

Minutes  
ILLINOIS NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY  
December 14, 2020, 6:00pm | Conference call  
Governing Board Meeting

Attending: (14) Trish Quintenz, Bo Dziadyk, Emily Dangremond, Anna Braum, Floyd Catchpole, Jeff Nelson, cassi saari, Susanne Masi, Jean Sellar, Chris Benda, Gretel Kiefer, Joe Armstrong, Connie Cunningham, and Angela Kerber

Meeting Begins: 6:05pm

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

- Jean moves to approve November meeting minutes, Trish seconds. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

Website Report (Jeff)

- [LINK](#) to report
- Discussion adding board minutes to website:
  - blog format vs google doc link
  - if blog format (copy & paste) can remove links
  - moving forward and start posting Dec 2020/Jan 2021: secretary to post when finished editing after monthly meeting

Board Ballot (Floyd)

- [LINK](#) to draft ballot
  - Ballot to be transferred to google ballot & sent via email
  - Who will mail to 'mail only' members? Chris Benda to add to next newsletter for members that get mailing
- January Ballot items:
  - President Update: waiting to hear back from several people. Email ballot without president position? Let's wait for feedback - Emily volunteered if others decline!
  - Membership - Anna Braum has volunteered and already started working with Amanda and Courtney
  - New Social Media non-voting position? If non-voting position, Section 9 bylaws position can be voted by board and not membership. Cassi volunteered putting together job description. Anna to check into membership form if anyone has checked interest to volunteer.

Grant Update (Susanne)

- [LINK](#) to grant report
- Next Harbinger will include announcement similar to last publication, may be minor edits
- Applications due January 31st
- Susanne has been sending email 'thank you' from the grant email account (& listing amount donated).
  - If pay by PayPal, will get automatic receipt. From website donations page, get an automatic receipt after paying. Could also send receipt from membership page listing membership category and any additional donations. Jeff to work on several examples.

Forwarding Mailing Address (discussed from previous meetings)

- If setup a forwarding address for our P.O. Box, i.e. to treasurer, it will be automatically suspended. Need a plan B or more efficient system.
- \$74 6mo \$148 12mo for PO Box if change to Box near new membership coordinator
  - **Current box expires in January, decide/vote in next month's meeting**

### **New Business:**

Zoom Account: Kankakee Chapter recently purchased 1-yr account, listed Account as INPS

- Could still call in from your phone if have internet issues.
- Host of meeting can make others co-host so multiple screens could be shared
- In future, INPS could get an account (at appropriate level) if prefer vs conf. call

Letter of Support for effort to start Invasive Species Council again (Chris Benda)

- Deadline Dec.15th for support letter to Lydia Scott, Director Chicago Region Trees Initiative, The Morton Arboretum
- Council advises which species to potentially add to Noxious Weed List / Invasive Species Act
- [LINK](#) to CRTI announcement and two example letters
- This may be a mute point as the Council starting again may already be happening; should send letter regardless to show support? Consensus to send one; Floyd to draft letter

Has Insurance been paid for 2021?

- Floyd hasn't received a bill yet, will follow-up with Courtney.

Next Meeting Monday January 11th, Quarterly Report Month.

Meeting ends: 7:18pm