

Minutes  
ILLINOIS NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY  
November 8, 2021, 6:00pm | Zoom Meeting  
Governing Board Meeting

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

Meeting Begins: 6:03pm

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

- Nick moves to approve October's meeting minutes, Gretel seconds. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

Website Report (Jeff)

- [LINK](#) to web report
- Website down for a short bit, plug-in didn't automatically update; fixed and running.

Grant Program 2022 Budget Proposal (Susanne)

- [LINK](#) to proposal
- Second half of last year's grants already was approved. Need vote on budget for 2022 grants.
- Member offered to donate for research grants.
- Floyd moves to approve \$20k grant program for 2022 evenly split between two, Gretel seconds. All approved, none opposed. Motion passes.

Election of Board Members and Officers for 2022

- President summary in Harbinger discusses member interest in board positions (Chapter & State). Secretary and At-large positions open. Check with Anna if any comments on membership spreadsheet.

2022 Annual Gathering Update (Joe)

- Previous plans (pre-covid) are still set with the venue (Holiday Inn). Friday night food is flexible in terms of number of people, Saturday more set/formal. Field trips: Peoria City Park, similar to Starved Rock for more difficult hike. Several land trusts sites for easy hikes. Silent auction (included Chris Benda's Flora books in raffle).
- Dates: Friday June 17, **24** & every weekend in July currently available.
  - **June 24-25**, Friday & Saturday evenings with day field trips
  - Discussion: could set up RSVP for idea of total number at time of 'save-the-date'. Require vaccination to attend? May depend on venue requirements. Offer sponsorship and student/reduced pricing? May need application for reduced amount. 2019 AG website [link](#) with pricing categories.

Saving Bell Bowl Prairie at the Rockford Airport

- [Letter](#) sent to: Governor Pritzker; Paul Cicero, Board Chairman; Mayor Thomas McNamara; Mayor Greg Jury, Loves Park; Mayor Steve Johnson, Machesney Park
- Construction delayed until March 1st. <https://www.savebellbowlprairie.org/>

New logo submissions

- 3 submissions came in - *Erigenia bulbosa*, *Lithosperma canescens*, *Dodecatheon meadia*. Can still send in submission (within next week) and all will be emailed via poll to board members.

### **New Business**

Threatened and Endangered Species Law in Illinois Discussion (table for next month)

Next Meeting: December 13th

Meeting Adjourned: 7:21pm