



FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

Conservation Committee

Board of Directors Meeting
May 19, 2016 at 5:30 -6:30 pm
Daytona Beach Resort,
Submitted by Juliet Rynear
Conservation Chair

Date: 5/21/2016

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, Loran Anderson, Leigh Brooks, Amir Khoddamzadeh, and Theresa Lutz.

Subcommittee for Dan Austin Award for Ethnobotany: Chris Lockhart, Winnie Said, Amir Khoddamzadeh, and Kristine Stewart.

Motions:

1. Motion to approve the Dan Austin Award for Ethnobotany and the proposed criteria.

Background: As of March 2016, donations for this award totaled \$700. The Palm Beach County Chapter approved a donation of \$300 in April, and \$250 per year for the next 5 years. This leaves only \$550 to raise by this fall to open it for submission. Once approved, the subcommittee will solicit support from other chapters with whom Dan Austin worked and draw support from other groups, such as the Society for Economic Botany.

2. Motion to approve the final, vetted copy of the West Coast Landscape Brochure and approve our Development Director to seek money to cover the costs of printing the 6 regional brochures.

Background: the attached final copy of the West Coast Brochure is the result of 2-years of review and input from dozens of people from the West Coast Region and with a final review by Paul Schmalzer (Science Committee) and Juliet Rynear (Conservation Committee).

Here is a link to the West Coast template on the Council site:

<http://council.fnpschapters.org/data/uploads/documents/west-coast-fnl052016webproof.pdf>

The brochure content (plant lists) for all 6 regions is at this Council link (scroll to green REGIONAL BROCHURES):

<http://council.fnpschapters.org/index.php?id=council-subcommittee&lang=en>

Habitat Restoration Program & Annual Conference presentations

- Please join us at the Conservation Committee meeting at the conference in Daytona. Jackie Rolly will show the new Plant Salvage PowerPoint and we will review the resources available to FNPS Chapters.
- Juliet Rynear will give a presentation at the Council of Chapters meeting to review everything that the Habitat Restoration Program covers with numerous examples of work that our Chapters are doing.
- Alan Franck received and forwarded an email from a concerned citizen in the Panhandle about conserving the rare *Lupinus westianus* in his neighborhood. Juliet Rynear spoke with the gentleman and sent him information, including a protocol for propagating/restoring/in situ conservation of *Lupinus* spp., the key to distinguish *L. westianus* from *L. diffusus*, and photos to illustrate. Copied on the email were Ina Crawford and Deb Fable of the Sweetbay Chapter. He had never heard of FNPS before this time, so this was an excellent opportunity to involve our members in local conservation efforts.

Conservation Grants

- The 2016 Conservation Grant awardee information and the list of donors for the award were sent to Marjorie Shropshire for inclusion in the next issue of The Palmetto.

US Fish & Wildlife – Florida Rare Plant Conservation Endowment proposal

- Juliet attended a telephonic conference call on May 10, 2016. All members voted unanimously to approve the addition of the word “rare” to the name of the future endowment: “Florida Rare Plant Conservation Endowment”. There were presentations by Chipper Wichman, the Director of the National Tropical Botanic Garden <http://ntbg.org/about/mission.php> and by John Lacy of the Lacy Group. We also heard from Jessica Cecere who runs Nonprofits First, <http://www.nonprofitsfirst.org/> an organization that assists nonprofits in growth and accreditation. Mr. Lacy recommended that the Endowment Committee form a 501c3 even if it were housed under the umbrella of another organization. He also recommended that we seek the support of advisors with expertise in finance and law.

The committee members from the USFWS will have one of their attorneys review the endowment proposal and request further guidance. For the next meeting, the Center for Plant Conservation may give a presentation.