

KNPS MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 1, 2005
Coldwater, KS

The meeting was opened by President Valerie Wright at 9:20 a.m. She first thanked the KNPS Board for their contributions during her terms in office and reviewed some of the positive accomplishments of the organization, including the increase in membership and the movement toward becoming a statewide organization a reality. To more fully accomplish the latter, Valerie asked the general membership to consider joining and working on a committee of the society.

Craig Freeman from the Nominating Committee recognized the retiring seven Board Members for their combined service of 72 years and presented the slates of new board members for three-year-terms and of officers for one-year-terms. Board Members: Iralee Barnard, Fred Coombs, Nancy Coombs, Donna Cooper, Ann Feyerharm, June Kliesen, and Frank Norman. Officers: President-Jeff Hansen; President Elect-Michael Heffron; Secretary-Cynthia Ford; Treasurer-Sr. Patricia Stanley. It was moved and seconded to accept the slate. Motion passed.

Krista Dahlinger representing the Sales Committee introduced the new tee-shirts and stated that other items with the logo are being explored. It was also pointed out that Craig Freeman and Mike Haddock's wildflower/native plant manuals are on sale at the meeting and available to be autographed by the authors.

Shirley Braunlich reported that the society sponsored 20 outings this past year. Our forays are being promoted in a number of venues. Those planning events should keep Shirley informed. According to Jeff Hansen the website is now complete, and we have entered the maintenance stage. It will continue to be updated. Anyone with information to be posted should send it to Jeff. Jane Freeman reported that KNPS at this time has an approximate membership of 310 and that 81 new members have joined since January.

Highlights of the Saturday night Board meeting were shared with the membership. The society is cooperating with Marci Penner of Kansas Sampler in a push to have an official state grass named. Possibly school children throughout the state would play a role in choosing the grass. The KNPS brochure will be reprinted in black and white with minor changes and the new list of outings. The 1,000 copies from last year have all been distributed. We will have 2,000 copies available by March. A volunteer is needed to spearhead the proposed 2006 Van Tour. Shirley Braunlich is investigating the possibility of having the Governor name an official Kansas Native Plant Day or Month, probably June. The dates for the Annual Meeting in 2006 will be September 8 and 9.

Stan Roth made a recommendation that the 2006 Annual Meeting be held in the part of the state north of Topeka and Lawrence. Members from that area were in agreement and willing to accept the suggestion in principle.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed.

Submitted by Nancy Goulden