



FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
Conservation Committee

Board of Directors Meeting
August 15, 2015 @ Bill Frederick Park, 9:30
Submitted by Juliet Rynear
Conservation Chair

Date: 8/11/2015

Chair: Juliet Rynear

Vice Chair: Annie Schmidt

Members:

Steve Woodmansee, Dave Feagles, Jackie Rolly, Scott Davis, Richard Moyroud, Rosalind Rowe, Steve Dickman, Alan Franck, Shirley Denton, Jude Simpson, Jim Buckner, Todd Angel, Mike Jenkins, Margitta Claterbos, Jane Pope, Molly Taylor, Candace Arnold, Ann Johnson, and Loran Anderson (have either committed to the committee or have participated in past FNPS Conservation Committee meetings, grant reviews, and/or special issues).

Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 2015 proposed Renewable Fuels Standard

- Juliet "weighed-in" regarding a request from the Dogwood Alliance encouraging FNPS to sign-on to their letter to the EPA regarding EPA's proposed 2015 Renewable Fuels Standard. The Dogwood Alliance has expressed concern that our forests will be overharvested. Policy Chair Gene Kelly wrote to the Alliance and requested additional information.

New business (FNAI invasive species tracking):

- Greg Walker, from the Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI), asked whether FNPS members could report invasive species (and rare species) after FNPS field trips. Annie agreed to take the lead on this and is contacting the Council of Chapters representatives to get an idea of any current policies/procedures or reporting strategies that Chapters may already have in place. Also need to know whether FNAI and organizations such as Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council (FLEPPC) and Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas (CISMA) are sharing information.
- Along these same lines, Leigh Brooks contacted FNPS state members regarding policies/procedures for plant surveys and field trips and to ask for advice on volunteer recruitment in North Florida. There is a need to add more information on the topic of

plant surveys to the Wiki. During a fruitful discussion, Leigh shared a document used by the Magnolia Chapter.

New business (Scholarship funds):

- Juliet spoke with Jackie Rolly regarding the Tarflower Chapter's experience with Scholarship funds. She said that they moved away from this because of the complexities involved working with the university system. The Chapter now makes donations to both the Science awards and Conservation Grants.
- Juliet wrote to Paul Schmalzer and Anne Cox regarding donations for new scholarships (Dan Austin Ethnobotany and the Villages Chapter). An informal discussion is planned for the meeting at Bill Frederick Park on Saturday.
- Juliet emailed Chris Lockhart, Kristine Stewart and Steve Turnipseed regarding scholarship funds and donations to scholarships.
- Steve Turnipseed responded that The Villages Chapter donation for a scholarship had actually been given by Jim Buckner who asked them to take the \$75 honorarium that they had for him (for giving chapter members a nature walk in Ocala National Forest) and donate it to an FNPS scholarship fund. Steve said that either the Science or Conservation funds would be fine.
- The Conservation and Science Committees will need to discuss a procedure for handling these types of donations (slated for either the Science or Conservation) and return to the Board of Directors with a motion to accept a proposed policy.