

Minutes
ILLINOIS NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
January 9, 2023, 6:00pm | Zoom Meeting
Governing Board Meeting

Attending: Danial Pohl, Lailah Reich, Susanne Masi, Emily Dangremond, Eric Ulaszek, Paul Marcum, Bo Dziadyk, Courtney Cartney, Trish Quintenz, Kathleen Garness, Janine Catchpole, Nick Seaton, Anna Braum, Angela Kerber, Gretel Kiefer, Mark Kluge, John Sullivan

Meeting Begins: 6:00PM

- Review Minutes from the December governing board meeting. Eric moves to approve, Paul seconded, all approved.
- Plant Discussion: (limit 20 seconds of talk) or type about 1 (limit 1) plant a board member loved, are seeing, are researching, want to know more about, blooming, etc.
 - Kathleen is illustrating the *Crataegus* genus right now for Dr. Wilhelm. *Rubus* genus is next, will be a free download on CRI similar to past illustrations. Would love folks to review and provide feedback.
- Web Report (Gretel) - web report no major highlights or updates for this past month. Let Gretel know if any issues are encountered.
- Financial Report (Courtney) - 2022 - Google Drive - 4th Quarter review summary. YTD started at ~94K, down 4K. Unexpected payments for Grants and they didn't go out yet, so some survey funds are not paid out yet. Budget vs. actual: Less grant donations but more general donations this FY. A little behind in grant payments. Will now submit annual sales tax to IL January 20th. Will also file with federal and IL state AG 990 in May 2023. 1099 Misc needs to be completed before end of January. Courtney will coordinate with new Treasurer in training on these agenda items.
- Quarterly Membership Report (Anna) - 2022 - Google Drive - Annual summary for types of members, new members, as well as summary about how new members heard about INPS, i.e. how new interested parties are finding our organization.
 - Tuesday's _____ in _____ the _____ Tallgrass
<https://tuesdaysinthetallgrass.wordpress.com/2022/05/17/plant-sales-and-prairie-remnants/>

Old Business:

- Lydia Davidsmeier Donation Money (Floyd and Trish): No new updates, Trish will have an update next month, keep this on the February agenda.
- State Governing Board Election (Lailah)
 - Ballots to be sent out soon.
 - New State Board President = Janine; brief introduction, she would like to do another strategic planning meeting, was president 9 years ago. Would like to know immediate concerns on how we are performing from board members. Send emails to her email. Old bio for ballot is in 2017 ballot under Administration folder.

- VP: Susanne will run for 3rd term.
 - At-large board member: Gretel will run again.
 - John Sullivan to run as at-large member to replace Courtney. John can be reached at his email.
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- Updates on 2023 Annual Gathering - Central Chapter will be hosting the last weekend of September 29th, 30th, and October 1st. The Doug Tallamy talk will be advertised beyond INPS. Consider selling tickets for this event. Charge fee and part of fee goes toward membership? Would membership be for 2023 or 2024? What would the cut off be? September 30th? In other words, keep membership for 2024 full year. Send field trip suggestions in central Illinois and send them to Trish. Need to determine how funds will be paid, we may need an event treasurer.

 - Quad Cities chapter - updates from Bo. Deciding whether the chapter is going to continue. TBD, will keep the board updated.

 - New Business:
 - Mail Chimp and Harbinger Delivery (Paid Version \$26.50/month) - are there other options aside from Mail Chimp? Floyd to look into this: <https://www.wpbeginner.com/showcase/best-mailchimp-alternatives/>. Keep on the February agenda.
 - Board Retreat - no news.
 - New NW Chapter discussion & feedback (Daniel) - Winnebago County - further north than Quad Cities? What is the goal of INPS? Email from Grant Freslet who is also involved in Quad Cities Chapter, to talk about collaboration between Quad Cities and NW area.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:19PM

Next Meeting: February 13, 2023