

Michigan Botanical Club - State Board Meeting
Northern Michigan University - Marquette
Minutes - Revised
Saturday, July 13, 2019

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order by President Garrett Crow at 4:40 p.m.
 - Board members in attendance: Neal Billetdeaux, Sheila Bourgoin, Garrett Crow, Craig Elston, Jim Hewitt, Michael Huft, Bob Kelly, Judy Kelly, Carolyn Miller, Emily Nietering, Wayne Roussel, Derek Shiels, Dan Skean, Alice Ward, John Zimmerman, Renée Zimmerman, **(16)**
 - The quorum of 12 members was met. Robert's Rules of Order in effect.
2. Approvals
 - On motion by Neal Billetdeaux the agenda was approved.
 - The minutes from the Feb. 9, 2019 Board Meeting were approved on Feb. 25 via email.
3. Announcements
 - Craig Elston, President of White Pine Chapter, reported that the Fall, 2019 mini-foray will be held at Charlton Park near Hastings on October 5.
 - Emily Nietering, Southeastern Chapter President, announced that the UAW Black Lake Conference Center (near Onaway) will be the location for the 2020 Spring Foray, to be held over Memorial Day weekend.
 - Garrett Crow, looking ahead to the 2020 Mini-foray, suggested a potential collaboration with the Michigan Consortium of Botanists (MiCOB). He will investigate the feasibility.
 - Derek Shiels, President of Great Lakes Chapter, reported that membership continues to increase and the Chapter has made it easier to join or renew by installing payment capability on their website. Derek said field trip participation remains challenging due mainly to the wide dispersal of members but Carolyn Miller reported that a May field trip in collaboration with the Red Cedar Chapter of Wild Ones on the MSU Campus was well attended. Neal Billetdeaux, President of Huron Valley Chapter, said they also had a successful joint event with Wild Ones. Derek reminded board members of the Michigan Botanists' Big Year 2019 on iNaturalist and mentioned that NMU student and Foray field trip leader Nathan Martineau has compiled nearly 1,200 species in the first half of the year.
4. Reports
 - Treasurer – Bob Kelly reviewed the June 30, 2019 financial statement. He reported a current balance of \$71,304 and noted that all chapters have paid their 2019 dues which generated \$2,534. Beginning in 2020 individual member state dues will increase from \$7 to \$12.
 - *The Great Lakes Botanist* – Editor Michael Huft said the current issue, a large issue of eight articles, should be available by mid to late August. The following issue is also of a larger size. Michael reported that a Michigan State University librarian has digitized the entire index of the Journal which allows for inquiry on the content. Michael also mentioned that Michael Rotter, a member of the Editorial Board who recently graduated and will be teaching in Indiana, has expressed an interest in taking a larger role in the production of *TGLB*.

- Bylaws – The new bylaws were finalized at the last board meeting in February and the Board voted at that time to recommend they be adopted by a vote of the general membership. Chair Michael Huft led a discussion on how that should happen. The 14-page document could be published in Arisaema and sent to all members either by postal mail or email. Methods to return a yes/no vote either through a mailed ballot card or electronically were discussed.
- Awards – Vice President Dan Skean said he would be presenting two awards after the evening meal: Special Recognition and Distinguished Service. Dan said Garrett will be presenting the Isobel Dickinson Memorial Award on Sunday evening. The deadline for submitting nominations for 2020 awards is March 31.
- Revenue Enhancement – Judy Kelly reported that a percentage of purchases made on AmazonSmile are now yielding contributions to MBC. \$5.00 has been added to the bank account. A “Donate” button on the Club’s Facebook page is the next project. Judy is also working to establish the process of naming Michigan Botanical Club as a beneficiary in the estate plans of members who so desire.
 - Emily Nietering said she liked the idea of on-line membership renewals that some chapters were using and Derek Shiels said he would put together instructions for setting it up.
 - Sheila Bourgoin said she had a box of business cards printed and she distributed them to board members to hand out to prospective members.

5. New Business

- *Isotria verticillata* – Garrett Crow led a discussion on what response would be appropriate following the presentation by Keith Kintigh of MDNR on the destruction (by a timber harvest) of a population of this threatened orchid. It was decided to publish Mr. Kintigh’s written summary, or part of it, in Arisaema along with written input from Michigan Natural Features Inventory (Phyllis Higman, who was involved). Derek Shiels will contact Phyllis who is a Director-at-Large from Great Lakes Chapter.

6. Next State Board Meeting: October 5, 2019 at Charlton Park, east of Hastings in Barry County.

7. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m. on motion by Dan Skean.

Minutes prepared by Jim Hewitt, Recording Secretary