

Minutes
ILLINOIS NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
June 13, 2022, 6:00pm | Zoom Meeting
Governing Board Meeting

Attending: Emily Dangremond, Susanne Masi, Lailah Reich, Jeff Nelson, Gretel Kiefer, Paul Brent Marcum, cassi saari, Anna Braum, Angela Kerber, Nick Seaton, Eric Ulaszek, Trish Quintenz.

Meeting Begins: 6:02PM

Lailah noted that draft minutes will be posted closely after meeting each month moving forward.

Review and approve the Minutes from the [May](#) governing board meeting. Gretel moved to approve, Lailah seconded, all approved and none opposed. Minutes approved.

Website Report: Web report for [June](#) 2022.

- May was a great month for website views. Native plant sales, nurseries, and plant ID pages were the top hits and views for the annual gathering are picking up steam.
- 21 people have registered for the annual gathering thus far.
- Webmaster transition is in progress: Gretel Kiefer will take over from Jeff Nelson.

Annual Gathering:

- Emily asked about noting on the website whether the lodging includes a discount rate for the INPS.
- Lailah will send an email to members to let them know that registration is live. Lailah will also email all members who have already RSVP'd. Chapter presidents will send to members who RSVP as well.
- Emily to follow up with Joe about social media campaign. Event has been posted on Facebook, but can post again and post on specific chapters and on Twitter.
- Questions about registration table, Susanne may cover this, need details.
- Added Covid-19 precautionary language to event website. Will also provide some masks and hand sanitizer at the check-in desk.
- Annual gathering is the end of June; therefore, there will not be a board meeting in July.
- Gretel will add a note on the website that transportation is the responsibility of the attendees.
- System for switching field trips? Do we need one?
- Will have a printed list of attendees and directions at registration desk.
- Add directions to field trips at check-in booth, printed versions. Can we provide directions on the website in advance? This will cut down on questions at the time of the event. Or email to members who are registered. Some spots may be sensitive, so check with Joe.
- Trish can bring extra masks.
- Trish will bring extra trifolds.
- Nick will bring poster board.
- Silent auction – do we need to add additional information about this on the website? Need to clarify members should bring things to contribute. Do we need to have donors provide suggested value for tax purposes? Print out for noting this. Other options could be service related donations. You encouraged to bring items to donate for the silent auction; past donations included guided field trips, field guides, botanical keys,
 - All board members may be called on to volunteer in some capacity.
- Registration table on Saturday too for folks who are coming on Saturday.
- Cooler for lunches and drinks, especially if its super-hot.

Bradford Pears: Move to August Agenda, not discussed in detail.

- 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 by the 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.
 - Nick to meet with Missouri to discuss their buy back program and will let us know what he learns.

Memorial Donations: Add to August agenda.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:55PM

Next Meeting: August 8th, 6PM.

Note: No meeting will be held in July 2022.