

INPS Board Meeting Minutes, January 30, 2014

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Idaho Native Plant Society was held January 30th, 2014 via conference call/Skype with all board members as listed below participating (except as noted). Prior to the meeting, President LaMar Orton distributed the Agenda and Reports via email to board members. The distributed items are shown below in italics and added discussion is shown as normal text. LaMar Orton called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm PST/7:09 pm MST and welcomed those in attendance. He specifically welcomed new board member, Rose Lehman, to the board and to the meeting.

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Wood River, Carol Blackburn, phone: 208-886-7051 call at Kelvin's

Reports on Agenda Items

Item #1 Approval of minutes of Oct 24, 2013 Board Meeting.

The minutes are on the INPS website under State Board. Please review before the meeting at http://idahonativeplants.org/inps/boardmeet_2013_10_24.pdf.

There were corrections that needed to be made to the past minutes that Elaine Walker had found. Derek Antonelli made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion was seconded by Bob McCoy. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #2 Presentation of Treasurer's reports – review and accept.

Attached are the reports provided by Elaine.

INPS Treasurer, Elaine Walker, presented the financial report. As of December 31, 2013 INPS has assets of \$14,442.60 with liabilities of \$4,466.25 with a net balance of 9,976.35. Carol Blackburn made a motion to approve treasurer's report for audit. Steve Love seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous. Elaine also presented the membership report. She said the membership reports in the past had shown memberships, but she has changed the report to show actual members. As of December 31, 2013 INPS had 512 members.

Item #3 *Update of joint annual meeting with the Eriogonum Society in 2014.*

Attached is a narrative of the annual meeting as it will appear in the Eriogonum Society newsletter and in Sage Notes in March. Board action is needed to approve the registration fee of \$95.00.

There was a discussion about the registration fee of \$95.00. Some members of the board expressed concern about the high cost of the registration fee and that it may preclude some members from attending the annual meeting. It was explained that the \$95.00 includes two meals and a field guide to the Eriogonum and related genera of Idaho. There will also be classes on Eriogonum identification and cultivation. A motion was made by Bob McCoy to approve the \$95.00 registration fee. The motion was seconded by Elaine Walker. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #4 *Update on 2015 annual meeting*

The 2015 annual meeting falls to Sawabi Chapter. Bob McCoy, president of the Sawabi Chapter has provided the following narrative:

“The Sawabi Chapter is responsible for organizing the 2015 annual INPS meeting. Due to the enthusiastic response for joint annual meetings the Sawabi Chapter contacted the Teton Chapter of the Wyoming Native Plant Society in early November 2013 to ascertain if the WYNPS would be interested in having a joint annual meeting with the INPS. The venue would be the Teton Mtns. with the meeting itself on the west side and field trips on both the east and west sides of the mountain. The boards for both the Sawabi Chapter and the WYNPS held meetings in November and December and approved the joint meeting. An email requesting input was sent by the Sawabi Chapter to the INPS board members and the response was positive. The Teton Chapter has agreed to co-organize the meeting along with the Sawabi Chapter. The meeting will most likely be held in late June or early to mid-July.”

In the past the INPS board has approved joint annual meetings. A motion to approve the joint meeting with Wyoming Native Plant Society should be made.

After a discussion about the 2015 annual meeting and its date a motion was made by Steve Love to approve a joint annual meeting with the Wyoming Native Plant Society. The motion was seconded by Derek Antonelli. The motion passed unanimously. The Annual Meeting Committee will find the best date for the meeting.

Item #5 *Update on audit*

Accounting students at ISU are volunteered to audit our books. Elaine has sent them the documents they requested for the audit. She has also had a couple of conference calls with the students to answer their questions. No report has been received to date.

No action is required of the board.

The board took no action on this item.

Item #6 *Presentation of Committee Reports*

a. Bylaws Committee

At the January 2013 board meeting the board approved the committee's recommended amendments. No further action is needed.

b. Conservation Committee

Derek Antonelli, Conservation Committee Chairman, provided the board with a report of the committee's activities. He also mentioned that the Sawabi Chapter had sent a letter to the national forest service commenting on grazing lease renewals in the Pocatello area.

c. ERIG Committee

Janet Bala, ERIG Committee Chairman, provided the board with the status of ERIG grants. She suggested that two unfinished grants – one from 2009 and another for 2011 be closed out. She also requested an allocation of \$2,000 for 2014. The board discussed the 2009 grant and felt that there should be a new application for the grant, but it could be an expedited application. How the reapplication would be handled will be left to the ERIG Committee. The board also expressed concern that only native plants be planted with ERIG funding. Derek Antonelli made a motion that a \$2,000 allocation for 2014 for ERIG be

approved. The motion was seconded by Karie Pappani. The motion was passed unanimously.

d. Membership Committee

There is currently no membership committee.

LaMar Orton told the board that he and Elaine Walker were working on a way to reactivate the Membership Committee and to have that committee take over many of the membership responsibilities from the Treasurer. This will come back to the board at the April meeting.

e. Nominating Committee/Ballot Counting Committee

A Nominating Committee is needed for this year's election of vice-president and for treasurer. Please provide suggested names for that committee.

