

Minutes
ILLINOIS NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
February 8, 2021, 6:00pm | Zoom Meeting
Governing Board Meeting

Attending: Emily Dangremond, Anna Braum, Jeff Nelson, Paul Marcum, Nick Seaton, cassi saari, Floyd Catchpole, Trish Quintenz, Gretel Kiefer, Courtney Carteny, Bo DZiadyk, Eriko Kojima, and Angela Kerber

Meeting Begins: 6:02pm

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

- Floyd moves to approve the January minutes, Trish seconds. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

Election Recap & Vote

- Total 154 election responses: 5% of the membership is considered a quorum (Article III, Section 5). Current membership is 586, we were well above quorum needed.
- Article VI, Section 9 "Additional non-voting positions are to be appointed by a majority vote of the Governing Board." No change of positions from previous year .

Website Report (Jeff Nelson)

- [LINK](#) to website report
- Review email addresses for Chapters and let Jeff know if there are any changes
- Floyd moves to spend \$19.99/yr to get 100GB of storage for google drive, Susanne seconds. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

Chapter Office Positions (Angela, Anna, Paul)

- [LINK](#) for Chapter Presidents to fill out officers
 - List of officers and if any should have access to membership spreadsheet, email inps.memerbship@gmail.com

PO Box update (Anna Braum)

- New Address: P.O. Box 60694 Chicago, IL 60660
- Chris Benda has filed to forward mail from old PO Box
- **Angela to start a reference document of address to change, will email to Courtney and Anna**

Grant Update (Susanne Masi)

- 9 research grant and 5 survey grant applications received
- Winners will be determined in March
- Grant documents since 2018 are being archived on google drive. Questions/concerns of sensitive information, i.e. tax information (with social numbers), denial letters, etc. Should they be uploaded to google drive or kept on separate hard drive and passed along when time comes.
 - Papers copies have to be retained (by treasurer), so any electronic tax information could be deleted as soon as Courtney has them
 - Discussion to continue on other items of awardees.

Finance Updates (Courtney Cartney)

- [LINK](#) to 2020 final consolidated financials for state & local chapters

- [LINK](#) to 2021 prelim budget & 2020 budget vs actual
- Still will need to approve budget at a future board meeting, preferably before April's quarterly meeting

2021 Board Annual Retreat/Strategic Planning Meeting (Follow-up from January meeting)

- Potentially have virtual Retreat Meeting March
- Emily started list of topics
 - Additional topics: Discussion of hiring someone as a consultant/contractor to do things that are allied to our mission (e.g. to develop educational materials related to native plants) vs. only grants
 - Email Emily with any additional topics
- Emily to email summarized topics - potentially with March meeting agenda

New Business:

Hold Booth at Wild Things Virtual Conference in February 19-21 & 26-28? (Angela)

- [LINK](#) to website. \$50 for non-profit organizations for virtual exhibitor booth
- Information i.e. website, facebook, videos or presentation can be uploaded & Option to host a chat sessions. Include upcoming
- Floyd moves to get a booth for \$50, Anna seconds. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.
- **Angela to fill out google form for booth and work with Courtney for payment**

IEC yearly membership (Angela via INPS email notification)

- [LINK](#) to membership benefits
- Supporting Affiliate @ \$150 in past, approved February 2020 Board meeting
- Vote to renew? Currently in budget.
- Floyd moves to get an affiliate membership for \$150, Paul seconds. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

Membership scholarships (NE Chapter: cassi saari/Eriko Kojima)

- Option to sponsor membership for self-nominated individuals on a needs/case-by-case basis
- Currently have reduced membership for students for \$25, but may be helpful for some for membership paid in-full. NE Chapter was going to move forward, but seems may be a State level opportunity. Discussion: potentially have a scholarship chair to apply, application/essay submission, could it be combined with the honorary membership category, could ask for donations separately if members would like to cover another membership. Table for retreat to work out logistics.

Next Meeting: Monday March 8th, 6pm.

- Limit or shorten regular meeting and have first session of virtual board meeting: Strategic Planning for outreach to fulfill INPS mission

Meeting ends: 7:46pm