

Minutes
ILLINOIS NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
January 10, 2022, 6:01pm | Zoom Meeting
Governing Board Meeting

Attending: Emily Dangremond, Jeff Nelson, Lailah Reich, Floyd Catchpole, Susanne Masi, Nick Seaton, cassi saari, Paul Marcum, Eric Ulaszek, Courtney Cartney, Gretel Kiefer, Trish Quintenz, Anna Braum, Bo Dziadyk, and Angela Kerber

Meeting Begins: 6:01pm

Review and approve the Minutes from the [December](#) governing board meeting.

- Susanne moves to approve December minutes, Floyd seconds. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

Introductions—new board members send photos and bios to Jeff for website

Chapter Reports

Central: Trish Quintenz, President

- Central Chapter continues our hybrid in-person/Zoom meetings on a monthly basis. In October, member Guy Sternberg presented "The Borer Wars" about the Emerald Ash Borer & his new Blue Ash Project at Elkhart Hill. In November, TNC's Doug Blodgett presented, "The Emiquon Project: Restoring a Functional Floodplain for Nature and People". In December, 40 members and guests joined together for a wonderful Holiday Dinner at Maldaner's Restaurant with presentation: "A Walk to the Shack", member Glen Kruse's pilgrimage to Aldo Leopold's property in Baraboo, WI. Also that evening, Henry Eilers and Glenn Savage, representing Montgomery County Natural Area Guardians, shared their plan for a Monumental Sculpture at Rt 66 Prairie. A \$5000 matching grant challenge to INPS members was offered toward the project.

Forest Glen: Paul Marcum, President

- Last year we had a lot of activities, one field trip each month of the growing season. This quarter we don't have much to report as we have not had any field trips yet this winter. We are currently in the planning phase for field trips and workshops for the coming year and considering adding a woody plants in winter field workshop before the buds break in spring.

Grand Prairie: Joe Armstrong, President

- No report provided

Northeast: cassi saari, President

- A new edition of *The Nodding Onion* will be sent out soon.
- The Northeast Chapter board continues to meet every other month.
- Our Field Trips Coordinator Ingrid Felsl stepped down after moving to southern Illinois for school and Ali Touloupas has taken on the task.
- Jason Zylka is also stepping down; he served as Treasurer for the chapter for many years. We are actively seeking a replacement for that role.

Quad Cities: Bohdan Dziadyk, President

- Several early spring trips planned for March/April for ephemerals.

Kankakee Torrent: Floyd Catchpole, President

- Monthly meetings on Zoom
- 2022 community habitat symposium on Feb. 26; 7 speakers at Joliet Junior College

Southern: Nick Seaton, President

- Holiday gathering on Zoom highlighted plant photos

2022 INPS Governing Board.

- [LINK](#) to board spreadsheet: Please check and let Secretary know of any edits needed
 - 16 voting board members, now need 8 for a quorum
- Google ballot emailed Dec 25th and & also mailed with Harbinger (no snail mail votes)
- 102 google responses, no write-ins (2021=154; 2020=165; 2019=128 responses).
- Article IV, Section 5: 5% of membership is a quorum (~600 current members)
 - Membership (2yr): Anna Braum
 - Treasurer (2yr): Courtney Cartney
 - Secretary (2yr): Lailah Reich
 - At-Large (3yr): Eric Ulaszek
 - At-Large (3yr): Daniel Pohl
 - At-Large (3yr): Angela Kerber
- Other current members serving:
 - President: Emily Dangremond
 - Vice President: Susanne Masi
 - Past President: Floyd Catchpole
 - At-large: Gretel Kiefer
 - At-large: Nick Seaton
- Committees
 - Webmaster: Jeff Nelson
 - Grants Committee Leads: Susanne Masi, Connie Cunningham & Mary Ring
 - Harbinger Editor: Chris Benda
 - Harbinger Designer: Marta Witt
 - Erigenia Editor: John Taft

Website Report (Jeff Nelson)

- [LINK](#) to web report
- Emily to check with Joe Armstrong about RSVP form for Annual Gathering and follow-up with Jeff if decide to move forward.

Treasury Report (Courtney Cartney)

- [LINK](#) to treasurer's report
- Have not received refund check from State via IL Registered Agent. Hopefully still coming in snail mail and will follow-up if needed.
- Received a \$5k donation for grant program!
- Filing sale tax annually now (instead of quarterly), will reach out to Chapters, need by this Friday.

Membership Report (Anna Braum)

- [LINK](#) to Membership Report
- Have we considered using a service such as [Mailchimp](#) to manage membership mailings?
 - Pros: can segment emails to different groups, can get data of click/reads, may be able to use free version until reach limit. Cons: pay version can get expensive
 - Consensus to switch and try. Anna will move forward setting up account
- Beat out past best membership year (2017) & received 3 new life members. Email reminder recently sent to members that haven't renewed since 2020, received 35 memberships after
- Working with John Taft for Erigenia mailing

Donations:

- Acknowledge/Announce some very significant donations that have come in at the end of the year for Grants and for the NE Chapter. A couple of these donations may be good sources for Harbinger stories, pending donor approval
- Previous year, listed donors in Harbinger. This year, could do the same and highlight donors with a short write-up.

Grant Update

- Reminder to Chapter Presidents and all to promote the grants
- no applications yet

New Business

January Meeting: review bylaws for chapter allocations. \$3.50 per member goes to chapters, has been this amount for many years.

- Run both 20% and 25% from membership; Anna to work with Courtney for Feb. meeting
- [LINK](#) to previous minutes with previous discussions
- cassi's proposal:
 - ARTICLE VIII – DUES Section 2. The dues shall include a component for the INPS and a component for regional chapters. The component for regional chapters is 25% of the contributed dues per member per year. Members who do not belong to a regional chapter pay the full dues to the INPS.

Mini board retreat at February meeting? Agenda-setting for 2022

-how to tap members who want to help/volunteer

Next Meeting: February 14th, 6pm

Bell Bowl Prairie: <https://www.savebellbowlprairie.org/home/#what-can-i-do>

Threatened and Endangered Species Law in Illinois Discussion: Put on Agenda for February's meeting. Susanne is contacting other similar agencies for an update in discussion.

Email to INPS email account: Landon Brooks requesting potentially Southwestern Chapter. Angela to Reply and link State and Chapter bylaws online cc Emily and Floyd

Meeting Adjourned: 7:31pm