that you request to be placed on a specific Task Force. Within this document, under Section 4, you will find the group to which you have been assigned. The Task Forces are made up of disparate, interested parties who work to accomplish one specific pollinator related task.

If you have not attended a previous NAPPC meeting, you should note:

First, the emphasis is on the work of NAPPC Task Forces, each of which has a specific charge agreed upon before the Conference. Since the NAPPC Task Force format has been responsible for many of NAPPC's successful endeavors, the Steering Committee has determined that Task Force activity is the highest priority when we meet as a group. That is why the Task Forces will meet twice, once on Thursday and once on Friday (see Agenda under Section 3.)

During these two sessions, your Task Force will envision your completed project and work through the steps to get there. You will be asked to commit to

at least one aspect in the completion of this project. The idea is to diversify the input, mobilize maximum impact, and to spread the work over many participants. You will be encouraged to set realistic time frames and through consistent, collaborative communication and effort, the Task Force will achieve its mission.

The NAPPC Steering Committee, through a series of evaluation interviews determined the Conference goals you see in Section 3 of these materials. Together, we plan to:

1. Deploy Task Forces to undertake and complete short-term activities.
2. As a group, brainstorm issues and actions to be considered by the NAPPC Steering Committee for future Task Forces.

A thorough understanding of this information will greatly assist Conference participation. As a participant, you are encouraged to download and print this packet, take notes as you review these materials, offer suggestions and add to this information.

This year, 100 personally invited professionals from multiple disciplines will form NAPPC. Not all NAPPC participants share exact perspectives and approaches, but when we assemble as a NAPPC collaborative, we put aside personal and organizational agendas, we respect differing points of view and we seek to find areas of commonality in order to increase broad-based progress for pollinators. You will see from the distinguished Honorary Host Committee, which has volunteered to support the NAPPC Evening Reception at the Organization of American States that we have Republican and Democrat, Science and Industry, Agriculture and the Environment, Mexico, Canada, Brazil, Panama, Columbia, Peru, and the US, working side by side.

Your personal contribution will make a huge difference to the future of our planet. In fact, this collaboration already reflects a very positive beginning. Together, this unique gathering of organizations from the scientific, nonprofit, government and business worlds is strategically addressing the pollinator issue from all fronts. We are nurturing a global, public constituency actively engaged in pollinator conservation to imbue the next generation with the principles of sustainable ecosystems.

The 2008 8th Annual NAPPC International Conference relies on your vision, energy and inspiration. **WELCOME**, and **THANK YOU** for building a positive future for pollinators, for people and for our planet.

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NAPPC's Policy on Funding

The work of the collaborative North American Pollinator Protection Campaign (NAPPC) is made possible through the support of a variety of funding sources: foundations, individuals, corporations and government agencies. The nonprofit 501(c)3 Pollinator Partnership (CoE) acts as the fiscal agent for NAPPC and handles administrative management, coordination and development. The following guidelines constitute the policy as approved by the NAPPC Steering Committee on Thursday, August 19, 2004.

Diversity of Funding Sources

Diversity of funding sources is an essential part of NAPPC's commitment to the spirit of its diversity of stakeholders and the execution of its programs.

NAPPC is committed to seeking funding from a broad spectrum of organizations and individuals whose support will advance NAPPC's goals and objectives.

Criteria for Accepting Grants

NAPPC will accept grants only from donors who accept the following criteria:

- Funders must recognize and respect NAPPC's mission.
- Funders must understand and accept that they have no right or power to determine the content of NAPPC programs, opinions, or information materials, nor influence the selection of issues.
- Funders are aware that contributing to NAPPC does not bind them to NAPPC positions nor does it authorize NAPPC to speak for the contributing organization.
- Acceptance of a grant does not imply that NAPPC approves nor endorses the funder's activities or products.

Right to Decline or Return Grants

Even when applying these criteria, cases may arise in which the acceptance of a grant or of some other form of support from a funding prospect might compromise the mission or goals of NAPPC or might create the appearance of such a compromise.

NAPPC reserves the right to decline or to return any offered grant or other form of support if CoE/NAPPC determines, after consulting with the NAPPC Steering Committee and CoE's Board of Trustees, that it would not be in NAPPC's best interest to accept or to continue to receive such support.