

Kansas Native Plant Society – Winter Board Meeting
Breukelman Science Hall, Room 156; Emporia, KS
February 4, 2011; 12-3 PM

Members present: Earl Allen, Jocelyn Baker, Iralee Barnard, Shirley Braunlich, Fred Coombs, Nancy Coombs, Krista Dahlinger, Mickey Delfelder, Cindy Ford, Craig Freeman, Jane Freeman, Nancy Goulden, Brad Guhr, Mike Haddock, Jeff Hansen, Susan Reimer, Dave Welfelt, Valerie Wright.

Welcome: President Mickey Delfelder welcomed members. Fred moved to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2011 board meeting, Iralee seconded. Approved.

President's report: Mickey noted receipt of letters from Sterling College thanking KNPS for Heritage Tree Walkway funding and from Lawrence Public Library for donated books.

Review of 2011 budget: Krista reported total KNPS assets on 12.31.2011 as \$26,905.60. Actual 2011 income was \$20,658.37; actual expenses: \$19,114.07 Earl moved to approve report; Dave seconded. Approved.

Brochure/Outings: Jocelyn and Shirley said 5300 brochures for the 2012 calendar year will be printed by mid-February.

Newsletter: Nancy G. said newsletters are scheduled to arrive the 15th of the month. She solicited ideas for future articles and said an artist is needed for the section 'featured plant'.

Website: Jeff reported that visits to the website, subscribers to the email list, and the number of events posted all increased in 2011 over past years. A major accomplishment is the creation of KNPS regions. Pages and PDFs on our site totaled 475 (per sitemap). Jeff reported 640 subscribers on our Google group email list; 133 events were listed in 2011.

Membership: Jeff presented statistics as of 2.3.2012: 73 gratis memberships (non-profit organizations); 745 paying members (684 in Kansas; 61 others).

Membership Regions: Jeff reported that most KNPS regions have leaders; there are still some vacancies in far western parts of the state. Seven regions are now on *Facebook*.

Request for speaker reimbursement funds: Ken raised the question of funding for event speakers; a discussion followed, no decision was made.

New Business

Legacy fund: Questions were raised about the purpose of the legacy fund. It

was decided to let it build; use dividends later to support the long-term mission of KNPS.

Criteria for listing events from other organizations: Shirley and Jeff discussed various listing requests. It was agreed to list only plant-related events on the website and in the newsletter.

KNPS Posters: Craig F. announced that 1000 posters are now available. Craig H. requested a few dozen posters as incentives in a yearlong reading program for grade school children in Kansas City, KS. The board endorsed the use of the posters for the program.

Decal purchase: Jeff/Krista offered ideas to fund a new KNPS decal, design to be determined. Dave moved to have artwork for it at the next meeting and to budget funds for it. Shirley seconded to budget \$150 for 50 decals. Motion passed.

Recent/Upcoming Events: Craig F reported that he and Jane represented KNPS at the 2012 Eagles Day at Free State High School in Lawrence. The event was well attended, and four new members joined KNPS. Jeff said volunteers are needed for the KNPS booth at the Kaw Valley Seeds Project Fair (Douglas County Fairgrounds, February 11) and for the Kansas Garden Show (Topeka, February 17-19).

Membership Expenses: Krista/Jeff presented statistics on student memberships versus KNPS costs for student renewals, which generally result in losses due to non-renewal. They proposed raising student dues from \$10 to \$15. It was suggested to leave student membership fees at \$10, but offer only electronic memberships to students. It was decided that more information is needed regarding costs, so no decision was made on this issue.

AWW Committee report: Jeff/Dave/Chelsea/Mike
Dave presented plans for the 2012 AWW in Winfield, reviewing details about meeting places, outings, hotels, and the newly refurbished Richardson Performing Arts Center for the Tallgrass Express String Band (TESB) performance on Friday night. All of the funding for the TESB performance was donated anonymously. Dave mentioned several prime sites for possible wildflower walks in the region, which has 20 limestone bridges.

Wildflower of the year for 2012 > 2014: Ken gave out a sheet of the plant resources committee selection of the genus *Sisyrinchium* for the 2014 Wildflower of the Year. Also called Blue-eyed grass, there are four species native in Kansas: *S. angustifolium*, *S. campestre*, *S. langloisii* (aka *S. pruinosum*), and *S. montanum*. The motion from committee to accept *Sisyrinchium* as the 2014 Wildflower of the Year passed. *Schizachyrium scoparium*, or Little Bluestem, is the 2013 Wildflower of the Year. *Amorpha canescens*, or Lead Plant, is the 2012

Wildflower of the Year.

Future meetings:

The Spring Board Meeting is April 14, 2012 at 1 pm at the Great Plains Nature Center (GPNC) in Wichita. Krista will lead a plant walk following the meeting. Jeff suggested changing the 2013 Spring Board Meeting date to early May; no action was taken.

The Summer Board Meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2012 at 1 pm at the Mr. and Mrs. F.L. Schlagle Library, 4051 West Drive, Kansas City, KS (exit 18 off of 435). Craig H. has been asked to lead a plant walk there at 9 am. Ken said that Lenora Larson's annual potluck dinner is that same day at her Long Lips Farm in Miami County near Paola. She is a KNPS member, known for her butterfly gardens.

Discussion and approval of 2012 budget: Earl moved to approve the budget as presented by Krista. Craig F seconded the motion; passed with two abstentions.

Valerie said it is time to reactivate the Little Bluestem committee to prepare for the selection of Little Bluestem as the 2013 plant of the year. Valerie and Nancy G. are co-chairs; members are Iralee, Nancy C, Ken, Sue Kidd, and Phyllis.

Adjournment: by acclamation at 3 pm.

Nancy Coombs, Secretary