

INPS Board Meeting Minutes, June 19, 2014

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Idaho Native Plant Society was held June 19th, 2014 in Twin Falls (201 Shields Building, College of Southern Idaho) with 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 1:05 pm MST and welcomed those in attendance.

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

Agenda for INPS Board of Directors Meeting

Item #1 Approval of minutes of April 24, 2014 Board Meeting.

Alan Crockett moved and Steve Love seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the October 24th, 2013 board meeting. The minutes were approved by acclimation.

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

Elaine Walker reported that income for the year (as of June 11th) was \$2,414.69 in dues, \$72 from Sage Notes ads, \$2,084.00 from the Rare Plant Conference and \$6.86 in interest for a total of \$5,616.55. YTD expenses have been dues to chapters (\$358.14), Sage Notes printing (\$581.32), ERIG expenses (\$1,131.36), the Rare Plant Conference (\$1,975.58), and plus some minor expenses for a total of \$4,188.51. Net income YTD was \$1,428.04. The full treasurer's report is

attached as Appendix 1. A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report, it was seconded and approved by acclamation. White Pine and Pahove chapters are delinquent in providing membership dues.

Elaine Walker also reported on membership and there are 410 INPS members with White Pine having 133 members, Pahove 125 members, and Sawabi 68 members. The complete report is attached as Appendix 2.

h. Sage Notes Committee

Cindy Snyder reported that Sage Notes is being pulled to two directions: is it to be a technical or general audience document? Steve Love noted that the publication needs to be a little of both, but it certainly is not a technical document where research results would be published. Sage Notes should be like *Scientific American*. What followed was a long discussion on how color is incorporated into Sage Notes and a look at a variety of publication options. A couple of options discussed were to publish a large, full color annual edition supplemented with multiple black and white printings of chapter news and publish four shortened full color issues supplemented with a separate chapter news publication. Charging extra for print copies of Sage Notes was mentioned as well as going entirely electronic where chapters would print copies for their members without internet access. Nothing was decided but Cindy will look at different cost options and report back to the Board.

Item #3 (4) Update on 2015 annual meeting.

Bob McCoy reported that Sawabi and Teton Chapter (Wyoming) met May 27 to plan the 2015 annual meeting. The dates for the meeting are July 10-13, Friday thru Monday. Planning is for 80-120 people to attend and maybe as many as 150. Tentatively, social activities will take place in Driggs, Idaho at the Senior Citizens Center which is quite inexpensive to rent. Rose Lehman will reserve a group campground for attendees. There was discussion on whether approval was needed to spend money on the meeting and it was determined that no special approval was needed. To accommodate such a large gathering, many small field trips (8-10 persons) will be offered rather than a few large trips.

Item #4 (5) Presentation of Committee Reports

a. Bylaws Committee No action

b. Conservation Committee

The committee consists of Derek Antonelli, Karie Pappani, Bob McCoy and Beth Corbin. The committee will set some goals and plans to review some proposed

State and Federal actions. Rose Lehman pointed out it is difficult to present an objective position without appearing to side with adversary groups.

c. ERIG Committee

ERIG report June 19, 2014

Dear LaMar,

Projects in Progress:

Bruneau Elementary school purchased 100 native plants from Draggin Wing Farm, total \$398.00. Trees were purchased from TN Tree Nursery for \$125.91 and posts from Parma Post and Pile for \$192.00. The balance is \$284.09.

Pocatello Zoo: As far as I know the garden area has been cleared and I have worked with Cory to come up with a native plant list that would work for the area. I don't think we have had any receipts turned in yet for the planting of the garden. The balance is \$985.00.

The IMNH native garden is just waiting for the bill to pay for the hardware to mount the new tags on. The balance is \$78.00.

New grants for 2014:

Rebecca Stubbs, Department of Biology, University of Florida

*Title: Into the cold: Montane Idaho as refugium for alpine-arctic, *Micranthes* (Saxifragaceae)*

Awarded: \$1,000.00

*This research will be part of an extensive PhD project to look at the in-depth evolutionary and systematic study of the genus *Micranthes* in the Saxifragaceae family. In addition to recording extensive morphological, distribution, and habitat data in Idaho, Rebecca will write an updated treatment for the genus. She plans to use funds provided by ERIG to pay for her fieldwork in Idaho in 2014.*

Jeffrey P. Rose, Department of Botany, University of Wisconsin-Madison

*Title: Evolution and Biogeography of *Polemonium* (Polemoniaceae): the *Polemonium pulcherrimum* Species Complex in Idaho*

Awarded: \$550.00

The taxonomic group Polemonium pulcherrimum species complex has been interpreted to contain three species. Idaho lies at the intersection of the range of all three species. Jeff's research will include sampling from the Mount Harrison area in Cassia County where collections identified as P. pulcherrimum may actually be P. delicatum, an intermediate species between P. californicum and P. pulcherrimum. P. delicatum has not been reported in Idaho at this time. He will also be looking at the genetics of the newly described P. elusum described from the Salmon River area by Josh Irwin (Irwin et al 2012).

