

Minutes
ILLINOIS NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
November 14, 2022, 6:00pm | Zoom Meeting
Governing Board Meeting

Attending: Emily Dangremond, Lailah Reich, Susanne Masi, Eric Ulaszek, Daniel Pohl, Floyd Catchpole, Anna Braum, cassi saari, Trish Quintenz, Courtney Cartney, Angela Kerber, Gretel Kiefer

Meeting Begins: 6:04PM

- Review [Minutes](#) from the October governing board meeting. Anna moves to approve minutes, Eric seconded, none opposed. Minutes approved.
- Plant Discussion: (limit 20 seconds of talk) or type about 1 (limit 1) plant a board member loved, are seeing, are researching, want to know more about, blooming, etc.
 - Susanne *Diarrhena obovata* (Beak Grass) and *Aplectrum hyemale* (Putty Root Orchid)
- [Web Report](#): (Gretel) – Web report reviewed for past year. Lower views in October 2022. May be due to Harbinger not being published until early November. May see a spike in November 2022. Gretel can look at spikes in views after emails and publications and report next month.
- Grant Application Cycle: (Susanne)
 - To be posted by the end of October/beginning of November. Gretel to assist with posting to the INPS website.
 - Applications will be open the week following Thanksgiving. Announcement to be made soon.
 - New Grant Committee member, Kelly Ksiazek-Mikenas.
 - [Grant Budget](#) Proposal for Vote – proposed vote for 2023 and 2024. See proposal for summary. Proposed edits to grant proposal, minimum of 4 people, maximum of 10K. Estimated 2.5K per person per year, or if over would need board approval. Option to increase amount of research grant with board approval.
 - Courtney asked what the difference is between the survey and research grant.
 - Susanne explained the survey grant is more involved as far as searching and costs associated with travel, etc.
 - Floyd commented that higher grant dollars could equal higher caliber of grant applicants and would attract more attention.
 - Discussion on potential for upping dollar amount for research grant to 3K and an increase to 12K total.
 - Floyd motions to amend 2023 grant budget to state that research grant will have 12K to be awarded with total per person of 3K, with discretion to adjust with a board vote. Preliminary budget approval subject to change per review of applications. Courtney seconds. All approved.
 - Grant Budget passed for 2023.
- ~~Treasury~~ [Report](#) (Q3)

- ~~How to use overages – suggestions? Additional grants? Larger grant dollar amount?~~
 - ~~Updates for next quarter will be discussed with Susanne.~~
 - Donation money from Lydia Davidsmeier. How to use this? Partnering with Red Bison, Grant Creek Conservation Area, Floyd will also check with Central Chapter and scope out the area where she is from near Virginia.
 - Floyd went to Virginia IL – prairie (3 to 4 acres) appears to be in good condition. Floyd proposed to overseed with spring ephemerals and other forbs and coordinate with when they burn and then overseed. Property is owned by town of Virginia. Rexroat Prairie. Will check to see who manages this land. This I believe piece on NPR. Send Trish address of Lydia's family.
- Membership Renewals:
 - Targeted emails to different types of members? Avoid sending to folks who have just renewed.
 - Mention that we have sponsored memberships.
- Elections for next governing board
 - New State Board President, still looking for new President to elect.
 - Kevin Scheiwiller - Voted to become NE Chapter VP. Declined as an at-large board member.
 - Ballot form in Google Drive for elections - Send membership renewal email with the same email as Ballot?
 - New board members to be added to ballot will be voted on.
 - Tracking spreadsheet for officers and an at-large board members?
 - Need to schedule an election date, which will be after November 14th.
 - New President, and incumbents. Need to recruit new treasurer. Get a commitment and then decide on timing for replacement.
 - Susanne will run for VP next year.
 - Duration of positions have changed see INPS Governing Board spreadsheet. Angela and Emily to update list to clarify end of terms.
 - Need to clarify who's terms are ending and what new positions need to be filled for upcoming election. Confirm term limits. Gretel will run to be an at-large member.
- Annual Retreat for the Board – TBD once new state board president is elected. Think about dates and ideas.
- Illinois Native Plant Month (Trish)
 - Example [cover letter](#) and [proclamation template](#).
 - April nationwide native plant month. Agree to write a letter in support of this. Would INPS write a letter in support of this.
 - <https://www.gcamerica.org/publications/publicationdetails/pid/959>
 - Mohlenbrock 2014 publication of Vascular Plants of IL SUI Press is available.

- IEC might have ideas on getting this through to the Governor.
- Annual Gathering 2023 (Trish)
 - Central Chapter gearing up! - tentatively September; one of the last two weekends.
- New Business: How many plant sales are there?
- Code of Conduct: Needs work, see examples.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:17PM

Next Meeting: December 12, 2022