

**Minutes**  
**ILLINOIS NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY**  
**February 14, 2022, 6:00pm | Zoom Meeting**  
**Governing Board Meeting**

Attending: Emily Dangremond, Jeff Nelson, Floyd Catchpole, Lailah Reich, Chris Benda, Gretel Kiefer, Susanne Masi, cassi saari, Eric Ulaszek, Anna Braum, Bo Dziadyk, Angela Kerber, Tracy DeMarco, Paul Marcum, and Daniel Pohl

Meeting Begins: 6:03pm

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

- Floyd motioned to approve January minutes, Susanne seconds. All in favor, none opposed. Minutes were approved as presented.

INPS New Brochure and Logo:

- [LINK](#) to new logo – Eric motioned to approve the new logo; Floyd seconded. All in favor, none opposed. New logo was approved. High resolution version of the new logo will be uploaded to INPS Google Drive. New INPS logo (*Dodecatheon/Primula meadia*) is now distinct from southern Illinois Chapter logo (*Primula frenchii*).
- [LINK](#) to new brochure (trifold).
  - Board members to review and provide comments to brochure to Gretel or Tracy (silveryfir@yahoo.com) by 2/16/22.
  - Comments/questions received during meeting, as follows:
    - Swap out image to use new cover for Erigenia.
    - Add details about annual gathering to brochure.
    - Remove the number of chapters? How often do we add new chapters? Maybe revise how we state chapters?
    - Do we need to mention number of members?
    - Changes made to brochure should also be made to website.
    - Italicize species names.
    - Update QR code link.
  - Printing brochures: What do we do with brochure once printed? Probably too soon to print for Kankakee Torrent Symposium on 2/26. How many brochures? Which Chapters need them? How do we distribute? Who will print? Chris Benda to provide details on the printer he uses.

Website Report (Jeff Nelson) [LINK to February 2022 web report](#).

- Almost 5,000 views in January 2022, twice as many as December of 2021.
- Plant sale and nurseries majority of 'clicks'.
- Jeff Nelson sent an email to organizations who have had sales in the past and has received 12 responses thus far.
- Central Chapter's plant sale is listed on the INPS website.

Review Bylaws: Chapter Allocations:

- [LINK](#) to membership disbursement projections.
- [LINK](#) to previous minutes with previous discussions.
- \$3.50/member goes to chapters, has been this amount for many years.
- Chapter disbursements are based on number of members per chapter.
- Different scenarios provided (15%, 20%, 25%).
- Life memberships may affect disbursement.

- State Chapter has saved money by not printing as much.
- Split out membership dues vs. other types of donations?
- State Board to ensure State Chapter has enough money. Cost includes printing Erigenia once a year at a minimum.
- To be discussed in more detail and voted on during March board meeting. Courtney to send out to review.
- cassi's proposal was:
  - ARTICLE VIII – DUES Section 2. The dues shall include a component for the INPS and a component for regional chapters. The component for regional chapters is 25% of the contributed dues per member per year. Members who do not belong to a regional chapter pay the full dues to the INPS.

#### 2022 INPS Governing Board mini board retreat. Agenda-setting for 2022:

- [LINK](#) to board spreadsheet: Please check and let Secretary know of any edits needed
  - 16 voting board members, now need 8 for a quorum.
- Grant program:
  - Research Grant: Nine applications have been received and are being reviewed. Will know by March 31<sup>st</sup> how many will be awarded, possibly all, which would be ~10K.
  - Survey Grant: Possible ways to improve. Received no applications this year.
    - Susanne, Eric, Paul, Angela, and Gretel volunteered to be on subcommittee. Susanne mentioned Connie, and Mary will also be involved.
    - Rename the survey grant to make clearer, e.g. "Rare Plants Survey Grant"
    - Chris Benda will put together his thoughts in an email.
    - Include Illinois priority species, collaborations with mentors/INHS?
    - Rolling applications (no deadline)?
    - Providing money for direct costs or salary costs?
    - Feedback from Chris Benda – Travel expenses were a large component of funds used for surveys and surveys took more time than anticipated.
    - Costs and time can vary.
    - Release RFP on surveys needed and select most qualified?
    - Release an even broader suite of species folks should be surveying
    - Splitting it up geographically could be helpful
    - Do we allow for indirect costs or increase salary?
    - Mentorship program
      - Assistance from past grantees, professionals, or other people we identify as mentors. Stipend could be granted to mentor and mentee.

#### Threatened and Endangered Species Law in Illinois:

- How can INPS be involved?
- [LINK](#) to notes from ad hoc meeting about state natural areas/T&E species protections
- Illinois Wildlife Action Plan (IWAP) is in the early stages of being update
- Incorporating listed plants into the IWAP.
- [LINK](#) to 2010 IWAP Presentation.
- How to tap members who want to help/volunteer?

#### Outreach/education

- New brochure presented

- In Defense of Plants podcast
- Budget
- Partnering with INHS to provide an Illinois Plant Atlas?

Question about Wild Ones Involvement: Joe mentioned his local Wild Ones chapter treats INPS as a competitor.

Next Meeting: March 14th, 6pm

Meeting Adjourned at 7:41pm



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