

March 6, 2011. 7:30 a.m. Skype Conference Call initiated by Nancy Miller did not work – people either couldn't hear or there was breaking up of voice transmission.

8:02 a.m. call initiated by Jody Hull worked fine. Thanks Jody!

Current Board Members

Calypso, Derek Antonelli	attended	phone: 208-762-2575
Loasa, Kelvin Jones	attended	phone: 208-886-7051
Pahove, Susan Ziebarth	attended	phone: 208-334-2225 208-367-1300 or 208-867-6188
Sah-Wah-Be, Linda Johnson	attended	Skype or 208-716-0218
Upper Snake, Sue Braastad	attended	Skype or 208-881-4354
White Pine, James Riser	attended	Skype or 406-531-4509
Wood River, Carol Blackburn	attended	phone: 208-886-7051
President, VACANT		
Vice-president, VACANT		
Secretary, Nancy Miller	attended	Skype or 208-882-2877
Treasurer, Jody Hull	attended	Skype or 208-323-0516
Past-president, Janet Benoit	attended	phone: 208-683-2407
Past-president, Wendy Velman (resigned)		
Member-at-Large, Mel Nicholls	not in attendance	phone: 208-233-0714
Sage Notes Editor, Jane Rohling	not in attendance	Skype or office: 208-938-3529 cell: 208-949-6545

December, 2010 Board Meeting minutes – review, approval? URL is

http://www.idahonativeplants.org/inps/boardmeet_2010_12_14.pdf

There were no additional comments or additions. Linda Johnson moved and Sue Braastad seconded that the minutes be approved as read. No opposition.

Treasurer's Report Jody reported that the report was emailed this morning to the board. 2011 Projected column is the budget proposal. Some figures for 2010 Actual are not complete such as calendar funds from Calypso and Pahove. Janet Benoit reported she had included calendar money in with last renewals check. Calendar did make money for state as well although chapters realized more from sales. Sue Braastad asked about membership lists/dues transfer timing between chapters and Treasurer. Jody reported that the bylaws stated that Treasurer should send to chapters quarterly (and vice versa). Nancy Miller said that was correct but that there had been discussion about sending membership information back and forth monthly so that chapters had current membership and renewal information and that Treasurer would have correct information for Sage Notes labels. Jody will try to send monthly information report and quarterly exchange of dues; chapters can request a membership list at any time. Memberships are up with renewals coming in. Chapters should remind members.

2010 Actual Amounts reported (see full report emailed)

	Total Income	Total Expenses	Net
2010 Actual to 12/13	\$5,905.44	\$6,323.19	(\$417.75)
2011 Projected	\$6,396.00	\$9,845.00	(\$3,449.00)

CD earning very little interest at this point. Need to rethink what to do with this asset. \$2,914.49 (7/23/10)

Checking \$8,271.43 (as of 12/31/10)

Membership Report - 3/5/2011

Membership by Chapter

Chapter	#	%
Calypso	13	4%
Loasa	17	5%
Pahove	124	34%
Sah-Wah-Be	52	14%
Upper Snake	52	14%
White Pine	88	24%
Wood River	7	2%
None	17	5%
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Membership by Category

Category	#	%
Student	13	4%
Senior	95	26%
Individual	123	33%
Household	94	25%
Sustaining	28	8%
Patron	8	2%
Life	9	2%
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Membership by Expiration Date

Ex Date	#	%
12/2010	221	60%
12/2011+	140	38%
Life	9	2%
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Budget for 2011 Please see the emailed report, 2011 Projected column

Treasurer's report – Nancy Miller moved to accept report for audit, Linda Johnson seconded. No opposition.

Announcements:

Nancy Miller reminded that there is no President or Vice President currently. Please help find candidates now. We need to have a ballot (president, secretary) in next Sage Notes or mail a ballot. Susan said Roger said Alexia Cochrane of Salmon, a retired BLM biologist, might be a possibility. Several were concerned that at least the President position should be filled by a person with prior chapter or state board experience. Nancy said she couldn't be president or vice president.

