

Minutes  
ILLINOIS NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY  
June 14, 2021, 6:00pm | Zoom Meeting  
Governing Board Meeting

Attending: Emily Dangremond, Jeff Nelson, Joe Armstrong, Paul Marcum, Susanne Masi, Floyd Catchpole, Courtney Cartney, Anna Braum, Gretel Kiefer, cassi saari, Bo Dziadyk, Trish Quintenz, and Angela Kerber

Meeting Begins: 6:00 pm

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

- Joe moves to approve May minutes, Susanne seconds. All in favor, none opposed; motion passes.

Website Report (Jeff)

- [LINK](#) to website report

Annual Gathering Discussion (Emily)

- Google vote mailed for 'save the date,' options. September 11-18 came out ahead.
- Hybrid Approach: suggestion that in-person events (field trips/workshops/work days) are held anytime between Sept 11-18 and an online kickoff with a membership meeting. But maybe a keynote speaker should be held on the first day as a kickoff?
- Saturday Sept 11, 5pm membership meeting via zoom & keynote speaker later in week Thursday Sept 16, 7pm.
- Suggestions for speakers: potential one long talk or multiple short talks of similar topics, i.e. phenology/climate change (with Q&A at end for all speakers)
  - Tom Simpson, ecologist with McHenry County Conservation District, who has a great talk about decades of phenology data from McHenry County in terms of climate change. The project is still on-going; data collected by trained volunteers
  - ~35 year phenology publication recently came out of Uofl -Carol Augspurger & David Zaya <https://experts.illinois.edu/en/publications/concordance-of-longterm-shifts-with-climate-warming-varies-among->
  - Brenda Molano-Flores research climate change on rare plants
  - Dr. Matt Candeias is an excellent speaker with lots of great material related to Illinois. See his In Defense of Plants podcast <https://www.indefenseofplants.com/>
  - Nature Conservancy employee -works with central IL farmers & freshwater ecologist
  - Researcher working with mustards as a biofuel
  - Would we pay an honorarium? Central Chapter [speaker policy](#).
    - Discussion: Yes, \$100. Do we charge a small registration fee to cover this cost? Ask for a donation at time of registration? Open to just membership or open to others? (100 zoom capacity, would have to pay for the additional 'seats'). Offer discounted membership while registering? Registration will be required regardless (zoom link will be sent after finalize, one zoom link for recurring meeting).
  - Save the date announcement (of week) in Harbinger, need to discuss with speakers to finalize exact speaking date
- Membership Portion of Meeting:

- Board introduction, Chapter Highlights (photos, videos, field trips, etc), Asteraceae Chapter competition throughout the week via iNaturalist collection project (KY biolitz <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/knps-wildflower-week-2021-botanyblitz>)
- Bylaw changes could be voted upon at annual gathering - send out google vote beforehand to membership and then announce changes at AG
  - Get August 16-Sept 6 send out so have time to tally votes
  - Change in term length for secretary, treasurer, and membership coordinator
- Change in Mission Statement. Discussion: propose change and ask for feedback at AG; vote same time as bylaws change; Susanne and Emily to work on wording

#### Outreach Ideas Discussion (Susanne, Nick, Gretel)

- [LINK](#) to Ad Hoc Committee Meeting on Outreach
- Link is live for new logo suggestions, Emily going to add to president's message
  - <https://illinoisplants.org/nominate-a-mascot-for-the-illinois-native-plant-society/>

#### New Business:

- (Emily) Obama Presidential Library landscaping plans; INPS members expressed concern over cutting trees; suggestion that INPS promotes/supports/asks for native plants to be used in landscaping
    - Follow up with members to draft letter for Board review
- <https://www.obama.org/updates/chicago-botanic-garden-2021/>  
<https://www.obama.org/the-center/sustainability/>
- (Chris Benda) IL Nature Preserve Letter of Support for Open Director Position
    - [Blog](#) & [Post](#) with summary and example
    - Consensus to send. Follow up with Chris if he wants to draft a letter for board approval

Next Meeting: Monday, July 12th, 6pm.

Meeting ends: 7:36pm