

Minutes
ILLINOIS NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
April 12, 2021, 6:00pm | Zoom Meeting
Governing Board Meeting

Attending: Emily Dangremond, Joe Armstrong, Floyd Catchpole, Jeff Nelson, Susanne Masi, Trish Quintenz, Nick Seaton, cassi saari, Bo Dziadyk, Gretel Kiefer, Connie Cunningham, Courtney Cartney, Chris Benda, Anna Braum, and Angela Kerber

Meeting Begins: 6:01pm

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

- Susanne moves to approve March minutes, Bo seconds. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

Website Report (Jeff Nelson)

- [LINK](#) to web report
- Small blip when ecommerce application added, no content was lost but website format changed for a short time. Common application, surprising issues came up but was resolved. Did not affect paypal because not linked.
- Google calendar available for each Chapter. Should we link other events of interest from other groups? If set up as a different calendar (like in use now for Chapters) will show up in a different color.

Treasury Report (Courtney Cartney)

- [LINK](#) to final budget approved via google ballot
- [LINK](#) to April membership report
- Have one grant donation category & budget line item vs research/survey separate
- Accountant is ready to submit 2020 taxes. Asking about address confirmation; due June/July
- Don't have to file quarterly sales tax, but would like Chapters to still submit information to Courtney and she will file once at end of year.

Membership Report (Anna Braum)

- [LINK](#) to April membership report
- Notifications for new memberships were paused Feb-March, but has been resolved now. Flurry of new memberships came in after reminder went out in Harbinger.

Grant Report (Susanne Masi)

- 3 survey grants & 6 research grants awarded. Names and projects will be issued in next Harbinger and posted on website at that time.
- \$25,707.50 for 2021 awardees

New Membership Category (cassi saari)

- <https://illinoisplants.org/free-membership/>
- Most of text is same as regular membership form with several blocks open for them to answer questions and check box for 'honor system confirmation.' NE chapter

volunteering to review applications. \$25 per membership - set max number allowed?
Yes (currently ~500 members now) 20-25 individual free memberships with max of two years. Should have a different name? Organizationally
Sponsored/Provisional/Complimentary/INPS Supported. 'Sponsored' agreed upon.

- Added as a link on the About Page
- All in favor for 20 sponsored memberships per year, none opposed. Motion passes.

New Business:

Registered agent for address with the state (Trish)

- IL Registered Agent is currently Chris Benda's address because can't use P.O. Box. Time to come up with a more permanent address (regardless of President in office). In Springfield, there is a Registered Agent service/company (Illinois Registered Office LLC) that we can pay \$49/year to be the official address for State and Federal formal business/taxes/SIU credit union/any place that doesn't take a P.O. Box.
- Floyd moves to use the IL Registered Agent Service for \$49/year, Courtney/Nick second. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.
- Trish will contact company and move forward with account.

Updates/reports from retreat action items:

Grant Fundraising: (Nick Seaton)

- [LINK](#) to draft solicitation letter
 - local grassroots groups that are interested in supporting. Next steps: need to create list of organizations
- [LINK](#) to description of potential volunteer board position/temporary appointment focusing on raising funds

Graphic Designer Contact

- State Logo, new brochure and updated materials needed
- Freelance Design Artist - Southern Chapter worked with Michelle for their new logo. Michelle Rostich 618-203-9063 please call after 4 pm. Nick contacted and she is willing to design/work on State project. Would have to get quote and pricing.
- Discussion: ask membership to submit species suggestions before moving forward with designer. Solicit suggestions via membership using social media - Gretel volunteers.

Sending condolence card for Tracy Evans family (Trish volunteers)

Next Meeting: Monday May 10th, 6pm.

Meeting ends: 7:49pm