

Idaho Native Plant Society

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INPS 2013 Board of Directors' Election Ballot

Officers will be announced at the INPS State Annual Meeting in Boise June 21-23, 2013.

Officer terms shall be two years. The terms are staggered with the President and Secretary being elected one year and the Vice President and Treasurer being elected the next year. A member may serve a maximum of three (3) consecutive terms in an office including partial terms.

Please vote in each section below (Officers and Amended Bylaws). Mail your ballot in a stamped envelope to **INPS Elections Committee, P.O. Box 9451, Boise, ID, 83707.** Please mail as soon as possible to ensure that your vote counts. Ballots must be received by June 1, 2013.

OFFICER NOMINEES

Please vote for one nominee in each category (either check the candidate name or write in a name):

	Candidate name	1st vote	2nd vote
President:	LaMar N Orton	_____	* _____
Other (write in name)	_____	_____	* _____
Secretary:	Alan Crockett	_____	* _____
Other (write in name)	_____	_____	* _____

* Memberships in Household, Sustaining or Patron categories which represent a household are entitled to a maximum of 2 votes in an election.

Officers continuing in office are Vice President, Dr. Stephen Love and Treasurer, Elaine Walker

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

LaMar N Orton: In 2005 LaMar retired from his job of 30 years as the City Planner for the City of Twin Falls. After retirement he and his wife, Rosalie, a retired elementary school teacher, have enjoyed traveling, camping, visiting kids and grandchildren, volunteering at the Twin Falls Visitors Center and working in their 5-acre botanical garden. They operate Plantasia Cactus Gardens. They have been members of INPS since 2002. LaMar has been INPS President since 2011.

Alan Crockett: Alan Crockett has a BS in Forestry, an MS in Environmental Science. He worked for the U.S. EPA for 9 years and the Idaho National lab for 18 years prior to retiring 14 years ago. Since then he has been an active member of Audubon Society, the Idaho Alpine Club, Master Naturalists, Master Gardeners, Sawabi chapter and of course the Upper Snake Chapter of INPS (secretary). For a year or two he was also an at-large member of the State Board.

AMENDED BYLAWS BALLOT

This document describes the objectives and recommendations of the Bylaws Committee on pages 2 and 3. The current and amended versions can be found on the INPS State Board webpage:

<http://www.idahonativeplants.org/inps/Chapter.aspx?ChapterId=0>

**I approve the Bylaws as amended and as approved
by the Board of Directors 1/23/2013**

Yes _____ No _____

BYLAWS of the Idaho Native Plant Society

The existing Bylaws are currently posted on the State Board webpage at http://www.idahonativeplants.org/inps/inps_bylaws.pdf. The final revision date was 12-8-2007; they were published in the Spring 2008 *Sage Notes*, Vol. 30(1). The prior Bylaws which were superseded by these current Bylaws were also published in the same issue.

The Idaho Native Plant Society (INPS) Bylaws Committee, Kristin Fletcher, Nancy Miller, and Janet Benoit, was tasked in 2012 with amending the INPS Bylaws. They teleconferenced frequently and were able to provide a draft Amended Bylaws to the President, LaMar Orton, in early December and to the INPS Board of Directors (Board) soon after for the Board's review. The Board approved the Bylaws as amended 1/23/2013. They are published on the State Board webpage for review at http://www.idahonativeplants.org/inps/inps_bylaws_2013.pdf.

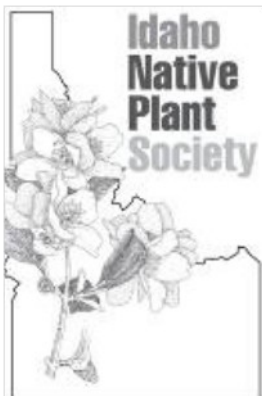
This section summarizes the objectives and the recommendations of the 2012 Bylaws Committee (Nancy Miller, Janet Benoit and Kristin Fletcher). These recommendations modify the revised Bylaws of the Idaho Native Plant Society (Final revision (12-8-2007) published in Spring 2008 *Sage Notes*, Vol. 30(1)).

