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IDAHO NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 10, 2009

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of INPS was held as a telephone conference call at the MK Nature Center, 600 S. Walnut St., Boise, Idaho with a linkage of chapters. State Society President Janet Benoit, State Society Janet Bala , Secretary Lois Rohay were present. Meeting was called to order about 3:30 MST.

Officers present: Jody Hull, Treasurer

Chapters Present:

Calypso Bob Lee
Kinnikinnick Carol Jenkins
Loasa Kelvin Jones,
Pahove Susan Ziebarth
Sah-wah-Be Barbara Nicholls
White Pine Janet Campbell and Nancy Miller
Wood River Carol Blackburn

Other members present: Molly O'Reilly

A quorum was established.

There are no additions or corrections to the proposed agenda.

Officer Report:

Treasurer Jody Hull reported electronic mailing to all members Feb. 9, 2009

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| Income | Actual to Dec. 31, 2008 | |
| Total | \$ 5,481.58 | |
| Expenses | | |
| Total | \$ 7,054.32 | Other Assets |
| Net | (\$ 1,572.74) | Bank \$7,054.32 |
| | | 6-mo CD \$2,874.81 |

Proposed Budget 2009

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| Income | \$7,062.00 |
| Expenses | \$7,755.00 |

Reported received \$1,000 from donor for ERIG Committee

Membership at 470 and 189 awaiting renewals

Increase to Sage Notes editor at \$100 for the year 2009 was not shown in the budget.

Matter will be adjusted.

MOTION by Barbara Nicholls, seconded by Carol Jenkins to accept the proposed budget with the correction. Motion approved and ADOPTED

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Treasurer – continued

Discussion of cheaper phone service for Conference Calls. A service has been contacted with a rate of .12 per minute per line. There will be additional discussion concerning security, could require a pass code per member and a Leader Pass Code, full information about INPS as well.

President Benoit may try for a lower rate with the present phone service.

MOTION made and seconded that President Janet Benoit study alternate steps and set up before the next board meeting. MOTION ADOPTED

(Voices during discussion were too faint to record for transcribing.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

IRPC Planning Committee – Susan Ziebarth

Plans are going well. Setup, speakers all in order

Annual Conference- Barbara Nicholls

Specifics are stated in the current issue of Sage Notes, including a registration form to be mailed. Guided tour of Harriman State Park, field trips . Featured speaker Jennifer Whipple, Yellowstone National Park Botanist, float trip with canoe, kayak, raft or rent from Mack's Inn.

Calendar Committee – Nancy Miller

Style and shape being discussed. More information to come. Cost could be \$10 to \$12

(Unable to record the voice)

Conservation Committee – Chris Colson has resigned

ERIG Committee -

Discussion of \$1000 from a donor. Molly O'Reilly questioned how to use the fund or to save for use in the off-year when the Rare Plant Conference is not held.

Question by President Benoit how should we use the donated funds? Should we reduce our budgeted amount for ERIG funds by \$500? Should we actively solicit funds for the ERIG program?

(Lengthy conversation unable to record) ERIG matter tabled for next board meeting.

Membership Committee no report

Nominating Committee

Candidates:

President Wendy Velman

Vice President Janet Bala

Secretary Nancy Miller

Treasurer Jody Hull

Ballot in Sage Notes.....Mark and Mail as soon as possible

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Sage Notes editor Dylan Levy-Boyd

E-mail sent to Janet Benoit describing a form so that articles could be submitted 'print ready' as to format, type, spacing, etc. and not require further preparation for Sage Notes.

Next issue deadline: April 1st.

He has made some inquiries about cheaper printing. INPS has a good relationship with our current arrangement in Boise and we benefit of using the shop's bulk mailing permit.

He is thinking of adding articles re Conservation, Birds, Wildlife, Profiles of members.

President Benoit pointed out that chapters have been asked to submit some articles (profiles) and that would take care of 7 pieces of paper.

(Voices unable to record)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sage Notes Advertising.. Do our rates compare?

(Voices out of recording range)

The only ad we have is Conservation Seeding & Restoration, Inc.

Janet Benoit Well, we will think about it later.

Sage Notes by e-mail...Kelvin will work further on the matter

(Voices out of recording range)

Bylaws Amendment

No copies available for member review.

President Benoit reading change as submitted by Ken Haag in bold type.

Bylaws ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

Section 2. Right of Members to Vote.

Each membership shall be entitled to one (1) vote on any question requiring a vote of the membership of the Society, except for participants in household memberships. Each household membership shall be entitled to a maximum of (2) votes. **Each membership shall be entitled to vote on any question requiring a vote of the membership of the Society. The Board shall specify the number of votes that a membership unit may cast as determined by the membership category** The right to vote of a group membership shall be exercised by an individual designated in writing as the official delegate for the group. A group is any affiliated organization, agency or business other than a Chapter of the Society .

Molly not in range to record

Jody not in range to record

Nancy Miller suggests that this concern should be left 'as-is' for now

Bob Lee agrees to keep bylaws as adopted .

No name 'Just leave it for now.'

Lengthy conversation among the board members. No Motion

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President Benoit Do we want to sever the two portions and separate the right of membership to vote from the 25% rebate?. What it says here is that they are not really related.so we can take these as two separate portions. One would be changing “that each household membership shall be entitled to a maximum two votes”. Then the wording would be changed to “the board shall specify the number of votes that may be cast as determined by the membership category”. We have changed the membership category. We do have Patron and Life. According to the Bylaws, currently the household membership has two votes and the Patron, Sustaining, and Life are hanging out there in limbo. I guess, with one. We will sever these two sections: The right of the membership to vote' and will be separate from the 25%. Does anybody have questions about changing the words “the board shall specify the number of votes that the membership unit may have as determined by the membership category”.. Does anybody have comments about that?
At current time, the Bylaws state “Each household membership shall be entitled to a maximum of two votes. Otherwise, each membership shall be entitled to one vote.....

Molly O'Reilly
The Bylaws are a Constitution, they set the tone.
The board cannot change the Bylaws
President Benoit refers to Bylaws adopted 2008.

Carol Jenkins makes a Motion (wording is unclear) There is no second.

President Benoit
Would it please the board to receive clarification on our discussion, send it out to the board? We could submit it at the annual meeting for a vote. We would like to get this published in the May issue of Sage Notes and submit at the annual meeting. Otherwise the measure would have to wait until the annual meeting in 2010. We will hash this around and see if Nancy Miller will provide some magic words.
Motion by Carol (again the wording is unclear) There is no second.

NEW BUSINESS

President Benoit
Feels that a funding for state president of INPS for a travel allowance would be a worthy goal First suggested by Kristin Fletcher many years ago. Discussion. Tabled.

Sunday morning for the next board meeting in June 28, location to be chosen from two choices.

There being no further business, motion moved and seconded, approved for adjournment.

Submitted,