

**KANSAS NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY  
WINTER BOARD MEETING**

12:00 – 3:00 January 27, 2007

(This meeting was originally scheduled for Jan. 20  
but was postponed for 1 week due to a snowstorm.)

Emporia State University, Emporia KS  
Science Hall, Room 159

**Members Present:** Jeff Hansen, Cindy Ford, Iralee Barnard, Fred Coombs, Shirley Braunlich, Nancy Goulden, Sister Pat Stanley, Jane Freeman, Nancy Coombs, Craig Freeman, Carroll Morgenson, Dee Scherich, Phyllis Scherich, Ann Feyerharm, Krista Dahlinger, Michael Heffron.

**Welcome and Minutes:** President Jeff Hansen called the meeting to order and welcomed all. Each person introduced themselves. Jeff asked for corrections or additions to the minutes of the September meeting. Michael moved, and Craig seconded that the minutes be accepted with a minor correction. Passed.

After a review of the September Annual Meeting minutes Sister Pat moved and Nancy seconded that they be accepted as printed. Passed.

**Treasurer Report:** Sister Pat presented the Treasurer's Report. It revealed the organization had \$2415.00 more income than expenses for 2006. Phyllis moved, and Craig seconded it be accepted. Passed. Discussion followed concerning some dissatisfaction by Sister Pat with the bank currently handling the account. Michael Heffron volunteered to find what other banks offer for services and fees; he will report back at the April meeting.

**Spring Board Meeting Date & Place:** Iralee gave some ideas for spring meeting places. After a discussion Michael moved we select April 7 as the date, seconded by Sister Pat. Passed. Craig moved we meet in Wichita to view the Natural Landscaping and Conservation Area of the Wichita Clinic at Founder's Circle, with Tallgrass Preserve as a backup. Seconded by Krista. Passed. Phyllis will contact them for further arrangements. Krista also offered any assistance.

**Summer Board Meeting Date & Place:** Craig moved we set July 14 for the summer board meeting. Second by Krista. Passed. Michael moved Iralee set it up for Kanopolis Lake, with Butler Community College as a backup. Seconded by Krista. Passed.

**Planning Committee for Annual Meeting (Annual Membership Event):** Dates are Sept. 21, 22, 23 at Hutchinson. Volunteers for "putting it on paper" are Craig, Jane, Jeff, & Krista. Craig suggested we contact James and Betty Taylor in Hutchinson for local assistance. Fred Coombs suggested we need to "re-create" our Annual Meeting by "pitching" it with a more inviting name to encourage more public participation. It was the consensus of the group that we do so. A discussion on a new name will be held via email.

**KNWAC & TLA Board membership:** Jeff indicated these two organizations have asked for a representative of KNPS to serve on their respective boards. Carroll Morgenson, with Krista and Jeff as backups, volunteered to have their names submitted for the Kansas Nongame Wildlife Advisory Council (KNWAC) Board. Iralee volunteered to have her name submitted as a KNPS representative to the Tallgrass Legacy Alliance (TLA).

**Publicity Plans:** After discussion it was determined we need an on-line discussion of what we need to do for publicity. Shirley suggested we need some Procedure Guidelines for news releases.

**Status of How to Host a Wildflower Tour:** Krista reported that a publication, *Steps to Success - A Wildflower Tour Planning Guide*, has been posted on the KNPS website. She reported three new tours who are using this as a guide.

**Proclamation for 2007 Native Plant Appreciation Month:** Shirley distributed packets with information on asking our governor to proclaim June as Plant Appreciation Month. Craig moved that Shirley proceed with plans obtain the governor's signature, seconded by Sister Pat. Passed. Jeff expressed appreciation from the group for the work Shirley has put into this.

**KNPS Roadside Statement to Reduce Mowing Along Roadways:** Craig referred to the printed stance of KNPS. As chairman of the Public Policy Committee Fred indicated his committee will be meeting to discuss this issue and develop a proposed plan of action for KNPS. The committee will also take stock of any other Policy issues that they feel need to be addressed.

**Newsletter Issues:** Nancy Goulden announced the Winter 2007 issue is at the printer. She enumerated several problems with the newsletter over the last year. She and Sister Pat have three suggestions – all of which will require extra money: 1. Change to a more expensive and higher quality printer (they have already gone to a different printer with the Jan issue). The deadline for submissions for inclusion in the newsletter will have to be moved up to accommodate the printer's deadline. 2. Funding one color issue (July) and asking for donations for a second color issue (Oct). 3. Sometimes there is a need for extra pages (July issue). All three changes will result in a approximate increase of \$1500 over what was spent on the newsletter in 2006. This will make the budget request for the newsletter expenses for 2007, \$3000. It was a general consensus of the group that the Newsletter is one of our best publicity tools and it should be as attractive as possible. Nancy moved, seconded by Craig, that Nancy and Pat will proceed with the above recommendations. Passed.

**Brochure & Distribution:** Shirley distributed copies of the 2007 Brochure, one in color, one in black & white. Ann moved that they be printed in color, seconded by Carroll. Passed. Shirley will have 3000 printed.

**Business Cards:** Krista offered to design and have printed KNPS Business Cards with information on the 2007 Annual Meeting. Nancy Goulden moved she spend \$150 or less to do this. Seconded by Sister Pat. Passed.

**Increase Bancroft Scholarship to \$1000:** Jeff reminded members that increasing the Bancroft Scholarship to \$1000 has been discussed by KNPS, but action needs to be taken. Fred moved we increase the offered scholarship to \$1000. Seconded by Nancy Coombs. Passed.

**Membership Report:** Jeff apologized for skipping the membership report listed earlier on the agenda and asked Jane to report. Jane reported in 2005 there had been 76 new members, in 2006 86 new members. In Jan 2006 there were 330 total members; in Jan 2007 there are 359 total members. Membership appears to be holding about even.

