

**Virginia Native Plant Society  
Potowmack Chapter Board Meeting  
14 January 2020**

The meeting was held at the John Marshall Library in Alexandria. It was called to order at 7:35 P.M. by Alan Ford, president. Board members present were Laura Beatty, Margaret Chatham, Margaret Fisher, David Gorsline, Scott Knudsen, Donna Murphy, Mark Murphy, and Patricia Salamone.

Alan asked Mark to serve as chapter vice president and he agreed to do so; the board agreed and thanked Mark for taking on this role.

#### **MINUTES**

The minutes from the 7 November 2019 board meeting and the 17 November 2019 chapter annual meeting were approved.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Scott provided copies of the final budget versus actuals for 2019 and a spreadsheet with details about plant sale income. He noted that we expected to be down by \$4700 but were actually up by \$1600. There are a number of reasons for this: we didn't spend the \$1000 designated for special board actions, we paid less than expected for Green Spring room rental, we paid less in honoraria than budgeted, and we took in more income than expected.

Scott proposed several adjustments to the FY20 budget to better reflect expectations based on the FY19 actuals. Pat expressed a concern about amending the budget after asking for, and receiving, its approval by the membership. However, our bylaws do allow this. Mark moved that we incorporate Scott's proposed changes and David seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a voice vote with eight "ayes" and one abstention. Margaret will put a notice in the newsletter to let members know about the change.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

David reported that we have 492 members at the start of the year. He will share ideas with Mark on how to integrate the migration to groups.io into the VNPS state organization website. He is also reviewing the hardcopy mailing list to make sure no one is left out but also to remove any unnecessary mailings.

#### **PROPAGATION**

Laura reported that the exact nature of the needed repairs to the shed remains to be determined. The shed may need to be lifted and a foundation placed underneath it.

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

We still need a publications chair. One task that needs doing is rationalizing our collection of brochures and getting electronic copies so that we can be sure we're printing from the latest version.

#### **ADJOURNMENT AND FUTURE MEETINGS**

The board meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:55 P.M. The next meeting will be on 10 March 2020 at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted, Patricia P. Salamone, Secretary