LaMar asked if there were any volunteers for the Nominating Committee. There were none. LaMar said he will continue to work on getting a committee.

f. Photo Contest Committee

Karie Pappani gave the results of the photos contest to the board and explained how judging took place. 1st place winners will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate, 2nd place winners, a \$25 gift certificate and 3rd place winners, a copy of the Backpacking Guide to Range Plants.

g. Rare Plant Conference Committee

The Rare Plant Conference is scheduled for February 26 & 27, 2014 in Boise. Information about the conference and the registration form are on the INPS home page website.

Beth Corbin has provided the following information:

“The updated registration form is now posted. Registration is \$30 thru 2/14 and \$10 after (or \$20/\$30 late for students). The updated flier (also recently posted) has the general agenda for the RPC. The list of plants to be discussed (Wed afternoon thru Thurs morning) is being developed, and will be finalized after the Rare Plant Working Group meeting(s).

Another item to share with the board is a reminder of the Southern Idaho RPWG meeting Feb 5. Anyone interested in coming should contact me to get on the list for that.”

The board briefly reviewed the upcoming Rare Plant Conference. No action was needed by the board.

h. Sage Notes Committee

Cindy Snyder, Sage Notes editor, has provided the following information:

“Sage Notes Info — January 15, 2014

Printing:

Magic Valley Printing is charging 96 cents/newsletter to print the 12-page Sage Notes with the cover in color and the inside eight pages black-and-white. Printing the entire newsletter in color (if it remains 12 pages) would cost \$1.44 cents per newsletter.

Increasing the size of Sage Notes to 16 pages, would likely raise the cost to approximately \$1.30 per newsletter for the partial color version and to around \$2 per newsletter to go all color.

Mailing:

Cost of mailing the newsletter was \$85.97 for the October issue.

February/March issue of Sage Notes:

The deadline has been moved to February 10th so that the next issue will include an article from the Rare Plant Conference and also more information about the annual conference. I plan to attend the Rare Plant Conference for one day and will write a story and get some photos for Sage Notes.

Rare Plant Column — Since the INPS survey indicated members were interested in more stories/information about plants, I would like to include a plant profile in each issue of Sage Notes beginning with the Feb/March issue. This profile would run at the back of the issue where it would always be in color.

While at the Rare Plant conference, I also plan to talk with some of the presenters to acquire either their permission to use their presentation as a basis for a new column in Sage Notes or their promise they will write a piece for the new column. Mike Mancuso as already sent an article on lewisia that can kick off the new column.

Because the trip to Boise is above and beyond the editorial duties, I would like to receive some financial help with travel to the meeting. With gas prices

softening this winter, \$50 would buy the tank of gas it will take to make the trek and back.

Future issues:

I was wondering why the publishing schedule for Sage Notes is: February, May, September and December. The turnaround between the December and February issues is very tight. Could that February issue be pushed to March permanently? If so, the deadlines would be: February 1, April 1, August 1 and November 1?

Also, if Sage Notes continues to be printed in partial color, I can reorganize the newsletter so that the photos all run on the color pages. That will mean that photos will not necessarily be near the story they accompany.”

Several board actions are needed for the issues that Cindy has mentioned about:

1. Consideration of \$50.00 for Cindy’s travel to Boise to cover the conference and make contacts for future Sage Notes articles.

After a short discussion, Steve Love made a motion to pay \$50.00 for travel expenses for Sage Notes editor, Cindy Snyder to attend the Rare Plant Conference in Boise. Sonja Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Consideration of the Sage Notes submittal dates of Feb 1, April 1, August 1 and Nov 1 as Cindy is suggesting.

On a motion by Bob McCoy and second by Sonja Lewis the board unanimously approved Feb 1, April 1, August 1 and Nov 1 for the final submittal dates for articles for Sage Notes.

3. Does the board want to keep Sage Notes at 12 pages or should the editor be allowed some leeway on each issue? The board could provide leeway but a not to exceed number of pages in order to have some cost control.

Derek Antonelli made a motion to allow the Sage Notes editor flexibility of up to 20 pages for a Sage Notes issue. The motion was seconded by Steve Love. The motion passed unanimously.

3.[4] Now that we have had 2 issues of Sage Notes with color only on the cover pages, does the board wish to continue with only the cover pages colored, or does the board want to have all color pages.

After a discussion on costs of printing and mailing Sage Notes, Steve Love made a motion that 3 issues of Sage Notes per year would only have the cover pages in color with remaining in black and white and that the fourth issue of the year be the same except that the photos from the photos contest would also be in color. The motion was seconded by Derek Antonelli. The motion passed unanimously. It was also mentioned that there should notice in Sage Notes that the publication was in full color on the INPS website.

j. *Website Committee*

Nothing to report at this time.

Item #7 Additional items

Board meetings for the year are:

April 24th - Thursday

June 20th at annual meeting in Twin Falls

October 23rd – Thursday

It was agreed that the board would meet quarterly on the fourth Thursday of the month, except when the board meets at the annual meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm PST/ 8:40 pm MST.

Meeting minutes were taken by Lamar Orton and formatted by Alan Crockett

Respectfully submitted,
Alan Crockett
Secretary, INPS
February 4, 2014