

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

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

Meeting Begins: 6:00pm

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

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

Chapter Reports

Central: Trish Quintenz, President

- Central Chapter is gradually resuming normal activities! We kicked off the spring season with several field trips, including April visits to the properties of members Bruce Semans (thanks to Chris Benda for leading!) and Kevin Veara, followed by a May outing to Litchfield's Route 66 Prairie guided by Henry Eilers. A fourth tour is planned for June 19th, a visit to the home of member Carol Anderson. Carol has dedicated years to developing her extensive native plant gardens. A successful pre-order tree and shrub sale was held in May, in lieu of the usual plant sale that was cancelled for a second year due to COVID. We resumed monthly meetings on July 8, 2021 with a meeting, brown bag dinner, and tour of Nipper Wildlife Sanctuary in Loami, IL, a Friends of Sangamon Valley preserve.

Forest Glen: Paul Marcum, President

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Grand Prairie: Joe Armstrong, President

- Tentative plans for September outings and Chapter gathering with Joe hosting in personal gardens.

Northeast: cassi saari, President

- The Northeast Chapter held [three in-person events](#) since our last quarterly update. All in-person events have filled to our set capacity (15 or fewer people):
 - May 23rd: Birds & Botany: LaBagh Woods
 - June 19th: Birds & Botany: Orland Grassland
 - June 19th: Powderhorn Prairie seed collecting and tour
- And we have one upcoming event on July 30th: Deer Grove East sunset seed collecting
- We released [one issue of *The Nodding Onion*](#) (May 2021)
- Our chapter board meets tomorrow (July 13th) to brainstorm events for the fall, including during the annual gathering week

Quad Cities: Bohdan Dziadyk, President

- The Q.C. Chapter participated in the Illiniwek Forest Preserve BioBlitz on July 9-10.
- A program on the Ferns of Eastern Iowa and NW Illinois is planned for August 11, 2021 to be presented by Bob Bryant at 6:00 pm in the Nahant Marsh Nature Center.
- A field trip to a pair of local planted/restored prairies is scheduled for late summer.

Kankakee Torrent: Floyd Catchpole, President

- Continue to meet monthly virtually until normal venue opens again.

Southern: Chris Evans, President

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Officer's Reports

Website Report (Jeff)

- [LINK](#) to website report

Membership Report (Anna)

- [Link to membership report](#)
- All Chapter membership has increased since last quarter
- Currently 150 life members. 100 new members, still down 100 renewals
- Go to main Tab to see secondary membership that people have chosen
- Member notifications are sent when form is filled out and submitted regardless if paypal payment is processed. Admin notifications go through when paypal payment is processed. Anna & Courtney to test with any new membership that come through in upcoming months. Jeff will also look into form settings.
- Going to try send thank you letter donation for mailed checks
- Made spreadsheet of donations received that aren't linked to members, i.e. amazon smile, coin swap

Treasurer Report (Courtney)

- [LINK](#) to treasurer report
- Need Quad Cities and Forest Glen Chapter addresses to send membership disbursements.
- Chapters send in quarterly, file annually, but tracking quarterly

Annual Gathering Update

- Speakers: Brenda Molano-Flores, Tom Simpson (pre-record talk & be present), Carol Augspurger or Dave Zaya
- Ask for a registration fee or donation from attendees? Fees would be speaker honorarium and upping zoom. No registration fee, donation with suggested amount starting at \$10 increase by increments of \$5. Include link in form for new memberships through rest of 2021 year and also 2022 year for regular membership amount.
- Promotion, PR, Getting the Word Out: Dates were in President's message. Put message/agenda in Harbinger. Have one zoom link for membership meeting & speaker event.
- Members Night:
 - Mission Statement & Bylaws Change: email out Bylaw google vote before meeting and announce outcome at meeting
 - Talks from 2019-2020 grant attendees, ~3-4 slides for lightning talks, could be pre-record or live (leave questions to end). Could record in zoom and edit for website
 - [LINK](#) to proposed changes for several bylaw changes, including secretary and treasury position length and mission statement. Final wording will be approved at a later date.

New Business:

Next Meeting: Monday, August 9th, 6pm.

Meeting ends: 7:37pm