

Pines and Prairies NPSOT Board Meeting

Thursday, January 28, 2021
Zoom meeting hosted by Meg Inglis

Present: 6 of 7 Board members and 6 general members and Meg Inglis-*State Landscape Certification Coordinator*: *Abbie Ince-Hendrickson-*Director at Large*, *Adam Black-*President*, *Aram Derewetzky-*Director at Large*, Alicia Mein-Johnson, Anita Tiller, Carol Childres, Carolyn Langlinais; *David Lemons-*Treasurer*, Eric Walberg, Kathie Herrick-*acting Secretary*, *Kimberlie Cox-*Director at Large*, *Martin Simonton-*Vice President*, Petra Gebert, Gail McConnell (at 6:15p)

Called to order at 6:05pm by Adam Black

- 1. Vote to fill Board vacancy.** Adam requested to step down as President because of prior work commitments. Abbie stated that an agreement by a majority of 10% of the **total membership (37)** is sufficient to fill a Board vacancy. Gail McConnell was nominated as our President all members unanimously approved. Gail joined the meeting at 6:15pm
- 2. Approval of Minutes** Aram moved to accept January 14, 2021, prepared by Gail McConnell; Abbie seconded. The motion passed without objection.

3. Project participation by P&P Chapter:

a. Heartwood Texas Master Naturalists' **Cultivating Nature** assisting Mike McGee and Carson Stokes in plant selection and recommendations for South Montgomery County/Woodlands pilot. Gail asked that P&P send a representative other than Heartwood member. ~~Alicia Mein-Johnson, affiliated with Jesse Jones Park, volunteered to be P&P representative on the project.~~ She has offered greenhouse space at Jesse Jones for native plant propagation.

Meg Inglis commented that NLCP (Native Plant Certification Program) is unable to provide an editable plant list for use in this endeavor but would make .pdf available. Carolyn reported that she is also in negotiations with TPWD for use of the Wildscapes database.

Carolyn reminded the group that Doug Tallamy author of *Nature's Best Hope* and *Bringing Nature Home* will be the featured speaker at TMN Tuesday, Feb 9, 12-1pm; register at txmn.org

Aram moved to approve P&P participation in the project, seconded by Martin. Motion carried without objection.

b. Carl Barton Demonstration Garden. This open space at a sports complex with hiking trails is frequented by families on the weekend. Gail envisions a P&P partnership between the Conroe Parks Department, Heartwood Texas Master Naturalists, Master Gardeners, and perhaps asking Glenn Olsen (Lake Creek Nature Preserve) to help advise. John Martin (Bayou Land Conservancy volunteer), who maintains the trails at Carl Barton suggested opportunity to Gail. Aram moved to approve P&P participation, seconded by David. Motion carried without objection.

c. NPSOT Landscaping Courses. The NLCP classes are SE Houston/Gulf Coast centered. Interest at the state level to provide localized information for an E Texas focus. Our membership would

amend the basic curriculum. Gail will ask for the course outlines. Adam, Martin and Anita are interested in creating course materials and suggesting field trip sites.

Abbie offered motion to approve and Martin seconded. Motion carried without objection.

4. Meet and Greet Saturday, February 20, 2021, 2-4pm at Nature's Way Resources.

Socially distanced, outdoor opportunity for P&P Chapter members to meet and sign-up for committees. NWR will be closed to the public. Besides sharing the above projects with membership we will have members to discuss support activities in seed collecting, plant I.D., plant rescues and State NPSOT programs like NICE (Plant of the month partnership with local native nurseries).

Abbie moved that the chapter proceed with organizing the "meet and greet"; Aram seconded. Motion passed without objection.

5. P&P logo development. Five designs have been submitted by Aram, Abbie, David and Kim. State encourages design incorporation of a regional flower. Adam emphasized botanical accuracy. Abbie moved that Adam and Martin review designs after which they will be sent to membership for a vote. Kim seconded. Motion carried.

6. Programs. Martin suggested a timeline of seed collecting field trips in May followed by propagation workshops in June with a longer view to hold plant sales in October; details to be finalized after the Feb 20 Meet and Greet. Grow out spaces include Jesse Jones, at Martin's, and a possible Chapter area at Nature's Way Resources.

7. Bank for Chapter Account. Gail advised that the state organization uses Chase Bank as well as most of the Chapters. The State remits 15% of membership dues to the Chapter for start-up expenses. David recommended Chase. Martin moved to use Chase for our banking needs; Abbie seconded. The motion was approved.

8. Additional business. Call for a permanent Secretary to join the Board.

Next Board Meeting Thursday February 4, 6:30-7:30pm

Meeting adjourned 7:10p

Accepted by the Board with strikeout correction on February 4, 2021

Signed electronically: Kathie Herrick, Acting Secretary
Gail McConnell, President