

Minutes
ILLINOIS NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
May 10, 2021, 6:00pm | Zoom Meeting
Governing Board Meeting

Attending: Emily Dangremond, Joe Armstrong, Susanne Masi, Nick Seaton, Floyd Catchpole, Jeff Nelson, cassi saari, Trish Quintenz, Courtney Cartney, and Angela Kerber

Meeting Begins: 6:01pm

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

- Floyd moves to approve April minutes and Nick seconds. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

Chapter Reports

Central: Trish Quintenz, President

- Spring plant sale went off without a hitch! May keep pre-order in future. Planning for first Chapter event in July and meet monthly thereafter.

Forest Glen: Paul Marcum, President

- [LINK](#) to report

Grand Prairie: Joe Armstrong, President

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Northeast: cassi saari, President

- The Northeast Chapter has held several [in-person and virtual events](#) since our last quarterly update. All in-person events have filled to our set capacity (15 people).
 - March 20th: Corpse Botany at Deer Grove East
 - March 20th: Annual Chapter Gathering
 - April 22nd: Beginning Birding for Botanists (virtual)
 - April 24th: Hike at Trout Park
 - April 28th: Beginning Botany for Birders (virtual)
 - April 30th - May 3rd: City Nature Challenge
 - May 2nd: Birds and Botany: Big Marsh - two timeslots
- The next edition of our chapter newsletter *The Nodding Onion* will be out soon.
- Our social media continues to [steadily grow](#), with 3,380 followers on Facebook, 1,387 followers on Instagram, and 408 on Twitter.

Quad Cities: Bohdan Dziadyk, President

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Kankakee Torrent: Floyd Catchpole, President

- Zoom monthly meetings, voted for June in-person/zoom meeting. McKinley Woods field trip so far this year, Camp Shaw coming up later in month.

Southern: Chris Evans, President

- Successful Native Plant Symposium - recording is available on uTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM2oqNzKy7fjDisqrxaiAw> First in-person event/hike coming up.

Website Report (Jeff Nelson)

- [LINK](#) to website report

Annual Gathering Discussion

- Hybrid/In-person event? Kentucky did an iNaturalist Bioblitz event along with annual meeting; link to virtual field trips <https://www.knps.org/category/wildflower-week->

[2021/ww2021-fieldtrips/](#) . Large event gathering not recommended by CDC, and may not be lifted by fall. Film Chapter field trips/field trip highlights and post so other chapters members could view? Or film beforehand as a preview and field trip could be later during annual gathering. If do 'highlights' or preview, then would be a lot less editing. Other organizations may be interested in contributing content of projects, areas, etc. Aim for September, either weekend or week long event - send out doodle poll, probably should be after Labor Day, ~week or two after. Need chapters' presidents input. Registration fee, honorarium fee, brainstorm potential keynote speakers?

- Motion to have hybrid event vs in-person event, motion passed.

Grant Update (Susanne)

- [LINK](#) to 9, 2021 awardees, been posted on website and will be in Harbinger
- All checks have been mailed!

Update on State Logo & other materials (Gretel)

- Proposed wording for call for nominations: Nominate a mascot for the Illinois Native Plant Society. The INPS is seeking to "re-plant" with an updated logo. Please consider nominating a plant that has mostly statewide distribution and would make a good mascot for the INPS.
 - Ask cassi how the NE Chapter tallied nominations for their logo: NE chapter used a hybrid of google form and social media comments sections for soliciting ideas for logo species
 - Could add google ballot link on webpage, and include in next Harbinger

Updated Solicitation Letter for Donations

- [LINK](#) to updated letter with edits
- Need suggestion of recipients, generate list (suggestions from members). In future have potential board member in charge of fundraising/increasing membership. Potential committee to guide efforts; Joe Armstrong volunteers to help.

New Business:

- Education materials: already existing material from other organization; start list of links, especially for age groups, i.e. elementary, HS. Could identify gaps needing filled.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 14th, 6pm.

Meeting ends: 7:18pm