

Minutes
ILLINOIS NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
May 9, 2022, 6:00pm | Zoom Meeting
Governing Board Meeting

Attending: Emily Dangremond, Susanne Masi, Lailah Reich, Bohdan Dziadyk, Joseph Armstrong, Jeff Nelson, Angela Kerber, Eric Ulaszek, Daniel Pohl, cassi saari, Trish Quintenz, Gretel Kiefer, Nick Seaton, Anna Braum.

Meeting Begins: 6:00PM

Review and approve the Minutes from the April governing board meeting.

- Susanne noted one edit to minutes regarding Survey Grant Committee notes per vote last time on salary compensation. Emily edited minutes accordingly.
- Trish moved to approve meeting minutes, Eric seconded, All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

Website Report: Web report for May 2022.

- *Harbinger* advertised for webmaster. Gretel will take the position on!
- April was a banner month; 11,500 views, almost 5,000 visitors.
- Native plant sales views account for almost half of all views. Try to leverage this page for membership renewals and for promotion of the INPS overall.
- Registration for Indigenous Plant Symposium is running as it should and doing well.

Treasurer's Report: Look at 2022 Budget and vote on it when ready.

Membership Report:

- Print versions of *Erigenia* have been mailed and articles are now posted to our website as PDFs. The majority of our members have opted to receive the journal by email - how will we organize this process?
- Creation of digital version of publication. Should we send an email with a link to the PDF? How do we want to approach distribution digitally? Some pages from the PDF would be missing for digital versions? Would like a full PDF of publication, and this would need a TOC.
- Track those who prefer printed copies and extra copies (~30) are printed. Where are the extra printed copies?
- John Taft and Anna Braum to coordinate digital distribution. Need to issue as one PDF.
- Note that some emails have a limit on the size of attachment.
- If the PDF version is too large, we will send a link, if small enough attach PDF to email.

INPS Brochure:

- Printing needs. Confirm who is paying for brochures (State Board?)
- Trish printed 1,000 copies for chapters to use and Courtney paid for these. She can send copies to Chapter presidents if need be. Chapters to decide how many each will need. Send copies via "media mail" which is cheaper than regular mail. Chapter presidents to email Trish how many copies they would like. Nick Seaton received 100 for the upcoming native plant sales; Floyd and cassi each received 100 copies.

Review 2022 Budget:

- Review of 2022 Budget document prepared by Courtney Cartney.

- Eric moved to approve, Susanne seconded, all approved no opposed. Motion passed.
- Transfer PayPal funds for the Habitat Symposium? Courtney to work with Floyd on this.
- Check on Adobe License cost, if needed.

Review/Vote on Bylaws: Chapter Allocations:

- Bylaws Google Ballot – Sent to all members early April. Awaiting any lagging responses.
- Responses can be viewed at this [LINK](#). One person had a comment who voted no, Emily, to reach out to this member.
- Quorum bylaws for how many members needed to vote for passing new bylaws. Five percent is a quorum so 5% of members need to vote to approve.

New business and miscellaneous:

- Annual gathering is the end of June; therefore, there will not be a board meeting in July. However, quarterly reports should be sent to the secretary.
 - Food and field trip descriptions are almost complete. Will open the website for registration soon. Anticipate \$75 per person. Has already received 2 to 3 dozen members who are interested, but need to set up registration soon to know how to plan for food. Need the date set to square away food.
 - Still determining speakers and field trips. Aiming to formally advertise soon.
 - Vendors and t-shirts? Do we want to print t-shirts as a board? Open discussion about opening online INPS sales shop. Jeff used the company “Printify” for other NGOs he has worked for. Gretel will look into ordering hats for the annual gathering for purchase. Chapter posters for annual gathering too. Link to Printify: <https://printify.com/>.
 - Looking for donations for silent auction. How to complete payments for silent auction. Proceeds from silent auction split between Chapter and State Board.
- Promotion to remove Bradford pears (from Trish) –other efforts that we know of? Trish’s letter to the editor could be an INPS blog post. Educational campaign.
 - Invasive species in Illinois regulations and INPS action. Long-term goal of petitioning the state to ban the sale of this tree species. Two separate state lists; one for noxious agricultural weeds and the other is determined Illinois invasives species council? Check to see if Callery pear is indeed banned in Indiana. Keep on agenda. Chris Evans to check about the Illinois invasives species council.
- Memorial Donations – Received memorial donations recently, need to develop standard protocol for how to process and honor these. Print something in the newsletter to honor them. Will include a shortened obituary in the newsletter for this. Memorial donation on the website moving forward.
- Email about posting events, Emily will resend.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:27PM.

Next Meeting: June 13, 6PM.

Note: No meeting will be held in July 2022.