

Minutes
ILLINOIS NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
October 11, 2021, 6:00pm | Zoom Meeting
Governing Board Meeting

Attending: Emily Dangremond, Susanne Masi, Jeff Nelson, Nick Seaton, Paul Marcum, cassi saari, Courtney Cartney, Bo Dziadyk, Anna Braum, and Angela Kerber

Meeting Begins: 6:00pm

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

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

Chapter Reports

Central: Trish Quintenz, President

- Central Chapter has begun monthly in-person meetings again.
 - In July, we met at Nipper Wildlife Sanctuary for a presentation by Vern LaGessee and tour of the grounds afterwards.
 - In August, we met for the first time back at Adams Wildlife Sanctuary with a presentation by IAS President Jim Herkert looking more in depth at the North American bird count numbers which was quite informative.
 - In September, we heard from Susan Helm detailing her ongoing process of installing Pollinator gardens in multiple locations around Springfield with the help of many volunteers including school age young people.
- We are also beginning plans to hold our Native Plant Sale on May 14, 2022.

Forest Glen: Paul Marcum, President

- NPS Forest Glen Chapter has been very active in 2021 with monthly outings each month from April to August. A few of our trips have been longer full-day events to privately owned natural areas in regions that are typically underserved by INPS. In late June we visited Beadle Barrens Nature Preserve in Edwards County and in August we visited Keith Horn's Prairie in Fayette County. We opened these trips up to other INPS chapters and had folks attend from throughout the state. Currently, we are working on a new issue of our chapter newsletter, The Bellflower, and planning activities for fall/winter and 2022.

Grand Prairie: Joe Armstrong, President

Kankakee Torrent: Floyd Catchpole, President

Northeast: cassi saari, President

- The Northeast Chapter has held four in-person events since our last quarterly meeting. Two of them occurred during the 2021 Annual Gathering Week.
 - July 30th: Deer Grove East Sunset Seed Collecting
 - August 15th: Tour of Middlefork Savanna
 - September 12th: Tour of Bunker Hill Savanna
 - September 18th: Tour of Somme Prairie Grove
- We released [one issue of *The Nodding Onion*](#) (August 2021)

Quad Cities: Bohdan Dziadyk, President

- Presentation on Ferns of eastern Iowa & western Illinois. Several field trips planned this fall.

Southern: Chris Evans, President

- All past zoom events have been added to Southern IL youtube channel. First in-person hike in summer & held Asteraceae workshop (classroom & field portions). 'Botany bike ride' planned in fall. Starting land management project on local glade community.

Officer's Reports

Website Report (Jeff)

- [LINK](#) to report
- In process of getting AG presentations onto INPS youtube channel
 - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCn_JqcZVepmd8-KIcV8gZQw
- Chapters can access website to add to google calendar and content, possibly have annual meeting for officer 'change over.'

Membership (Anna)

- [LINK](#) to report
- Sponsored Memberships
 - Review committee = cassi saari + Eriko Kojima
 - One person applied - approved & added to the membership database

Treasurer Report (Courtney)

- [LINK](#) to report
- Had to go back and submit a 2018 tax return so had three years prior
- \$922 donations for AG zoom event (51 donations)
- IL Sales Tax refund still in transit (from past overpayment), form mailed & Courtney signed/returned.
- All grant payments for 2021 are finished

Summary of the Annual Gathering -

- Attendance: 35 for membership night, 43 keynote speaker night
 - Send follow-up email to all that registered with youtube channel link when finalized (downloadable list of registrants as csv file)
- Asteraceae competition winner: Susan McIntyre was top observer, Forest Glen Chapter. Daniel Pohl second observer. Both received prize books from Susanne in-person. 27 people joined, 53 around world helped i.d., 756 observations
<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/illinois-native-plant-society-2021-sunflower-week>

Grant Update

- Upcoming 2022 Grant cycle
- Susanne & Connie to continue in 2022, thanks to Emily for helping in 2021. Seven reviewers for research grants, survey reviewers to be confirmed soon. Jan. 31st application deadline, grant announcement will be sent Harbinger, posted online, and emailed via research/college list.

Erigenia Update (John Taft/Susanne Masi)

- Four pre-printed articles posted on web, and three to four additional articles to be submitted/reviewed. Can add advertisement in Harbinger if are available.
- How many print copies are needed? Will need count from Membership spreadsheet
- Additional copies for libraries/colleges? Use to, Jean potentially has list from previous printing
- Would need to coordinate with AllenPress about digital copy details, i.e. AllenPress emails to membership.
- Paul has original drawings for front and back covers

New Business

Brenda Molano-Flores (INHS) has requested "partnership" to support a proposal for NOAA Ecological Drought competition.

- Program Information [Sheet](#)

Saving Bell Bowl Prairie at the Rockford Airport

- Should INPS send letter of support? To Director of DNR, Governor and list of contacts posted on FB page; send to Rockford airport board and mayors of Rockford, Loves Park
- Understanding of IDNR consultation process and state threatened plants
- Background information:
 - [WTTW article by Patty Wetli](#)
 - Summary [Newsletter](#) by Bob Dolgan (birding community)
 - IEC page [Action Alert](#) - sends a letter to state and federal politicians
 - cassi's [blog post](#) with detailed project information
 - Natural Land Institute [Website](#)
- Nick to work on draft email and send to Emily/board.

Election of Board Members and Officers for 2022

- Positions up for election: Current 1-y terms: Secretary, Membership, Treasurer. 2022 vote would be 2-yr term now
- At large nominations? Currently 2 members, Nick and Gretel. Angela--if new secretary is voted in. If add more, then good rotation when terms are completed.
- Advertise in the Harbinger, email membership to ask for board members
- Ballot would need to be emailed first of December, to be ready for January board meeting with new members. Search membership spreadsheet to see if anyone 'checked' interest in volunteering and could email membership if needed for any interest.

New logo submissions (table for next month)

Next Meeting: November 8th

Meeting Adjourned: 7:43pm