



Florida Native Plant Society

Council of Chapters Meeting Minutes 02/16/19

Annual Retreat – Wakulla Co IFAS Center – Crawfordville, FL
taken by Athena Philips – CoC Secretary

Kara Driscoll called the meeting to order at 2:11 PM

In attendance (24)

Kara Driscoll -- CoC Chair/Naples Rep	Patricia Burgos – Lake Beautyberry Rep
Athena Philips – CoC Secretary; Citrus proxy	Al Squires – Mangrove Rep
Susan Knapp – Passionflower Rep	Sophia Fonseca - PalmBeach Ed Chair & proxy
Taylor Figueroa – Pine Lily Rep	Louie Sandstrum – Magnolia student member
Deborah Curry -- Marion Big Scrub Rep/Pres	Rayanne Mitchell – Magnolia Treas & proxy
Bonnie Carine – Pinellas proxy	Tina Patterson – Suncoast proxy
Jeannie Brodhead -- Sarracenia Rep	Janet Grabowski – Hernando Represent
Judy Zinn – Sea Oats Rep	Sandi Saurers – Paynes Prarie Rep
Ina Crawford – Sweetbay proxy	Dianna Wentink -- Martin Rep
Carol Spears – Villages Rep	Pete Grannis – Martin Treasurer
Linda Schneider – Ixia proxy	Sonya Guidry – Pawpaw Rep
Martha Steuart – Conradina Rep	Fritz Wettstein – Magnolia member

➤ **Regular Agenda Items**

- **Minutes from previous meeting** Correction that Susan Carr said to GEL contact is only Juliet, not Juliet and Kim.
All motions to approve as corrected. Sonya 2nds. Motion carries.
- **Forum Reports:** Reports referenced are posted on the Forum and will be posted on the website eventually.
- **Proxies:** Please have a proxy if you cannot attend a meeting. You can establish a proxy in advance, and invite them to observe before they are needed.

- **Chapter Liaisons:** Gene has asked for chapter Policy liaisons previously. Please let him know if someone in your chapter is interested, even just the Alerts.
Pat: Must they be a Chapter Representative?
Kara: No.
Taylor: Susan Carr, sent an email asking for a list of the Chapters' Committee Chairs, [including Policy] and only 3 chapters have reported so far.
- **Regional Initiative Update:** Fritz: Torreya Keepers has located several hundred trees, with Atlanta Botanical Garden.
Jeanie: They are working on using dogs to find the smell of the trees.

➤ Old Business

- **Nominating Committee:** It's important to comply with the Council's operating procedures. We need a nominating committee for the upcoming election.
Volunteers: Susan Knapp, Pat Burgos. Al, suggested Richard Brownscombe
- **Review of Digital Communications:**
Reviewed website pages.
Jeanie: The "Handbook" link is broken.
Pat: Is there a link at the bottom to report broken links?
Athena: I'll take care of that. If anyone finds website problems, please contact me.
Kara: We'd like to get volunteers to work on improving the site.
Martha: Do you want a list of chapter web masters?
Kara: That would be good for our website sub-committee.

Reviewed Forum site.

- Al: Login isn't needed to view everything on site.
- Deborah: I need login to view the BOD section.
- Kara: Posts for the Board of Directors are at the top of page. This is where the BOD Reports template is, that we could use for our Chapter Reports.
- Athena: FYI, chapter reports are to help chapters see whats going on with other chapters.
- Kara: and is there something you need, a new legislative issue, rescues, or cool things you are doing.
- Janet: Do we send the reports in?

Kara: You'd post them on the Forum

Pat: At the Council's section, in meetings, and at the current meeting announcement.

Kara: and don't worry if there's nothing to report.

Athena: and you can set up notifications when there are new posts within a section.

Reviewed Google Drive

Kara: "Collaborative Folder" is an all-purpose library of documents, etc.. All Reps should have access to it and check in on it. Can I pretty please get volunteers for Website Sub-Committee, to organize the Drive?

Reviewed Facebook

Kara: No judgment if you don't use Facebook, but the Council has a closed group that you can belong to and quickly share chapter updates, or ask questions.

Athena: Are we open to having Chapter Facebook Admins in the group, if a Chapter Rep is not? [Consensus in room says yes]

Taylor: We should reiterate that chapters not share personal information of people on Facebook posts, or leave email addresses visible in mass emails [use Blind CC].

➤ **New Business**

➤ **General Discussion**

- Pat: Who wants to have the Roundtable Discussion next? [Consensus in room to go ahead with Roundtable]
- Carol Spears, volunteers to assist on SOP Sub-Committee (with Taylor Figueroa & Athena Philips).
- Janet Grabowski, volunteers to assist on website (with Nicole Zampieri, Jan Allyn)

Bonnie Carine motions to adjourn.

Janet Grabowski 2nds.

Meeting Adjourned 3:01PM