

Minutes
ILLINOIS NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
October 12, 2020, 6:00pm | Conference call
Governing Board Meeting

Attending: (9) Susanne Masi, Bo Dziadyk, Emily Dangremond, Jean Sellar, Courtney Cartney, Anna Braum, Connie Cunningham, Joe Armstrong, Angela Kerber

Meeting led by Susanne (VP)

Meeting Begins: 6:05pm

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

- Angela will update the August minutes from the several additions/corrections from September minutes
- Courtney moves to approve the September minutes as revised, Jean seconds. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

Website Report

- [LINK](#) to website report via Jeff

Treasurer Quarterly Report (Courtney)

- [LINK](#) to report
- All chapter disbursements have been cleared
- Tax accountant & website fees have been paid
- Erigenia has been budgeted, any plans for 2020? Will need to check in with John Taft. If funds aren't going to be used, opportunity to use for something else.
- Central Chapter has agree to fund \$1000 for 2021 for any chapter grant recipient
- \$2400 in grant donations in 2020!

Bylaws Discussion (Susanne)

- [LINK](#) to current bylaws
- Questions / Discussion from September Meeting:
 - 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?
- Robert's Rules provides that a closed or executive session can be voted on at any meeting.
 - Executive Session within Robert's Rules, in which minutes are not taken. The governing board members would be present, but visitors or guests are not permitted. Are able to request a private meeting at any given time, even without advanced notice.
 - Thus no vote is needed for bylaw change since following this Rule.

Grant Discussion (Susanne & Emily)

- [LINK](#) to grant report
- Working with Jeff to get posted on website by end of November

- Great panel for both the research and survey grants
- Who makes the Illinois Endangered Species Board reviewers public - INPS or their board? Could be interpreted either way. Consensus that INPS won't advertise/state their names in Harbinger, website, etc. but will put their names in the minutes, which is a public document. Susanne will let reviewers know their names will be listed in minutes; if they wish to advertise above that, they can do so.
 - [List](#) of Survey Grant Reviewers
 - [List](#) of Research Grant Reviewers
- Proposing including the possibility for a "stipend" in each grant, could be for travel, supplies, or salary. In beginning of grant program, money wasn't allowed for salary, but the amount has increased overtime.
 - One example in past: entire grant went to consultant to pay for their portion. Need to clarify and maximize the amounts. PI and consultant combined could be \$1000 for research & \$2000 survey stipend. Could it be a percentage of the grant? If not awarded the full amount, could stipend amount be lowered? Most have received the full grant amount so far.
 - In large picture, isn't a lot of money and a way to support the people doing the plant research. Consensus to move forward with stipend.
- Is there a difference between a grant and a contract? Now it's been advertised as a grant, but could potentially market differently in future

Board Ballot - for positions that are expiring

- January Ballot items still on table:
 - President - Floyd was checking in with several persons
 - Potential at large member interest in any positions? None yet
 - Harbinger, Eriogenia positions? Susanne confirmed Chris Benda and John Taft both willing to serve again
 - Need to confirm with Amanda about membership position.

Forwarding Mailing Address (Chris Benda, discussed previous meetings)

- If setup a forwarding address for our P.O. Box, i.e. to treasurer, 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 - Jean can check with several members in Carbondale, but may have to ultimately move it as many don't live in Carbondale.
 - Make it the address of the membership coordinator or be a new position all together? Susanne to check with Amanda & Chris; if Amanda serving another year, could have a PO Box in Champaign?

New Business:

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Next Meeting Monday November 9th.

Meeting ends: 7:03pm