Nancy Miller reported that Jane Rohling had sent Sage Notes to the printer and also to Nancy Miller for uploading to the website. It should be online shortly. Jody will send the labels tomorrow and remind of the label misspelling.

Committee Reports (alpha order)

Annual Meeting Committee:

INPS Vice President (vacant), Valdon Hancock, Kelvin Jones
(Contact: Valdon Hancock 208-420-9042 or email valdonh@yahoo.com)

Announcement for 2011 Annual Meeting is in December Sage Notes. Registration form and additional detail are in February Sage Notes. Announcement is on the website. Kelvin reported that the information is out there and questions should be directed to Valdon or Kelvin.

Past Annual Meeting Schedule	2010 and Future Annual Meeting Schedule – if no change except Upper Snake replaces Kinnikinnick
2004 White Pine, Priest Lake	2011 Loasa, City of Rocks
2005 Loasa, Challis; (Pahove/Sah-Wah-Be co-hosted)	2012 Calypso
2006 (Calypso, Farragut SP)	2013 Wood River
2007 (Wood River, Craters of the Moon)	2014 Upper Snake
2008 (Kinnikinnick, Sam Owen Campground)	2015 Sah-Wah-Be
2009 (Sah-Wah-Be, Buffalo Campground)	
2010 White Pine, Heyburn SP	

Annual meeting in future should be held where there is a group site to avoid the charges of individual sites and the transaction fees. Loasa will use the new \$10 fee per registration to reduce costs. Any extra could go to future Annual Meeting fund.

Bylaws Committee: Nancy Miller (WP), Allen Perkins (Upper Snake), Linda Johnson (Sah-Wah-Be), Janet Benoit (Calypso), Carol Blackburn (Wood River), Susan Ziebarth (Pahove), Kelvin Jones (Loasa). Nancy Miller reported that there has not been much progress on bylaws due to other commitments.

Calendar Committee:

2012 Calendar – Committee needs a design person, someone with photo experience, and a botanist to do text and check species. Janet Benoit reported that Marilyn George is now a Calypso chapter member and would be on the committee. Nancy Miller said Marilyn definitely has design and photo experience and was very helpful on the last calendar as was Ann Debolt who wrote the botanical text.

Calendar Publicity. Send publicity ideas to Nancy Miller (and the number the chapter sold and might expect to sell) to Nancy Miller and she will consolidate and send out for discussion.

Conservation Committee: We needed a more active committee especially with the current Lochsa River Mega-Load and the Lochsa Land Exchange issues. Helen Yost has been representing White Pine concerns as well as have other WP members. NM note: Juanita does not wish to be on the committee. Under the bylaws only the President (or designee?) can speak for the Society. Any letters or documents from the committee must be sent with the president's signature. Jody gets interested-party letters and forwards them to others if she thinks there is interest. If you have other nominees, send in email to Nancy Miller. She will contact and let them work

out who is chair. Susan forwarded the following emails. (Justin Fulkerson) JRFulkerson@alaska.edu (Chris Colson) ccolson@ducks.org

ERIG Committee: Janet Bala – Committee Coordinator, Jody Hull, Michael Mancuso. Announces, evaluates, awards ERIG grants if state board has allocated funds. February Sage Notes has a short article about supporting the ERIG program with donations. ERIG news has been added to the state website. Incorporated are an explanation of ERIG, the current 2011 announcement requesting proposals, a table of past recipients and links to the submitted reports (either online or in Sage Notes). Table needs additional information on past awardees from Janet and Michael.

There are several who have submitted proposals but have not requested the funds. Should the application specify an expiration date? Jody and Janet need to provide a list of those who never requested money. Send proposal for how to handle expiration.

Membership Committee: Currently no membership committee members. The membership renewal form has a check box for indicating 'read online only', 'print copy'. Other forms on brochures and websites need to specify this option as well. Membership committee should work on brochure. Ann DeBolt may have previous form. Last order was for 1500. Dues amounts, photos need to be updated, Kinnikinnick chapter needs to be removed, Upper Snake added. Linda Johnson commented that we should keep the same design and update said items to shorten the process. Susan will check with Ann, Beth, Jane, Karie.

