

**Virginia Native Plant Society
Potowmack Chapter Board Meeting
10 December 2015**

The meeting was held at Green Spring Gardens Park. It was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Alan Ford, president. Attendees were Laura Beaty, Lori Bowes, Margaret Chatham, Roberta Day, Sue Dingwell, Scott Knudsen, Donna Murphy, Marty Nielsen, Karoline Oldham, Michael Reinemer, Pat Salamone, and Bob Yacovissi.

The board welcomed Lori Bowes as our new chapter vice president. Lori has volunteered with Earth Sangha and served as a tree steward, and is active with the Arlington Master Naturalists (ARMN).

MINUTES

The minutes from the 8 November chapter annual meeting and the 3 September board meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The transition of the treasurer's role from Maureen Pardue to Scott Knudsen is underway; Scott met with Maureen to work the November numbers.

Alan noted that the budget for the *Plant NoVA Natives* guide is now net positive; we have taken in more money than we have spent in printing costs. VNPS will not have to front any money for the next printing.

MEMBERSHIP

Bob reported that we have 433 memberships as of the end of November.

BYLAWS

Alan noted that we will need to revise the chapter bylaws to reflect the change in our fiscal year from starting in October to starting in January. The board believes that this is an administrative change and does not need to be voted on by the membership.

Alan reminded the board that although our bylaws call for us to have a Nominating Committee we do not have one. The members of this committee should be one non-elected board member and two chapter members who are not members of the Board; in addition, the membership chair is an *ex officio* member. Alan will call for participants at the January program meeting.

PROGRAMS

Donna handed out a list of upcoming presentations and walks. After reviewing the list and discussing the programs, the board thanked Donna for once again lining up such an excellent roster of programs.

2017 VNPS STATE ANNUAL MEETING

Our chapter will host the 2017 state annual meeting. This will be a tri-state meeting, co-sponsored by the Maryland Native Plant Society and the West Virginia Native Plant Society. It will be held at the US Fish and Wildlife Service's National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, West Virginia, from 29 September through 1 October 2017. (The 2016 annual meeting will be held in the Blacksburg area.) Sue has already been very active in planning for the 2017 meeting, and several board members volunteered to join her on the planning committee.

ADJOURNMENT AND FUTURE MEETINGS

The board meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:50 P.M. The next meeting is scheduled for 21 January 2016 at 7:30 P.M. Subsequent meetings are scheduled for 3 March and 5 May.

Respectfully submitted, Patricia P. Salamone, Secretary

