

**Minutes**  
**ILLINOIS NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY**  
**February 18, 2023, 2:45pm | Zoom Meeting**  
**Governing Board Meeting**

Attending: Janine Catchpole, Susanne Masi, Floyd Catchpole, Paul Marcum, Daniel Pohl, Eric Ulaszek, Trish Quintenz, Joseph Armstrong, Samantha Chavez, Angela Kerber, Grant Fessler

Meeting Begins: 2:58PM

- Review Minutes from the January governing board meeting. Table until next month.

Election Results: We received 152 responses. The results indicate Janine, Susanne, Gretel, and John have been voted into their respective positions. Floyd moved to certified, Paul seconded, all were in favor.

Chapter Reports:

- Quad Cities Chapter
  - Samantha Chavez new Chapter President. Grant Fessler is the new treasurer.

New Business:

- Email Access for executive board members (Lailah) - Lailah will set up Gmail delegates to allow executive board members access to the state Gmail account. Open meetings concept behind this too and would include the internal calendar. The external calendar on our website is managed by the Webmaster.
- Google One Access and payments for our Google Storage (Courtney and Lailah) Delegating Gmail account will hopefully fix this issue and allow for the State Treasurer to see invoices as they come in without the need for forwarding.
- Grant Applications and Related Issues (Susanne)
  - 6th cycle of grants
  - Kelly Ksiazek-Mikenas is the new committee member.
  - 6 applicants this year thus far, 3 survey grant applications.
  - Winners will be announced March 31st.
  - Budget for grants would be \$5000 **over the** approved budget.
  - Increased budget would need to be approved by the Board, if recommended.
  - Webmaster to review application forms on the INPS website to make sure it works properly.
  - Susanne needs assistance with archiving old grants properly. Lailah to assist over her term as she has time once Susanne mails her a flash drive with all of the files to be archived.
- Marta is stepping away from assisting Chris Benda with design and layout of the Harbinger.
  - Does Chris now need a new designer to assist?
- Illinois Plant Links Web Page: Request received to add some additional resources about perennial and annual flowers to our website: <https://www.avasflowers.net/a-guide-to-perennial-and-annual-flowers> - No
- 2023 IEC Affiliate Membership Renewal - Paul moves to update membership, Trish seconds, all were in favor. Chris Benda has typically renewed, so let him know.

- Board Member contacts and email blocking. Joe's email should be fixed. Lailah to check.
- Updating our website to add the dates for annual gathering? Trish to work with Gretel to post. Paul to post on Facebook. Doug Tallamy at the annual gathering.
- Members - Spreadsheet of members city and state and chapter - membership directory access to everyone for networking. Anna to work on sorting members by County/Chapter and then we can reach out to them to see who wants to be listed online.
- Glyphosate letter/email inquiry - Janine to review email to respond appropriately.

#### Old Business:

- Lifetime Memberships Protocols - Send out a certificate to new lifetime members.
  - Acknowledgements need to be determined.
  - Review template for lifetime memberships and discuss during the March meeting.
- Lydia Davidsmeier Donation Money (Floyd and Trish): Trish is coordinating a plan.
  - Spring plug planting for INPS to host?
  - To occur in spring of 2024?
- Updates on 2023 Annual Gathering - Chris Benda is providing ideas for field trips, Shoal Creek, Horn Prairie, Doug Tallamy talk and book signings, Grants will be Friday evening, silent auction?
- Mail Chimp and Harbinger Delivery (Paid Version \$26.50/month) - are there other options aside from Mail Chimp? Floyd to look into this: <https://www.wpbeginner.com/showcase/best-mailchimp-alternatives/>. Keep on the March agenda. Dan, Chris, and Floyd to look into this.
- Post minutes to website, last posted November 2020.
  - Jeff emailed instructions to how to post minutes to website but need to disable links first
- Brian Anderson to provide minutes for board retreat.
  - Ad hoc committees for next meeting

Meeting Adjourned: 3:54PM

Next Meeting: March 13, 2023, 6:00PM