

Minutes
ILLINOIS NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
August 10, 2020, 6:00pm | Conference call
Governing Board Meeting

Attending: Joe Armstrong, Susanne Masi, Jeff Nelson, Bo Dziadyk, Emily Dangremond, Paul Marcum, Floyd Catchpole, Courtney Cartney, Chris Benda, Jean Sellar, Cassi Saari, Trish Quintenz, and Angela Kerber

Meeting Begins: 6:02pm

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

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

Website Report (Jeff)

- [LINK](#) to the web report
- Chris helped put together article for Audubon Society and used the website verbiage - great resource to have at our finger tips.

Grant Update (Susanne)

- Now have full panel of survey grant reviewers, planning on having a closed board meeting to share reviewer names; however, bylaws currently don't have clause for a closed meeting.
- In future, may consider a change to bylaws. Besides this topic, may have a need for a close meeting for a variety of reason, i.e. sensitive plant locations, potential employee hiring - **include in next month's agenda**

Plant Watchlist Species of Conservation Concern Update (Chris Benda)

- Met in July and went through list. Wanted to reduce list to true species that need monitoring in state. Made steps to proceed: send list to other botanists for their opinions.
- Animal world has similar named list - species of greatest conservation concern that is funded by duck stamp
- List is over ~300 species. When next step is completed, potential for research grant/project or fund separately to search herbarium specimens to further finalize the list.
- Would the information be public? Could use Dot Map per county or area so that specific locations aren't shared.

Tax Filing/State Annual Report Update

- Received form in mail - filing of annual report with State. Can fill out form on-line, has \$15-20 fee. Courtney is working on finishing/finalizing.

Chapter Disbursement Discussion

- [LINK](#) to last minutes with discussion from June meeting
- Courtney reached out to Chapter Presidents, heard back from several. This year may also be different than a normal year, i.e. speakers, events.
- Reminder that this is Lead-In to a bylaws change. Move forward asking for more input from Chapters

Board Ballot and Next President Discussion

- Send any President suggestions to Floyd and he can approach them separately.
- Floyd will contact board members with positions that are expiring as well and move forward as needed based on their decisions to continue or not.

Grass Pink Orchid

- Fungal samples have been taken by Larry Zettler from IL College, in hopes of having fungus ready for seed next season.

New Business:

- Mailbox - currently Chris checks mailbox and sends to Membership or Treasurer. If want to keep mailing address, could look into forwarding to a specific person. If most is treasurer related, could go to straight to Courtney. (Do get several newsletter from other Native Plant Societies, but not much additional). Majority of memberships are online; check memberships ~10 per month, Courtney could email Amanda information.
 - **Courtney moves to keep current mailing address and start forwarding mail to treasurer, Bo seconds. All in favor, none opposed; motion passes.**

Next Meeting September 14th.

Meeting ends: 6:50pm