Nominating Committee: Committee needs to be in place now. President, Secretary positions need nominees for coming election in 2011. Vice President needs to be found and appointed, will not appear on ballot until 2012. Roger requested a list of members. Jody will send a list to Roger.

Photo Contest Committee: Linda Johnson, other Sah-Wah-Be members Linda and Nancy will talk about how to handle photos. Announcement with contest rules and the entry form are in February Sage Notes and on the state website (thanks to Karie).

Rare Plant Conference Committee: Will it be held in fall? Discussed under new business.

Lifetime Achievement Membership @ RPC: For Dr. Roger Rosentreter and Ann DeBolt Cyndi is not done writing up the documentation.

Recognition for Paul– is there a lead for this? Karie might do. NM can contribute information. A gift card for a wine shop was suggested. Susan will take charge. Linda Johnson suggested putting it in Sage Notes. There was a question whether he would want. JB move to choose wine gift card. Susan seconded. No opposition.

Sage Notes Committee: Jane Rohling (editor), Nancy Miller, Jody Hull, Michael Mancuso, Susan Ziebarth, Cyndi Coulter. Cyndi wants to be on it still. Jody will send label file Monday morning. February issue is really nice in color and should be posted this week on the web! An email will be sent to board members to announce to chapters. It was delayed as Jane developed a new template for this issue (her first) and also had some computer problems. Next issue should be much easier to put together and more timely. The state website needs a full repository of *Sage Notes*. Nancy Miller is working on this but hasn't made much progress yet.

The next deadline is April 1 for the May issue. Chapter presidents should encourage researchers, botanists, photographers, artists, etc to submit articles, photographs, book reviews, etc to maintain Sage Notes as a scholarly publication. NM Note: Sage Notes guidelines are posted on the website.

Native Plant Appreciation Week: April 24-30. The governor's office has the request. We should receive notice about the 1st of April. Susan has offered to pick it up. Nancy will send out the URL to chapter presidents, Kinnikinnick chapter president and Palouse Prairie Foundation. Susan would produce any large format copies if needed. It should be posted on the website and possibly included in Sage Notes.

State website: Paul Shaffer wants to have chapters do more editing of appropriate information on the website. Karie Pappini of Pahove chapter is currently entering information in the center announcement blog. If pdfs or other documents need to be uploaded then send them to Nancy or Karie who will upload and supply the link to use. We will be looking for others members to help maintain this valuable resource. Check your chapter's page for contact information accuracy.

The FLICKR groups were announced in *Sage Notes*. Please encourage the photographers in your chapters to link their photos to the FLICKR groups. One is for chapter activities and one for Idaho native plants. For more information see Sage Notes or contact Nancy Miller. I haven't searched FLICKR much but I do know there is a Wyoming Native Plants as well for those members who photograph Wyoming natives (Wyoming Native Plants)

Carol mentioned that the Idaho Academy of Science membership has lapsed. She will send information to Jody. If anyone has any information on why INPS didn't rejoin please send information to Jody.

New Business:

Rare Plant Conference and rare plant status reporting. Susan Ziebarth expanded on the email proposal which was sent out earlier. Beth Corbin is spearheading the efforts. INPS uses one complicated application in addition to NatureServe which other states do use. Botanists in Boise want to change to NatureServe and eliminate use of INPS proprietary application. It will be work to change over. Nancy Miller reported from Pam Brunsfeld and Michael Mancuso. 2009 information must be entered. Is Lynn the only one who can enter it? Derek asked about the botanists on proposal. Linda Johnson said Karl Holte is just back and needs more time to comment. She also wants to talk to the ISU Herbarium botanists. NM will talk more with UI herbarium staff. Janet asked if Susan had the RPC checklist to-do list. She thought yes. Respondees were generally in favor of fall meeting, not necessarily of the one-day format.

Email discussion. Pahove has a gmail email account and their distribution list is maintained there for use by president and secretary. Other chapters should investigate – Jody will send out brief instructions.

Nancy Miller and Jody Hull were thanked for their efforts. Sue Braastad moved we adjourn, James seconded and meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Adjourn meeting.