

**Virginia Native Plant Society
Potowmack Chapter Annual Meeting
11 November 2018**

The meeting was held at Green Spring Gardens Park. There were about 40 attendees. Alan Ford, president, welcomed the attendees and convened the business meeting at 1:20 p.m. In his introductory remarks, he commemorated the passing of Gaylan Meyer, a dedicated member who made many contributions to the chapter including his role as part of the Grass Bunch.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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 2019 budget (attached). As in previous years, the budget is balanced in terms of standard operating expenses, with budgeted expenses of \$15,300 matching our anticipated income. However, the budget is net negative since it also includes \$4,700 in additional expenses for specific initiatives approved by the board, which will be paid for out of our savings. These expenses are:

- \$3,000 for the native plant internship at Huntley Meadows Park and
 - \$1,700 to complete full funding for the native plant internship at Green Spring Gardens Park.
- The remaining \$1,800 for the Green Spring internship is included in the annual operating budget.

In response to a member question, Alan reported that we have about \$25,000 - \$35,000 in our savings account. There was no further discussion and the budget was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNMENT

The business meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:25 p.m.

PRESENTATION

Donna Murphy, programs chair, announced that our first speaker of the new year will be Charles Smith. She also recognized the wonderful work done by Laura Beaty in running the propagation bed operations.

Donna then introduced the speaker for the afternoon's program: Marion Lobstein is Professor Emerita at NVCC—where she taught botany, general biology, microbiology, and other courses over her 37-year teaching career—and a founding and active member of the Virginia Native Plant Society. In her presentation, Marion demonstrated the features of the Flora of Virginia app. The app, for Android and iOS devices, features an easy-to-use graphic key and includes photographs and botanical illustrations. She also showed a clip from her video *Spring Wildflowers of the Mid-Atlantic Region*.

Respectfully submitted, Patricia P. Salamone, Secretary

ATTACHMENT: FY2019 BUDGET

INCOME

Donations	\$ 600
Member Dues	\$ 4,700
Sales	\$ 10,000
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 15,300

EXPENSES

Administrative	\$ 500	
Green Spring Room Fees	\$ 3,000	
Membership	\$ 200	Comp memberships for speakers, interns
Speakers' & Leaders' Honoraria	\$ 3,000	
Newsletter Printing & Mailing	\$ 3,200	
Partial Green Spring Internship	\$ 1,800	
Plant Sales (Fairfax Co. cut)	\$ 1,500	15% of sales
Sales Tax	\$ 600	Included in sales income above
Printing/Publications	\$ 200	
Miscellaneous	\$ 300	
Special Board Actions	\$ 1,000	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 15,300	

Board Approved Expenses Against Savings

Green Spring Internship	\$ 1,700	Completes full funding
Huntley Meadows Internship	\$ 3,000	
TOTAL from SAVINGS	\$ 4,700	