

**Virginia Native Plant Society
Potowmack Chapter Board Meeting
3 January 2019**

The meeting was held at the Dolley Madison Library in McLean. It was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Alan Ford, president. Board members present were Laura Beaty, Margaret Chatham, Scott Knudsen, Donna Murphy, Mark Murphy, and Patricia Salamone.

Alan informed the board that Laura Anderko has agreed to join the board as programs chair. She will be responsible for organizing talks; Dean will retain responsibility for organizing walks.

UPDATE ON PLANT NOVA NATIVES GUIDE

Alan reported that the latest print run of the Plant NOVA Natives Guide (PNNG) has been delivered; this is the second printing of the third edition of the guide. The price was \$8,800 for 5,000 copies. They are being stored at one of the PNNG partner organizations, the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District, and will be sold through the various partner organizations. We are currently charging \$4.00 per copy for quantity purchases and \$5.00 for retail copies, but we could consider reducing that because we got a good price on the most recent print run. Alan anticipates this run will last two years or more.

Alan and Scott will run an accounting of the VNPS costs and expenditures for the third edition and report back to the board. We are acting as a passthrough only, so if we do have any net profit Alan proposes that we give that money to the PNN program.

MINUTES

The minutes from the 1 November 2018 board meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Scott provided copies of the budget versus actuals for the last two years as well as the FY19 budget.

Alan reminded the board that we have agreed to donate our share of profits from the 2017 state annual meeting to the state organization to help with future state annual meetings when needed, but he is still working with the state board to see how they want to handle this transaction.

MEMBERSHIP

David sent out a membership report prior to the meeting. We currently have 479 active members. Mark reviewed upcoming events that have been posted to the VNPS state and Potowmack Chapter websites, including the winter workshop on 9 March in Charlottesville.

PROGRAMS AND WALKS

Donna has worked with Sam at Green Spring to set up dates for future programs: 10 January, 14 February, 14 March, 11 April, 9 May, and 10 October. For September, Pat and Donna will check with the Friends of Dyke Marsh to see whether we might want to cosponsor their September meeting as we have done several times in the past. The board decided that the date for the chapter annual meeting will be Sunday, 17 November. The state annual meeting will be held in Front Royal starting on 27 September.

PROPAGATION

Laura is working with Scott Fredericks regarding the needed repairs to the shed.

NEWSLETTER

The board discussed various options for notifying our members that in future they will need to opt in to continue receiving paper copies of the chapter newsletter.

OTHER BUSINESS

The board discussed whether to take a position on the planned Karig Estates development in Alexandria¹ but decided that we did not have enough information to make a decision.

ADJOURNMENT AND FUTURE MEETINGS

The board meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:55 P.M. The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 7 March 2019, at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Patricia P. Salamone, Secretary

¹ From the Alexandria Times: The Karig Estates development involves the construction of four single-family homes at 3832 and 3834 Seminary Road.