

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

Attending: cassi saari, Paul Marcum, Emily Dangremond, Susanne Masi, Joe Armstrong, Connie Cunningham, Nick Seaton, Anna Braum, Gretel Kiefer, Courtney Cartney, Chris Benda, Trish Quintenz, and Angela Kerber

Meeting Begins: 6:02pm

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

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

Website Report

- [LINK](#) to web report via Jeff Nelson

Budget Approval (from previous month)

- to 2021 prelim budget & 2020 budget vs actual - need to approve [LINK](#)
- Suggest putting in \$10k for grant fund from general fund for 2021, and supplemented by grant donations (\$9k in donations so far)
 - \$10k for this year and \$10k for following cycle
 - March 31st in grant deadline
 - How much to transfer from general fund? Courtney will update budget increase from \$10k to \$13,870, add \$18k from general fund. Approve the 2 yr cycle
 - Table to vote at retreat

Attorney General Letter Action Summary (Trish, Courtney, Emily)

- [LINK](#) to letter from AG's office
- Triggered by AG990IL, federal has been filed but state hasn't been filed since ~2007
 - Have been filing with Secretary of State year (\$35) for Article of Incorporation and Good Standing, no cross referencing in Illinois between agencies
 - Will need to file 2020, 2019, & 2018: Courtney will get an estimate from tax estimate
 - Have to pay \$200 to re-register, Trish working to fill out and mail in forms
- May 15th and June 15th deadlines for next 990 filings
- June 30th annual report filing deadline for Attorney General Office.
- In future who files in future? Add to President's duties but will need data from other officers

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

- [LINK](#) to Retreat Topics
- Break up into smaller groups and have additional monday meeting and discuss at regular monthly meeting. Group 1 & Group 2, Angela to send out Zoom links to everyone with dates and times

New Business:

Chicago native garden registry (cassi saari)

- Proposed Chicago ordinance. Several residents with native gardens have been cited violations under weed ordinance if veg is over 10". City wants people to register if have native gardens. Townhall held first week of March
- WTTW asks for interview, Greg Spryeas volunteered, digital article will be posted soon
- Discussion: signage that people can download and post, not 'certify' from INPS, could be promotion of other existing programs, i.e. conservation at home, or be bigger support for pollinators, etc.

Annual gathering (Joe Armstrong)

- Fall gathering may be possible, late September early October, with outdoor seating
- Discussion: Have preliminary field trips in mind. What about banquet setting-have outdoors? Calendar might fill up fast if restrictions are lifted. Will we lose touch with members if we don't have a gathering two years in row? Hybrid approach with virtual keynote speaker and hikes with local Chapter? Field portion of annual gathering and postpone indoor portion?
- Table to April meeting. Create list of options in meantime

Next Meeting: Monday April 12th, 6pm.

Meeting ends: 7:46pm