

Minutes, CNPS San Luis Obispo Chapter  
November 15, 2017 – 6- 8:30 pm  
Copeland Health Education Pavilion (Auditorium), French Hospital Campus  
1911 Johnson Street  
San Luis Obispo, CA

Present: David Chipping, Linda Chipping, David Keil, Melissa Mooney, Marti Rutherford, Mark Skinner, Bill Waycott, Suzie Bernstein, Cathy Chambers. Call to Order 6:10 pm.

**Receive and Approve Minutes** from Sept. 21, 2017 –

**Linda Chipping made a motion** to approve the minutes (Attachment 1) with one minor correction; passed unanimously, 2 abstentions.

**November 15, 2017 Treasurer’s Report FY to date** – Dave Krause emailed the financial report prior to the meeting (Attachment 2). He questioned the group as to whether we should to add to the CD; Linda says wait since we have expenses from the book publishing coming up. There was general discussion of the returns from the plant sale (see Attachment 3), in addition to discussion of pricing for the plants – should we raise our prices? Some entities charge more. We could look into other chapters prices, SBBG, Theodore Payne, etc. **Melissa Mooney made a motion** to approve the financial report; passed unanimously.

**Brief discussion of new location** – After a suggestion by Lauren Brown (and possibly others?), Melissa worked with Lori Shields, Executive Coordinator to the President and CEO of French Hospital Medical Center to reserve the Auditorium at the Copelands Health Education Facility for this meeting. Melissa will meet or contact Lori again in mid-December to set dates, if possible, for the Board meetings of 2018. It was decided that Wednesdays or Thursdays would be the preferred days.

**Banquet** – Lauren Brown noted that the location this year is at the Morro Bay Vets Hall instead of the Morro Bay Community Center. A Special Event permit is necessary, and needs to be acquired at least 30 (preferably 60) days in advance; Lauren suggests we start 60 days in advance due to possible insurance delays. This process is currently underway for this year. No speaker has been identified yet. Suggestions included Matt Guilliams (SBBG), and/or Rich Halsey, who could touch on fire issues.

**CNPS Statewide Conference** –

**SLO Chapter Poster:** An Abstract was sent in for the campaign to protect oaks.

**Chapter support for students:** Three Cal Poly SLO students, Molly Vanderlip, Paul Excoffier, and Nora Bales, submitted applications and were vetted by the Cal Poly professors. (Bill Waycott attached the applications to the agenda email-reference Attachment 4.) **Melissa Mooney made a motion** to support the three students that applied for a total of \$1,200; Linda Chipping seconded. Passed unanimously.

**Other Student Support-** Lauren Brown indicated that Justin Leong, (**spelling?**) who is studying Nipomo lupine, has asked the Board for support of his work (email to Judy, who forwarded it to certain people). The general consensus was that he should submit a letter or proposal to the Board. There was general support, but a desire for a work plan and a little more info.

**Publications** – Linda Chipping indicated that a meeting was held regarding the “redo” of the Carrizo Plain booklet. Things are coming together; there are 72 photos total; the goal is to have it ready for next spring. Bill reported he still has 15 copies of the SLO wildflowers book.

**Conservation** – David Chipping has reviewed the CA State parks proposal for “cabins” at Piedras Blancas; he reports it appears there are no significant impacts on botanical resources. There was general discussion of the master plan and trails for the area. Regarding climate change discussion – he has received no input on his email to the Board, and thinks he might want to make a “practice” run presentation at one of our near-future Chapter meetings. There was general support for this.

**Plant Communities** - Bill Waycott and Melissa Mooney reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Rapid Assessment session was held September 30, 2017. Bill reported on the Drone analysis that was done shortly thereafter by Kyle Knessen; the photos are still being assessed. Data sheets have been sent to Vegetation staff in Sacramento. It was reported that State CNPS is considering doing Vegetation Rapid Assessment training workshop in Los Osos.

**Master Calendar** - Melissa Mooney

There was added discussion of the need for the generic master calendar. Melissa indicated she would try to get a master calendar developed and hopefully Judi can get it on the Admin page of the Chapter’s website. There was also discussion of having a meeting in April 2018, in addition to the field outing, and needing a room. It was agreed that we should try for Native Plant Week. (Post-board-meeting arrangements, thanks to David Krause, have been made for April 19 2018.)

**General Scheduling** - It was noted that there is a conflict with the statewide CNPS conference (Feb 1-3, 2018), and our Chapter’s February meeting (Thurs., Feb 1, 2018) – the dates overlap. We discussed changing the date of the Chapter’s Feb. meeting, in addition to other options. (The day after our Board meeting, Dave Krause discussed the proposed change with the SLO Vets hall; since the 15<sup>th</sup> was available, it was decided to change the date of the February meeting to that date.)

**Community Award** – Suzie Bernstein sent a prior email (Nov. 15, 2017) discussing the need to establish a procedure and schedule for selecting the recipient of the Chapter’s Community award. She reminded us that the responsibility was transferred to the Board in 2016. Suzie asked questions such as: does the work have to be geared toward native plants in the county, or the environment in general? Is it a single person, or a group? Suzie also indicated that no one has been suggested or considered yet this year. The Board briefly entertained suggestions for this year, and discussion ensued. Finally, **Dave Chipping made a motion** that the Board award only the Hoover Award this year, and begin work on developing goals, criteria and a process for the designating the Community Award in the future. (please check my wording on this.)

**Next Board meeting:** January 10 or 11, 2018

Documents discussed and attached:

- 1 - Corrected Minutes, September 21, 2017
- 2 – Monthly Treasurer’s Report, November 15, 2017
- 3 – CNPS Plant Sale Analysis
- 4 – Student applications for CNPS Conference Support