



Illinois Native Plant Society

P.O. Box 60694, Chicago, IL 60660

**Minutes
Governing Board Meeting, Zoom
February 12, 2024**

Call to Order: 6:02PM

Board Members Present: Emily Dangremond (President), Lailah Reich (Secretary/Recorder), Kate Ahrens (Webmaster [non-voting member])

At Large Members: Eric Ulaszek, Daniel Pohl, Joseph Armstong, Nick Seaton, Brian Charles, Samantha Chavez, Elizabeth Stanzil, Trish Quintenz, Carolyn Villa, Karen Larson, Floyd Catchpole

Quorum present, yes/no? Yes, 7 board members present, quorum present.

- Review draft [minutes](#) from January's governing board meeting.
 - Small edits were made to minutes per input.
 - Noted that because the Treasurer is not present, the budget will be voted on during the March 2024 meeting.
 - Emily to follow up on Wilhelm symposium.
 - 2024 Board Retreat: Discussion of in-person meeting, with virtual option. Will discuss further today.
 - Trish moved to approve minutes, Floyd seconded. All board members were in favor of approving minutes.
- Quarterly membership report (Anna): [12-31-23 REPORT](#)
 - Summary of membership report.
 - This report is not accurate and is in the process of being updated.
 - Will process this next.

Old Business:

- 2024 Elections Update:
 - Ballot/poll is currently open.
 - Results summary as of 2-12-2024: [2024 ELECTION RESULTS SUMMARY](#)
 - All candidates were deemed elected as proposed.
 - The new board members introduced themselves.
 - Close poll after February's state board meeting. New board members:
 - Emily Dangremond (President)
 - Becky Croteau (Treasurer)

- Kelsay Shaw (Membership Chair) – not present
 - Brian Charles (at-large member) -
 - Carolyn Villa (at-large member)
 - Karen Larson (at-large member)
 - Webmaster (not an elected position) - Kate Ahrens
- **Wilhelm Workshop:** INPS Sponsorship Discussion.
 - Attendees (Paul Marcum is presenting)
 - Representative does not need to be a board member.
 - Application process for who will be our representative.
 - Chapter vs. State contributions.
 - Discussion about level of contribution and whether the higher level of 5K would be beneficial to the INPS.
 - Lottery, opting in for who can attend. This will be determined in the future.

Motion to vote on donating 2.5K toward this symposium. Nick motioned to vote on this, Daniel seconded. All were in favor. Floyd and Carolyn abstained. Joe voted not in favor. Motion carried.

2024 Board Retreat

- Date poll March 2024
- Most members were available on March 30th. This date has been reserved for now, but can be canceled if need be. Trish reserved.
- Some of our board members will not be able to make it. Carolyn is not available in-person on the 30th, but may be available virtually.
- Lailah will send out a Google poll, every Saturday in March aside from the 23rd. Virtual vs. In-Person. Morning vs. Afternoon?
- Could we look at the first weekend in April?
- Do we want to do this virtually instead?

New Business:

- WBEZ PSA – Check to see if there is a cost associated with this.
- Grant applications have closed, received five research grants and no survey grants. Discussion on how to tweak survey grants in the future for more applicants.
- Request to circulate the 2024 budget.
- Samantha asked about having a committee to vet survey grants from board member applicants.
- Send board retreat topics to Emily.

Next Meeting: March 11, 2024, 6PM or board retreat TBD. Meeting was adjourned at 7:20PM.

Prepared by Lailah Reich (INPS Secretary): _____ Date: _____

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