

Minutes
ILLINOIS NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
January 13, 2020, 6:00pm | Conference call
Governing Board Meeting

Attending: Anna Braum, cassi saari, Bo Dziadyk, Chris Evans, Jeff Nelson, Floyd Catchpole, Courtney Cartney, John Taft, Chris Benda, Jean Sellar, Joe Armstrong, Amanda Pankau, Trish Quintenz, Angela Kerber

Meeting Begins: 6:02pm

Review and approve the minutes from December governing board meeting:

- Chris Evans moves to approves December minutes, Bo seconds. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

Chapter Reports

- Central: Trish Quintenz, President
 - This quarter's Central Chapter meetings have featured a great diversity of speakers. October's presentation was given by Jim Herkert, Executive Director of the Illinois Audubon Society on "Prescribed Fire Effects on Birds." In November, Julia Ossler, Assistant Professor of Science, Lincoln College shared her program "Conservation Biology at Lincoln College: Back to Our Roots." The December meeting is the annual holiday dinner hosted at Maldaner's Restaurant. More than 50 members have registered. Guy Sternberg will present a travelogue highlighting the most recent International Oak Society conference tours through California.
 - The Central Chapter introduced a new grant opportunity for awards of up to \$500 in funding for Illinois native plant projects in 2020 that focus on involving youth. Completed applications are due by January 15, 2020. The project period for funded applications is March 1 – December 31, 2020. See the [Youth Project Grant Application](#) here.
 - Two additions were made to Henry Eilers' blog in this time. If you missed them, find these and past articles [here](#).
- Forest Glen: Connie Cunningham, President
 - No report provided.
- Grand Prairie: Joe Armstrong, President
 - No report provided.
- Northeast: cassi saari, President
 - January 18th - Winter Hike at Wolf Road Prairie, Westchester, Cook County
 - January 26th - Annual Chapter Meeting & Book Swap
 - Open to members and non-members, we will meet for a brief chapter meeting, award ceremony for the 2019 Illinois Botanists Big Year, and a nature and science themed book swap
 - **Illinois Botanists Big Year** participants Derek Ziomber and Jared Gorrell will each receive a "medal": a Belomo loupe on an INPS lanyard, as well as a framed certificate for their achievements for 2019, each observing over 1100 species of plants in Illinois in 2019. The final results of the friendly competition will be announced on January 26th.
 - February ? - Field Museum Herbarium Tour
 - All our events are posted on the INPS website

- Quad Cities: Bohdan Dziadyk, President
 - No report provided.
- Kankakee Torrent: Floyd Catchpole, President
 - This quarter we began planning for our 2nd Community Habitat Symposium. We met monthly.
 - Our January 6 Chapter meeting featured Anthony Gibson speaking on the Aster genus and how to identify the new genera.
 - February 22, Community Habitat Symposium at Joliet Junior College.
- Southern: Chris Evans, President
 - No report provided.

Website Report (Jeff)

- LINK to website report
- INPS website Prototype: <https://dev.ill-inps.org/#chapters>
- Front page data & content finished by end of January. Migration to start in ~February (after grant deadlines), new data shouldn't be added in that time -Jeff to send out announcement beforehand

Treasury Report (Courtney)

- LINK to treasury report
- ~\$80k balance end of 2019
- Insurance & website fees paid
- New: consolidated chapter financial statements

Membership Report (Amanda)

- LINK to membership report
- *139 new members in 2019! 92 new members in 2018
- Membership email reminder to go out soon after memberships all entered. 2017 members will get a separate notice that theirs will expire

Survey Grant Update (Floyd via Susanne)

- As of Sunday, Jan. 12 at 2:45 p.m., there were no applications, either for the Survey or the Research Grant
- The Committee has had inquiries about 3-4 Research Grant applications and expects at least some of these to come in. Susanne heard second hand about a potential Survey Grant application.
- In 2019, we had several applications the last week before the deadline!
- May have increase amount for survey grants for next year/season
- Advertised: NE chapter & Harbinger newsletter, social media (did get some spam from the social meeting posts, i.e. job applications). Next year could send out to Universities or professors for sharing with students? Could summarize species on survey list and potential counties to include on webpage or advertisement.

2020 Elections Update (Floyd)

- Re-elected (1 yr) terms - Treasurer: Courtney Cartney; Membership: Amanda Pankau; Secretary: Angela Kerber
- At-large position (3 yrs): Emily Dangremond & Gretel Kiefer
- 153 responses so far from Google Ballot
 - Everyone at least at 98.3%. One write in for two at-large positions, Erin Faulker & Kathy Garness

- Chris Evans moves to approve election results, Jean seconds. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes. Floyd to email Gretel and Anna to email Emily - include welcome to Board retreat as well.

Annual Gathering Update (Joe Armstrong)

- June 26-28, Details TBD, Normal, IL. Sponsored by: Grand Prairie Chapter
- Venue recently sold in middle of negotiations! But all same employees and prices remained the same. Holiday Inn with large conference room seating. Lodging room will be at a discount & will include extra breakfast vouchers for rooms with 4 people
- Speakers: president of local land trust, professor studying plants for fuel
- Saturday night speakers: grant recipients, similar to last year
- Field trips: land trust parcels, local oak woodland and seep communities. Weston IL cemetery prairie
- ~\$65 for full conference. Vender needs to know total a week before event. Should there be a separate late registration fee? May lose some if major increase. Box lunches are the issue b/c don't have extra like conference meals

2020 Board Retreat Reminder

- Friday, February 28 and Saturday 29th; Springfield
 - Friday: Maldaner's Restaurant 222 S. 6th St. dinner 7 p.m. Let Trish know if possible the week before if attending supper; if only know last minute, just plan on attending!
 - Saturday: Margery Adams Wildlife Sanctuary (Audubon Headquarters) 2315 E. Clear Lake Ave., meeting 9:30am - 5:00pm
 - Lunch will be provided on Saturday.
 - [LINK](#) to hotels in the area
 - Floyd drafting retreat agenda -send information to add soon

New Business:

Erigenia (John Taft & Floyd)

- Erigenia has been getting few submissions. 5 papers total needed for publication; currently have had 1 paper for ~ year waiting to publish. Should we merge with Great Lakes Botanist? Had discussed in past with potentially having co-editors, but with so few submissions would have to discuss if appropriate. Currently in bylaws to provide Erigenia to members; would need to change bylaws if switch/change
- Should we address the future of Erigenia at Annual Board meeting, along with tweaks to By-Laws? Yes
- Have the funds if need to advertise more or have a special advertisement focusing on past authors or any new potential authors
- Allen Press. Are we happy with them? Had issues in past with several editors; however, the newest/final editor was good. Connie recently received email from yet a new editor

Illinois Environmental Council Affiliate Member

- 501(c)(4) organization (dues must be less than 5% of your organization budget or report on 990s) or 501(c)(3) branch as well
- Paid \$150 in 2019
- Other organizations, e.g. Friends of the Nature Preserves could also be potential for donations
- Table to February board retreat. If needed, form committee.

Banking at one bank?

- Table to next meeting or board retreat
- PO Box payment due for 2020 (\$90), so mostly stay with current address

Meeting ends: 7:16pm