

Minutes
ILLINOIS NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
September 14, 2020, 6:00pm | Conference call
Governing Board Meeting

Attending: (9) Susanne Masi, Floyd Catchpole, Trish Quintenz, Jeff Nelson, Cassi Saari, Bo Dziadyk, Jean Sellar, Joe Armstrong, Anna Braum, Emily Dangremond, Courtney Cartney

Meeting Begins: 6:10pm

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

- Susanne has a minor change in the grant update section.
- Change first bullet from “Now have full panel of reviewers, planning on having a closed board meeting” to “Now have full panel of survey grant reviewers, planning on having a closed board meeting to share reviewer names”
- Joe moves to approve the minutes, Susanne seconds. All in favor, none opposed; motion passes

Website Report (Jeff)

- [LINK](#) to website report
- Licenses will expire in October for some of the forms we use (\$350 for all)
- In 2019 we spent \$432 in website fees, we budgeted \$150 in 2020. We likely mis-budgeted. Since we have establish a budget, normally we would not have to motion for approval. However, we need to approve a motion since excess of budget (which is listed below)
- Use Debit card where accepted. If not accepted, will need to pay via credit card & reimburse payee.
- **Jean moves that we approve to fund \$350. Trish seconds. All in favor, none opposed; motion passes.**

Bylaws Discussion (Susanne)

- [LINK](#) to current bylaws
- Option to have non-public meetings:
 - Discussion thread began when Susanne was panelists that will be reviewing grants in confidence and extended to potential for other private matters
 - Article V, Section 11 which now reads: "Meetings of the Governing Board shall be open"
 - Suggestion to add "; however, a closed meeting session of the Governing Board may be held (called?) to discuss personnel or other sensitive issues."
- Questions / Discussion:
 - Add verbiage “The subject of the closed meeting session will be provided with advanced notice in the monthly board meeting minutes”
 - Do we need a quorum? What constitutes a quorum? Would we state in advance who is attending the closed meeting? Can anyone attend?
 - Do we need to vote to allow closed meeting subject?
 - Minimum amount of lead time / notice ahead of closed meeting?
 - We should follow Robert’s rules of order, which is already referenced in the by-laws (Article X)

Board Ballot - for positions that are expiring

- January Ballot items:
 - President (2yr) - Floyd interested in moving on, Vice President (2yr) - Susanne willing to serve again
 - Secretary (1yr) - Angela willing to serve one more year, Membership (1yr) - Amanda TBD, Treasurer (1yr) - Courtney willing to serve again
 - Potential at large member interest in any positions?
 - Harbinger, Webmaster, Erigenia positions need to be confirmed annually
 - Webmaster (Jeff) confirmed willing to serve again
 - Susanne to discuss Harbinger (Chris) and Erigenia (John Taft)

Forwarding Mailing Address (Chris Benda)

- If setup a forwarding address for our P.O. Box, it will be automatically suspended. Need a plan B.
- There used to be a correspondence coordinator, non voting position.
- Perhaps someone from Southern Chapter who lives in Carbondale area could volunteer and we retain the current PO Box

New Business:

Native Plant Conservation Campaign (NPCC) Get Out The Wild Vote 2020 toolkit (Chris Benda)

- <https://www.endangered.org/vote/>
- Can add NPCC GOTV Image/Link to organization's webpage
- Floyd to speak with Chris, add a brief description of the organization & voting process

Next Meeting October 12th.

Meeting ends: 7:03pm