Call to Order & Introductions
-Following social time from 6:30-7:00pm, President Nancy Vehrs called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m. with 106 members in attendance via zoom.
-She announced we had a quorum today for voting on VNPS business.
-She introduced Mark Murphy, Web Administration Chair.
-Per Office Manager Karen York, 162 proxy votes came in agreeing to changing bylaws. It was unanimously approved.

Minutes of the October 2018 Annual Business Meeting
-Suzy Harding moved to waive the reading of the 2019 Annual Business Meeting Minutes, seconded Steve Stasulis, and the motion passed unanimously.
-Suzy Harding moved to accept the 2019 Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Steve Stasulis, and the motion passed unanimously.

Adoption of Annual Budget
-Kathleen Stasulis briefed the membership on the proposed budget of $116,300.
-Jan Smith moved to accept the budget as proposed, Steve Stasulis seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Election of Officers and Board of Directors (Terms beginning Nov. 1)
- Nancy Vehrs presented the slate below.
  - Sally Anderson, Second Vice President (2023)
  - Betty Truax, Secretary (2023)
  - Kathleen Stasulis, Treasurer (2023)
  - Alex Fisher, Conservation Chair (2023)
  - Joey Thompson, Education Chair (2023)
  - Kathleen O’Shea, Membership Chair (2021)
  - Ashley Moulton, Publicity Chair (2022)
  - Rod Simmons and Charles Smith, Co-Registry Program (2023)

-Vacant positions include:
  - Director-at-Large – Grants Coordinator (2023), First VP Kevin Howe currently filling in.
  - Publications (2021), OPEN

Please contact either the nominating committee members or Nancy Vehrs, President, if you are interested in serving.

-Suzy Harding moved to accept the slate, Mary Anne Boyer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

President’s Report (Nancy Vehrs)
Highlights of Past Year 2020
  - Raised more than $32,000 for support of native plant guides.
- Highlighted Wild Geranium as Wildflower of the Year.

- Climate Change Workshop 2020 postponed and will be rescheduled for 2021. Thank you to the members who donated their workshop fees.

- Three research grants were awarded in 2020:
  1. Recovering native plant diversity in the Piedmont: Gilbert’s Corner habitat restoration and native plant demonstration site. Submitted by Andrea Weeks, George Mason University. Amount: $5,508. This proposal will be the recipient of the inaugural Mary B. Pockman Memorial Research Grant.

- Field Trips were cancelled due to Covid.

- Quarry Gardens in Schuyler, Virginia became a Registry Site.

- Facebook Page increased to over 20,000 followers. Mark Murphy asked chapter leaders to keep the website updated by providing him information.

- Chapters have been creative by finding ways to hold plant sales and walks safely.

- Blue Ridge Chapter has a new President, Jessica Fleming.

- We are planning to prepare a short Doug Tallamy type short video, hoping it will go viral.

**Special Recognition:**
- Carol Heiser, upon her retirement from the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (now Dept of Wildlife Resources) for her support of VNPS
- Mark Murphy for online support of VNPS including getting older information such as minutes onto our website as well as becoming a zoom guru and providing technical support during these difficult times.

**2020 Fundraiser:**
Peggy Troyer announced the 2020 fundraiser will be - Flora of Virginia, Keeping the Science Current. The current Flora staff is retiring; however, they plan to help bridge the gap with incoming staff.

**Next year Annual Meeting:** Abington, VA (Sept. 24 – 26 2021)

**Items for the Good of the Order:** None

Meeting adjourned: 7:34 p.m.

Betty Truax
Secretary, VNPS