

**Virginia Native Plant Society  
Potowmack Chapter Board Meeting  
1 November 2018**

The meeting was held at the City of Fairfax Regional Library. It was called to order at 7:40 P.M. by Alan Ford, president. Board members present were Dean Arkema, Laura Beaty, Margaret Chatham, Roberta Day, Scott Knudsen, and Patricia Salamone.

**MINUTES**

The minutes from the 5 September 2018 board meeting were approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Alan and Scott will close out our current checking account at BB&T and transfer the money to a new account. This is a response to the fraudulent attempt to obtain money from us which was reported at the last board meeting.

Alan reported that we will be purchasing another printing of the *Plant NOVA Natives Guide*: 5,000 copies for \$8,800. Once that is paid for, Alan proposes to give any surplus money back to the Plant NOVA Natives project. Based on how many copies have been sold, we should have enough to cover the \$8,800; however, Alan and Scott need to verify how much—if any—surplus funding there is. The PNNG funding is separate from the chapter funding.

**PROGRAMS AND WALKS**

Alan reminded the board that the annual winter solstice walk led by Rod Simmons is a VNPS-sponsored event. Dean mentioned some ideas for 2019 walks including a couple of tree walks and a walk at Riverbend Park.

**PROPAGATION**

The propagation beds have been closed down for the winter. The shed needs significant repairs; one side needs to be replaced and it probably needs a new roof. Laura estimates the repairs would probably cost about \$2,000 if we hire a professional to do the work. The board also discussed the possibility that chapter volunteers could make the repairs.

**FAIRFAX COUNTY WILDFLOWER**

At its 2 October meeting, the Environmental Committee of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors endorsed the VNPS proposal and recommended adopting the coral honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*) as the Official Fairfax County Wildflower.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Alan noted that we still need a vice president and the board discussed some possibilities for filling this position.

**ADJOURNMENT AND FUTURE MEETINGS**

The board meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 P.M. The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 3 January 2019, at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Patricia P. Salamone, Secretary