The funds will be used for collecting costs and lab work.

Stephen Love, University of Idaho, Aberdeen R&E Center

Title: Acquisition of High Elevation, Dwarf and Compact Forms of Idaho Penstemon Species for Horticultural Use

Awarded: \$450.00

This project is part of ongoing research at the University of Idaho to develop a unique and productive native plant domestication program. Funds will be used to cover travel costs associated with a 2-3 day scouting excursion to explore prospective high elevation destinations including the Lemhi Range, Bitterroot Mts. Seven Devils, and Soldier Mts. Dwarf, compact, and prostrate forms of Penstemons are some of the forms most desired to use for domestication. The final product will include germplasm and herbarium specimens as well as the whereabouts of possible specimens for domestication. Specimens will be collected either by seed or stem cuttings and grown on research plots at Aberdeen R&E center and evaluated for horticultural potential.

Sincerely,

Janet Bala

In the past, grants have been let with no deadline for completion. Completion deadlines are needed for all future grants.

d. Membership Committee--Skipped

e. Nominating Committee -- No report

f. Photo Contest Committee

Karie Pappani reported that eleven people submitted photos and winners were announced in Sage Notes. Karie thinks the program should continue annually and works well as an outreach program to get members involved. The winners were quite excited. There was discussion about rotating leadership of the photo

committee among the chapters but it seems that what is really needed is an enthusiastic individual to lead the contest. Karie's effort to set up procedures for the committee should result in less effort being needed to run the committee in future years.

g. Rare Plant Conference Committee

Beth Corbin has sent the following comments on the Rare Plant conference:

Hi LaMar:

Here's my thought on the RPC:

Overall:

-I thought it went very well.

-Good participation from lots of folks.

-People liked the format pretty well.

-We successfully managed to ratify the change in the Rare Plant List format, and reviewed (and finalized ranking) a lot of rare plants.

-The presentations were well-done, and well-received, on a variety of topics.

-The venue worked well, except for the projector colors.

-The after-hours social times went well, and were moderately well-attended.

Things to Change:

-Make it 2 full days (rather than 1.5), and put the presentations before the rare plant list discussion.

-Need to charge more for registration to make sure expenses are covered, plus provide funds for ERIG.

-The printing of the bag graphics was not as clear as preferred.

-I've organized 2 RPCs (with lots of help, of course), and now it's someone else's turn. Caroline Morris also would like to hand off responsibilities, I think.

Follow-up:

-Hopefully, the momentum of the Rare Plant Working Groups will continue between RPCs, and the Conservation Committee can help provide direction, when needed.

-The electronic Rare Plant Forum is a great mechanism for this, as long as people use it.

-Consider funding an increase in memory space for the Forum. I haven't looked into costs - \$100?

I'd appreciate any feedback that the board has.

Thanks much! See you Friday.

Beth

Beth will not be running the next conference, but Holly Beck may be willing to do so.

i. Website Committee

The INPS web site is out of date and needs to be flashy to attract more users. Paul Schaefer is willing to work on the web page but needs direction. Karie Pappani, Nancy Miller and hopefully Ann DeBolt will work with Paul to improve the site, perhaps patterning it after good sites such as the Washington or California web site.

Item #5

Additional issues facing INPS

The items below were not specifically or individually discussed. The main item discussed were the 6 pages (not attached) sent by the treasurer, Elaine Walker to LaMar, concerning her work load and how she is not willing to continue unless changes are made such as adding personnel, or otherwise reducing the work load. The outcome of the discussion was that Bob McCoy and Nancy Miller will work with Elaine and Paul Schaefer to find software that will simplify management of finances and membership, presumably using commercially available software. Additionally, another person must become involved to help ensure the integrity of the INPS finances. This was an important finding suggested in the recent audit of INPS's books.

a. What programs and committees should INPS retain and are there some that we should drop or add?

b. Need for a paid director? Part time, full time, none at all?

c. Need for changes to the INPS treasurer's workload.

- d. How will membership be handled in the future? All through INPS, through the chapters, a combination, will renewals continue do come due on the first of the year?*
- e. Review of cost of membership dues. Other ways of raising funds for INPS programs? Fred Meyer community charity program?*
- f. Annual meetings? Will we continue with joint meetings as the opportunity arrives? What activities should be provided at the annual meetings? Should be always camp? Other ideas?*
- g. Sage Notes issues: articles, timeliness, editor's fee, other?*
- h. INPS website? Are there changes needed? Can the website be used for effectively?*
- i. Other topics for discussion?*

Respectfully submitted

Alan B. Crockett
Secretary, INPS
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