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P.O. Box 60694, Chicago, IL 60660

Minutes Governing Board Meeting, Zoom November 13, 2023

Call to Order: Call to order 6:15PM by Susanne.

Board Members Present: Lailah Reich, Daniel Pohl, Trish Quintenz, Susanne Masi, Eric Ulaszek, Nick Seaton, Floyd Catchpole, Joseph Armstrong, Courtney Cartney.

Quorum present, yes/no? Yes.

New Business: Janine to step down as president, effective immediately.

Old Business:

- Review draft [minutes](#) from October governing board meeting.
 - Review minutes from September governing board meeting. Trish motioned to approve the minutes. Floyd seconded. All were in favor. Minutes approved.
- 2024 Elections –
 - Email sent out to solicit for new board members. A few responses received. One solicitation (Karen Larson) received for an at-large-board member. Discussion on whether to move forward with a vote. Next steps, accept her for the election ballot. We have until November 15, 2023, to receive applications. Floyd will follow up with Susanne and Susanne will reach out to Karen.
 - Eric asked about which positions we're looking to fill, Treasurer, Secretary, President, Membership Chair, and a few at-large members. How many?
 - Daniel is planning on resigning if you receive a survey grant.
 - Push back solicitation date, update contact, and add solicitation for President? Vice President?
 - Update solicitation to be until December 15, 2023.
 - Email Emily Dangremond about helping. Susanne will contact her.

New Business:

- Budget discussion – Review of 2023 budget vs. spent and proposed budget for 2024.
 - Do we need to budget for Erigenia in 2024?
 - Eric to contact John Taft to check about 2024 publication needs.
 - We will have a bookkeeper, but Courtney thinks this may end up complicating things. Could this person be the next treasurer? Floyd will talk to Janine about the willingness of this person.
- [Proposal](#) for INPS Grant Budget, 2024.

- Board voted on the proposed budget as is, with the idea that increases may be needed dependent upon applications received/reviewed.
- Lailah motioned to approve the grant budget, Courtney seconded, all were in favor. 2024 grant budget was approved.
- Discussion on awarding board members grant money. Further discussion in the future.

- Bylaws not on the website. Lailah to follow up with Gretel to check on this.

- Northeast Chapter will be hosting the 2024 annual meeting. Trish has been in contact with Kathleen Garness to get the ball rolling.

- Gretel updated landing page for Illinois Big Botany Year. End of year recap to come soon.

- Harbinger fall publication being sent out.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:13PM. Susanne adjourned the meeting.

Next Meeting: December 11, 2023, 6PM