

Minutes
ILLINOIS NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
September 13, 2021, 6:00pm | Zoom Meeting
Governing Board Meeting

Attending: President Emily Dangremond governed meeting, Joe Armstrong, Bo Dziadyk, Nick Seaton, Jeff Nelson, Mark Kluge, Floyd Catchpole, Susanne Masi, Gretel Kiefer, Chris Benda, and Angela Kerber

Meeting Begins:6:01pm

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

- Susanne moves to approve August minutes, Bo seconds. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

Website Report (Jeff)

- [LINK](#) to web report

Membership Report (Anna)

- 21 new members and 17 renewing members added since last quarterly report in July
- To date, we have 585 members for 2021 (ahead of all the last five years except 2017, when we had 590)
- As of October, anyone who renews or becomes a new member will be given membership through the rest of the year as well as for all of 2022.
- A few recent renewals in September made by members who had previously renewed for 2021 - can we apply these to 2022 memberships? **Yes, Anna please contact these members**

2021 Annual Report for State Update

- Angela submitted online 8/29/2021 to Secretary of State at Cyberdrive website. Receipt and all previous paperwork (discussed in previous 2021 meetings) from Trish saved in Drive.

By-laws Changes

- [LINK](#) of proposed changes. Board approved via email.
- Emailed to membership 9/5/2021. 83 responses thus far, 91.5% approval for statement addition under Purpose & 97.6% for term length change
 - Article XI:Section 1. These by-laws may be amended or replaced by electronic ballot or written ballot presented to the entire membership. Amendment(s) will pass with two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote.
- Made several grammar changes in new version: all lower case for officers, upper case for Governing Board & By-laws, Bylaws, bylaws were changed to by-laws

Annual Gathering Report: see agenda & speakers in August [minutes](#)

- Review of Sept. 11 meeting: issues or changes needed for 16th meeting?
 - ~160 registered for both zoom events
 - 35 joined Members Night
 - Recording went well, will have to do some post-editing, Kurt with Southern Chapter is planning on helping. Then will be posted on website.

- Several people had issues with chat (said chat was disabled) and then 'fixed itself' throughout the meeting
- Hold question responses to end instead of answering in chat box

Sept. 16, 2021, 7PM - Keynote Presentations

DETAILS to Review:

- Emily MC, Floyd back-up
- Angela will be Zoom controller (need at least one other person to log into INPS account for backup, Jeff and Emily will log into INPS too.
- Paul will be not be able to attend. Need someone to introduce Brenda, David, and Carol
- Tom's, David and Carol's presentations will be recorded. Emily will play video, Angela as back-up. Floyd and Susanne to field questions from chat box
- Gretel asked: Can we announce the "Nominate a Mascot for INPS" at Thursday's meeting and include the link to the nomination form in the chat?:
<https://illinoisplants.org/nominate-a-mascot-for-the-illinois-native-plant-society/>
- Also announce the iNaturalist Asteraceae competition again and the prize. Have to join in iNaturalist to have observations count, 10-12 participants so far.

New Business:

Chris Benda donation of books as a fundraiser. Has received a lot of donated books and has full set first addition (used) of IL Flora books and now them signed by Dr. Mohlenbrock (15 in total). Not all books available in second addition yet.

- Should offer as first addition and used as a prize? May be a tax issue if offered as a raffle - check with Courtney, may have to just show it as income.
- Wait to in-person AG? May be shipping cost, may sell more tickets if not-in-person. Could offer as 'not have to be present to win.' Wait 'till next AG meeting -if board members participate, make announcement beforehand.

2022 AG Meeting:

Grand Prairie Chapter still up to bat, third times a charm! Could pick up from where left off. Dates may still be up in the air until closer to date depending on covid. Summer may be better than fall.

Brochure Update/Discussion:

Paper and digital update. Southern Chapter member reached out for topics of need, agreed to work on brochure. Will have to provide text and information, logo is still pending. Chris, Gretel and Tracy to get in touch for steps to move forward.

Photo permissions:

Recent request to use photo from website. Question: have general statement 'photos are ownership of INPS and can be used for non-profit use.' Typically these are photos posted on website from current or past members.

Will need to check with photographers for permission first. Can have statement as photo is being uploaded to get signed 'creative commons.' Jeff will install plug-in for Wordpress and discuss later meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:19pm