

**Kansas Native Plant Society
Board of Directors Fall Meeting
Oct. 3, 2008 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Sternberg Museum
Hays KS**

Members present were: Evelyn Reed, Jeff Hansen, Krista Dahlinger, Craig Freeman, Jane Freeman, Shirley Braulich, Mike Haddock, Sr. Patricia Stanley, Earl Allen, Nancy Coombs, Fred Coombs, Valerie Wright, Dee Scherich, Phyllis Scherich, Frank Norman, Michael Heffron and new board member nominee, Susan Reimer.

President Michael Heffron called the meeting to order and thanked all for coming. Each member introduced him/her self. The July Board meeting minutes were discussed. Phyllis moved they be accepted. Seconded by Craig. Approved.

Michael reminded members of the Winter Board meeting at the Kirby House in Abilene Jan. 17 (snow date Jan. 24), 2009. Meet at 11:30 for lunch – each will order off the menu. The meeting will begin after lunch. Iralee is the contact person for making arrangements with the Kirby House.

Craig Freeman reported that the Spring Board meeting will be held April 18 (25 snow date) at the Overland Park Arboretum (address of the arboretum is 8909 W 179th Street, Overland Park, KS 66085.) Karen Kerkhoff, director, and Phyllis Merrick have reserved the classroom for our meeting from 10 am-1 pm. If necessary, we can start eating lunch while we are wrapping up our business. We have access to the property for a tour from 1:30-4:30 pm. Ken O’Dell, one of our new board members, and Lynda Ochs have agreed to talk to us during that period about the prairie restoration project and other ongoing work at the arboretum. The meeting is early enough in the spring that an afternoon tour will be better than one in the morning – more time for it to warm up. Jeff suggested that we invite KNPS members to the program/tour that will follow the board meeting.

Michael outlined preparations and details for the rest of the weekend.

Craig presented the nominations for 2009 Board members for a 1-year term, compiled by the committee of Craig, Jeff and Valerie: Phyllis Scherich, secretary; Krista Dahlinger, treasurer; Craig Freeman, president-elect; Michael Heffron, president. Board members for a 3-year term: Iralee Barnard of Hope, Fred Coombs of Holton, Nancy Coombs of Holton, June Kliesen of Wilmore, Frank Norman of Lawrence Susan Reimer of McPherson and Ken Odell of Paola. Mike Haddock seconded the nomination slate. Approved. These officers will be presented to the membership at the Annual Meeting Saturday for acceptance. Jane will send a “missed you” note to Ann Feyerharm, who has resigned from the Board, thanking her for her three years of service. She will also send a “missed you” note to Carroll Morgenson.

In the absence of Nancy Goulden and June Kliesen, Evelyn Reed asked members to sign up for Newsletter articles for the activities of the weekend and reminded them of the short deadline date for their articles. She also asked members to send pictures from the weekend events.

Krista and Sister Pat gave the Treasurer’s report. Fred Coombs moved it be accepted. Sister Pat seconded it. Approved. Valerie made a motion to discuss and finalize our 2009 budget at the January meeting. Sister Pat seconded it. Approved. To expedite planning and discussions at that meeting, each committee chairman needs to send a summary of their anticipated budget needs for

2009 to Krista by e-mail to board@ksps.org by January 1 so the budget may be ready for discussion and acceptance at the meeting.

Jeff gave a membership report. As of September 28, there are 403 regular members (88 new) and 40 “gratis” members. Of these, 24 indicated they were influenced to join by the brochure, 1 by the packet, 2 by the newsletter, 21 by a KNPS sponsored outing, and 37 by the web.

Michael, in Iralee’s absence, announced Sept. 12-13, 2009, as the dates for the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve weekend and asked if KNPS would again like to participate. Jeff moved KNPS participate, seconded by Evelyn. Approved. This would be another opportunity to encourage all KNPS members to attend.

Earl Allen reported on the Legacy Fund. He proposed that KNPS establish an investment account using only “new” money designated for that purpose. He recommended it be invested with American Century Investors in the Vista Fund, a mid-cap growth, U.S. fund. He suggested that pledges be accepted until we reach the \$2500 minimum amount needed to open the account, whereupon “pledges” will be notified to send their money. The fund will be used for special and long-term projects. It gives donors an opportunity to make tax-deductible donations. He recommended Craig, Krista, and Jeff be given signature authority for the Legacy Fund. Valerie moved KNPS set up such a Legacy Fund, seconded by Jeff. Approved.

Amendment to minutes: On November 24, 2009, a majority of the members of the Board of Directors of the Kansas Native Plant Society voted in favor of a recommendation from the KNPS Investment Committee to invest money donated for the society’s Legacy Fund in the American Century One Choice Portfolio: Moderate Fund instead of the American Century Vista Fund.

The Board of Directors of the Kansas Native Plant Society (KNPS) voted to open an investment account with American Century Investors. Funds will be invested in the VISTA Fund. Members authorized with signature authority on the account are: Craig Freeman, Jeff Hansen, and Krista Dahlinger.

Only one signature of any of the above will be required as needed by American Century Investors to represent the Kansas Native Plant Society (KNPS). The account will be opened when the necessary minimum investment amount is donated.

Shirley asked that we discuss our “Wish List” for the Legacy Fund at the January meeting.

Jeff suggested we have a “plan of attack” to educate others about Kansas plants. He would like for an Education Program be discussed at the January meeting. Valerie suggested the Education Committee prepare a proposal for discussion at the January meeting.

Frank Norman moved the meeting be adjourned. Sister Pat seconded the motion. Approved. Michael announced the adjournment.

Following adjournment a buffet luncheon was enjoyed, then the group caravanned to a private ranch north of Hays.