**Jane's Replacement as Administrative Assistant:** Iralee reported that one candidate for the position had declined to interview further. Craig shared that Jane had admitted that her biggest

problem with continuing was being restricted from participating in the Annual Meeting by being tied up with manning the registration, etc. table. With a general agreement that other Board members could relieve her of much of this responsibility by taking a “shift” at the table during the meeting she agreed to continue in the position, but KNPS needs to continue looking for a suitable replacement. Thank you, Jane.

**Native Plant Sale:** Jeff shared information from Ken O’Dell of Vinland Valley Nursery – who would like for KNPS to sponsor a Native Plant Sale – they will supply the plants – we organize and man the event. They receive 60% of proceeds, KNPS 40%. After a discussion Craig suggested we not move on this issue until further study is done on quality, etc. He recommended we “keep the door open”, but take no action at this time.

**Recognize Dwight Platt:** Shirley moved we recognize Dwight Platt for his long association (he was a Charter Member) with KNPS (and KWS) with: 1. An article in the Spring Newsletter 2. A gift from KNPS 3. A nomination for the Botanist Award for 2007. Seconded by Nancy Coombs. Passed. Shirley will write the article for the newsletter, Jane will select a gift, Shirley will proceed with the Botanist Award nomination forms, with input from other members of the board.

**Symphony Involvement:** KNPS has been invited to participate in the Second Symphony in the Flinthills to be held June 16 in Wabaunsee County by leading wildflower walks. Symphony tickets will be awarded to volunteers who give at least 4 hours to this project. Craig indicated he has been asked to do a presentation. A discussion followed concerning problems with organization by the symphony group last year that caused problems for KNPS volunteers. Nancy Goulden suggested we use an e-mail call to list problems various members encountered and suggestions on changes that need to be made. She recommended sending a letter stating that KNPS would like to be involved if these problems could be alleviated. Nancy volunteered to be the initial contact person for involvement of members in this project.

**Tallgrass Preserve Wildflower Weekend:** Iralee announced the Tallgrass Preserve Wildflower Weekend will be June 9 & 10 from 10 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. each day. Members of KNPS are invited to participate in any way. There will be House Tours, a Prairie Bus Tour, Hands-on Demos, etc. They would like KNPS to do guided Wildflower Walks. Jeff moved KNPS participate in this on an individual voluntary basis, seconded by Carroll. Passed. A sign-up list was passed for sign-ups.

**KNPS Slides Status:** Craig reported that he is in the process of freeing up assistants to accomplish this. Action will begin soon.

**Lawrence Art Guild Project:** Craig reported that the Lawrence Art Guild (LAG) has started a river art garden project between Constant Park and Burcham Park in Lawrence. Marie Thompson has invited KNPS to participate by providing interpretive information about plants in the area. Craig will coordinate with any KNPS members in the Lawrence who may wish to contribute.

**Topeka Garden Show:** Jeff said he has been contacted asking for participation by KNPS in the show. It was a consensus that this would be a good place to get some visibility, but that the opportunities for new members would be limited. The deadline for registration has passed, so there will be no involvement by KNPS.

**Approve Budget:** No action was taken until items approved today have been added. Will ask for approval in April.

**KATS – Kansas Association for Teachers of Science:** Cindy will get posters to the KACEE Board for display and distribution at this meeting.

**Kansas Trails Council:** Jane moved we purchase a \$25 Kansas Trail Council Membership. They reciprocate. Second by Jeff. Passed.

**Adjournment:** President Jeff declared the meeting adjourned.

**Action Items:**

- **Michael Heffron** - Check on services and fees at other banks – report in April
- **Phyllis & Krista**– Make arrangements for April Board Meeting in Wichita
- **Iralee** – Make arrangements for July Board Meeting at Kanopolis
- **Craig** – Contact James and Betty Taylor for local assistance for Annual Meeting
- **Craig, Jane, Jeff & Krista** – Put Annual Meeting “on paper”
- **Jeff** – Submit names for KNWAC & TLA Board membership to represent KNPS
- **All** – Continue to help nominate a person as Administrative Assistant for KNPS
- **Jeff** – Further study on Ken O’Dell of Vinland Valley Nursery on proposed fundraiser
- **Who? Shirley? Valerie?** – Write article honoring Dwight Platt for Spring Newsletter
- **Jane** – Select gift for Dwight Platt to be presented at Annual Meeting
- **Shirley** – Proceed with filling out nomination papers for Dwight Platt for Botanist Award for 2007
- **Nancy G.** – E-mail call for symphony problems last year (Already in Progress!)
- **Nancy G.?** – Send letter to Symphony stating our needs and expectations and willingness to be involved
- **Anyone** – Sign up for Tallgrass Preserve Wildflower Weekend (if you didn’t at January Board Meeting – Iralee contact person.
- **Craig** – Continue with slide scanning project
- **Craig** – Be contact person for Lawrence Art Guild Project
- **Phyllis & Publicity Comm** – On-line discussion on a “publicity plan”
- **Shirley** – Proceed with Proclamation project for June as Plant Appreciation Month
- **Fred** – Meet with Public Policy Committee
- **Anyone** – Request computer copy of brochure from Shirley if you wish to print additional copies on your own printer for distribution at a local event.
- **Krista** – Design and have printed Business Cards for Annual Meeting (Need new name first)
- **Awards Comm.** – Get information on Bancroft Scholarship to possible applicants
- **Sister Pat & Jeff** – Finish up 2007 Budget and submit for on-line approval
- **Cindy** – Get posters to them for distribution at KACEE meeting
- **Sister Pat** – Pay \$25 dues to Kansas Trail Council