

**Virginia Native Plant Society  
Potowmack Chapter Annual Meeting  
12 November 2017**

The meeting was held at Green Spring Gardens Park. There were about 50-55 attendees. Alan Ford, president, welcomed the attendees and convened the business meeting at 1:00 p.m.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Alan announced that Lori Bowes has resigned as vice president and urged anyone interested in the position to contact him or another board member. There were no nominations from the floor, and the proposed slate of officers was approved by a unanimous voice vote:

- President: Alan Ford
- Vice President: *Position vacant*
- Treasurer: Scott Knudsen
- Secretary: Patricia Salamone

**APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET**

Alan presented the proposed 2018 budget (attached). As in previous years, the budget is balanced in terms of standard operating expenses, with budgeted expenses of \$14,800 matching our anticipated income. However, the budget is net negative since it also includes \$4,000 in additional expenses for specific initiatives approved by the board, which will be paid for out of our savings. These expenses are:

Native plant internship at Huntley Meadows	\$2,800
Removal of the Norway maple tree overhanging our propagation beds	\$1,000
Larry Morse Memorial Fund (donation to NatureServe)	\$200

Alan reported that we have about \$17,500 in our checking account and \$25,200 in our savings account. There was no discussion and the budget was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Following a brief recap of the annual meeting in Shepherdstown, the business meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:05.

**PRESENTATION**

Donna Murphy, programs chair, announced some upcoming events and introduced Dean Arkema, who will help with planning and promoting field trips. She then introduced the speaker for the afternoon's program, Dr. Ashley Egan, a research scientist and assistant curator at the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, who specializes in legume biology. Her topic was "A Tale of Two Vines: The Far Reaching and Few Between."

Respectfully submitted, Patricia P. Salamone, Secretary

## **ATTACHMENT: FY2018 BUDGET**

### **FY2018 BUDGET APPROVAL**

The Board of the Potowmack Chapter VNPS presents the following proposed budget for fiscal year 2018

#### **INCOME**

Donations	\$800
Member Dues	\$4,700
Sales	\$9,300
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$14,800</b>

#### **EXPENSES**

Administrative	\$500
Green Spring Room Fees	\$2,500
Membership	\$200
Programs	\$1,500
Newsletter	\$3,200
Internship at Green Spring Gardens	\$3,500
Plant Sales (Fairfax County cut)	\$1,400
Sales tax	\$500
Printing/Publications	\$200
Miscellaneous	\$300
Special Board Action	\$1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,800</b>

#### **BOARD APPROVED EXPENSES AGAINST SAVINGS**

Internship at Huntley Meadows	\$2,800
Norway Maple Tree removal	\$1,000
Plant NOVA Natives Guide	\$0
Larry Morse Memorial Fund (donation to Nature Serve)	\$200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>