

**Minutes**  
**ILLINOIS NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY**  
**August 14, 2023, 6:00pm | Zoom Meeting**  
**Governing Board Meeting**



**Call to Order:** 6:06PM, called to order by Janine.

**Board Members Present:** Janine Catchpole, Floyd Catchpole, Susanne Masi, Eric Ulaszek, Samantha Chavez, Trish Quintenz, Lailah Reich, Nick Seaton, Anna Braum

**Quorum present, yes/no?** Yes.

**Officers' Reports:**

- Review minutes from [July](#) governing board meeting.

  - Quarterly Report to be attached to minutes.
  - Redacted private and sensitive information. Webmaster to redact prior to posting minutes online.
  - Susanne moved to approve minutes. Floyd seconded, all were in favor. Motion carried, minutes approved.

**Old Business:**

- Standard Operating Rules
  - Janine adding section to Standard Operating Rules on how to file Annual Report to Secretary of State
  - Term limits, 2021 changes
    - Report from Lailah
- Facebook linkage to web (Janine)
  - Janine coordinating with Alena.
  - Recommendations to be disseminated.
- Directors, Officers and Entity Liability Insurance report (Janine)
  - Application to be submitted soon, once price quote received.
- Financial Audit Report – Discussion tabled until next board meeting.
- Chapter bylaws issue/Bonding for Treasurer (Janine)
  - Procedural issues of bylaws
  - Membership must have access to bylaws
  - Gretel to post current bylaws to our website
  - Janine to review bylaws and sign before posting online
  - Janine requested formatting and placing on our letterhead
  - Chapter bylaws to be developed. Chapter bylaws issues discussed and sent to Chapter Bylaws Committee.

**Committee:**

- Harassment committee to be developed
- Annual Gathering (Trish)
  - 93 registered thus far.

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- Option for non-members to come to the evening dinner and Tallamy talk.
  - Trish requested we open the dinner and Tallamy talk open to others, aside from just INPS members.
  - Expenses covered by the Central Chapter will be reimbursed by annual gathering fees.
  - Registration email to be sent to membership very soon.
- Results of the Google Ballot Article 8 (DUES) Section 2.

*Proposed Change To: ARTICLE VIII – DUES Section 2.*

*Current Language: The dues shall include a component for the INPS and a component for regional chapters. The component for regional chapters must be the same for all chapters, \$3.50 per member, regardless of membership type. Members who do not belong to a regional chapter are required to pay the full dues to the INPS.*

*Proposed Change: The dues shall include a component for the State INPS budget and a component for regional chapter budgets. The component for regional chapters will be based on a per member or percentage rate, set by the State Governing Board. Members who do not belong to a regional chapter pay the full dues to the INPS.*

*FYI: The INPS State Board would like to change the amount going to regional chapters by increasing the disbursements to 25%; however, in the future the State Board could change the percentage without a bylaws change.*

1. RESULTS from April 22, 2022, Ballot = 98.9% of members are in favor.
2. RESULTS from March 2022 Governing Board Meeting = [See March 2022 Minutes](#). Floyd moved to increase payment to chapters to 25%. cassi seconds. 12 in favor. Angela, Paul, Jeff abstained. Motion passes

**New Business:**

- Rate increase proposal for approval by membership at Annual Gathering
  - Rate proposals
  - 2022 Disbursements to each Chapter are based on the sum of the dues paid the previous year by members listing that Chapter as their primary Chapter.
  - Prepare options for a vote at the annual meeting.
  - Need clarification on what is within the current bylaws.
  - Paper vote by members on disbursement during the annual meeting.
    - See draft emailed by Janine on August 14, 2023.
    - Packet to be handed out at meeting for vote.

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- Vote to occur by 4PM at annual meeting.
- Board Vote on New Rate as well to propose to the members.
- “Proposed Disbursement Rate Vote Language: The proposed 2022 to 2025 disbursement rate to chapters shall be 25% of their membership dues received the previous year.”
- Floyd motioned to vote “Proposed Disbursement Rate Vote Language: The proposed 2022 to 2025 disbursement rate to chapters shall be 25% of their membership dues received the previous year.” Eric seconds. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- Letter from David Pittman re Harbinger – tabled discussion to next month’s meeting.
- Letter from Dave Coulter re sponsorship for Annual Gathering

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:45PM. Floyd motioned to adjourn meeting, Samantha seconded, all approved. Meeting adjourned.

**Next Meeting:** September 11, 2023; 6:00PM