



Illinois Native Plant Society

P.O. Box 60694, Chicago, IL 60660

**Minutes
Governing Board Meeting, Zoom
October 16, 2023**

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

Board Members Present: Janine Catchpole, Floyd Catchpole, Daniel Pohl, Lailah Reich, Courtney Cartney, Samantha Chavez, Nick Seaton, Anna Braum, Trish Quintenz

Quorum present, yes/no? Yes.

Speaker:

Old Business:

- Review minutes from September governing board meeting. Floyd motioned to approve the minutes. Lailah seconded. All were in favor. Minutes approved.
- Recap of the Annual Gathering (Trish) – Great weather. 150 attendees Saturday evening. Lots of people attended field trips. Close to 130 members attended. 20 people signed up for dinner only.
- Vote at annual meeting for disbursement of Chapter dues was agreed to unanimously by members.
- 2024 Elections – Draft solicitation to the governing board. This will be disseminated to our members and others who may be interested in volunteer.
 - Dissemination: When? How? What channels? Email to our members, Facebook, website, LinkedIn, November Harbinger (state we are seeking letter of intent, resume, short bio, hobbies/interests)
 - Membership decides on candidates per vote.
 - Last date to send application November 30th.
 - Election December 15th to December 31st.
 - Can someone who runs for secretary and not be voted in become an at-large member.
 - A candidate must be a pre-existing member or willing to become a member.
- Membership/Giving Drive – Ideally send this out in November.
 - John Gillman’s letter – ways to give. Receivership to protect our accounts.
 - Floyd motioned to obtain a receivership as described in the document “Ways to Support INPS”. Trish seconded. All approved, contingent upon a review of fees.
 - Photo/tag line contest – send to membership, then choose from responses? Harbinger? Photos become property of INPS; however with giving proper credits. Could do a best of.
 - Tree/membership – Kelsey Shaw discounted trees for new members.

- The \$21 would cover the shipping costs and packaging and labor
- Daniel commented that we should promote native herbaceous.
- Discussion on sourcing plants.
- Discussion on portal.
- INPS writers – Jason Kootz would like to contribute to the Harbinger. Susanne will also coordinate with Imena Baldes about Facebook posts.
- Audit of the Treasury - An audit of the treasury was completed in Sept and was performed by 3 independent auditors. they reviewed the time period from Jan 1-Dec 31, 2022. This group of auditors published their findings that they are satisfied that the financial records of the INPS (State) are accurate and in order.

New Business:

- Budget discussion
 - Better program for Harbinger – Budget is \$2K
 - We can discuss in more detail next meeting.
- Tri-State Meet Up - Illinois Board to lead field trip to the Indiana Dunes, related to past field trip.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:34PM. Floyd motioned to adjourn the meeting, Courtney seconded, all approved. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: November 13, 2023, 6PM