The primary objectives of the 2012 Committee were to amend the existing Bylaws in order to:

- include a Table of Contents,
- move page numbers to bottom of page,
- correct punctuation, grammar and spelling errors,
- introduce wording to address situations not previously covered in the current Bylaws but which are necessary for management of the affairs of the Society. Specifically,
 - potential use of electronic media to conduct the Society's business;
 - dissolution of a Chapter;
 - dissolution of the Society; and
 - simultaneous vacancy of President and Vice President positions,
- revise wording which was not clear, was incorrect, or was not sufficient to address an issue, for example
 - ARTICLE II. Section 2. '~~participants in household~~ memberships *representing households*'
 - ARTICLE III. Section 3. '~~Chapter~~ members *affiliated with the Chapter* shall be'
 - ARTICLE III. Section 3. '~~Treasurer to the local Chapters for local~~ expenses'
 - ARTICLE IX — PARLIMENTARY AUTHORITY - replace the entire paragraph with correct wording.

A detailed summary of the Bylaws Committee's recommended changes can be found at the end of the posted Amended Bylaws document. The key recommendations are summarized as follows:

- Add TABLE OF CONTENTS.
- Move page numbers to bottom of page.
- ARTICLE IV – BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 - Composition: Remove stipulation that Member-at-Large must be appointed from the ranks of members unaffiliated with a chapter to give the Board more flexibility.
 - Vacancies, Removal, Resignation: Establish procedures in the event of multiple vacancies.
- ARTICLE VI – ELECTION OF OFFICERS
 - Revise significantly to make more flexible in timing and procedure and added section for notification of election results.
- ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES
 - Annual Meeting Committee: Remove 'for one year' and added statement about more than 1 committee at work planning different year meetings.
 - ERIG Committee: Clean up wording, add 'planning, budgeting,' to grant cycle and removed 'The ERIG total allocated fund amount is determined by the Board.' because the Board is responsible for approving all Society funding decisions.
- ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS
 - Special Meetings: Change Board to President with the approval of the Board because one of the President's duties is to call meetings.
- ARTICLE IX – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY
 - Replace paragraph with more accurate reference to the rules of governance.
- ARTICLE XI – CHAPTER ORGANIZATION
 - Chapter Name: Add a second paragraph pertaining to Chapter name change. Require Board notification.
 - Membership Privileges: Change the wording to specify that Society membership has rights relative to Chapter affiliation.
 - Chapter Bylaws: Add requirement for filing a copy of Chapter Bylaws with Society Secretary.
 - Chapter Dissolution: Add new section dealing with Chapter dissolution procedure.
- ARTICLE XII – SOCIETY DISSOLUTION
 - New Article inserted.
 - Resolution to Dissolve: Add section pertaining to the resolution to dissolve the Society.
 - Disposition of Assets: Add disposition of assets wording to match Article IX of the Articles of Incorporation where possible.
- ARTICLE XIII – AMENDMENT PROCEDURE
 - Bylaws: Create bullets re: voting; ballot procedure.
 - Bylaws Adoption: Add wording regarding adoption of modified Bylaws.
- ARTICLE XIV (was XIII) – AMENDMENTS This ARTICLE is to be struck in the amended version as it applied to the transition from the previous Bylaws version to the one being revised currently.



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Please note the membership expiration date at the top of the address label. If the year is prior to 2013, INPS would appreciate your showing your support by renewing your membership.

2013 dues are \$10/year for Seniors and Students, \$17/year for Individuals, \$22/year for Households, \$35/year for sustaining members and \$100/year for patrons.

On the INPS website JOININPS webpage

<http://www.idahonativeplants.org/inps/JoinInps.aspx>

you may pay dues online using PayPal or fill out a membership form to accompany a check. Or if none of your contact information has changed, you may send a check in the envelope with your ballot.

If you haven't yet registered for the 2013 Annual Meeting to be held in conjunction with the American Penstemon Society in Boise June 21-23, 2013 (with an optional field trip on June 24), be sure to do so soon. The scheduling information and registration form may be found on the INPS home page under Quick Links. www.idahonativeplants.org. Registration may also be done online; please see the online instructions. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please return the ballot to:

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