

CNPS SAN DIEGO CHAPTER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AGENDA February 6, 2019

Audubon Offices, 4010 Morena Blvd. Suite 100 San Diego, CA

Call to Order: 6:30 p.m. (Quorum = Six Board Members)

Known absences:

Guests: Mike Gonzales

- I. Welcome visitors and announcements** [6:30 – 6:35]
- II. Additions or Changes to the Agenda** (Justin) [6:35 - 6:40]
 - A. Vote to approve.
- III. Review of Minutes** (Maggie) [6:40 – 6:50]
 - A. Vote to approve.
- IV. Guest Business – SDPA Scripps Ranch HS Mini Grant** (Mike Gonzales) [6:50 – 7:05]
- V. Treasurer’s Report** (Connie) [7:20 – 7:30]
- VI. Winter Workshop Report** (Torrey, Joe, and Bobbie) [7:30 – 7:35]
- VII. Committee Reports** [7:35 – 8:20]
 - A. **Personnel Committee** (Bobbie)
 - B. **Chapter Sponsorships** (Al, Justin, Josue)—2019 sponsorships
 - C. **Conservation Committee** (Frank)
 - D. **Programs** (Torrey)
 - E. **Hospitality** (Frank)
 - F. **Field Trips** (Justin)
 - Ocotillo, Imperial Cnty (Painted Gorge to ABSP Mtn Palm Springs) *Feb 10*
 - Lake Morena *Ribes canthariforme Feb 24*
 - Baja (Valle Tranquilo & Punta Colonet) *or Carrizo Plain (SLO Cnty) Apr 27-28*
 - G. **Garden Committee** – (Al)
 - H. **Website/Social Media Report** – (Joseph Sochor)
 - I. **Habitat Restoration** (Bob)
 - Purchase of truck for Chapter activities update
 - J. **Newsletter** (Bobbie)
 - K. **Book Table** (Cindy)
 - Desert Museum in Ocotillo books for sale.
 - L. **Propagation Committee** (Justin)
 - M. **Rare Plant Surveys** (Josue)
 - Budget update to cover Rare Plant Treasure Hunt Protocol Workshop in IB
- VIII. New Business** [8:20-8:45]
 - A. Minigrant application for Famosa Slough (Leon) (ATT 1, attached via email in full)
 - B. 2019 SDSU Field Botany Scholarship Awards (ATT 2, Attached via email)

- C. January Retreat Agenda Items: ByLaws, & Handbook Update (ATT 3)
- D. San Dieguito Citizen's Advisory Board Vacancy (Justin)

IX. Old Business

[8:45-8:55]

- A. Love Your Wetlands Day Feb 10—Outreach w/ Audobon Society (Justin)
- B. Update on Mini-grant for Mt Carmel High School Native Garden (Justin)
- C. Update on the Dittrichia Graveleons stands in Rose Canyon (Bob, Justin)

X. Wrap up and conclusions

[8:55-9:00]

Next Meeting Date: March 6, 2019

- A. Important agenda items?
- B. Tasks to accomplish prior?

ATTACHMENT 1 – Mini Grant Application Famosa Slough

CNPS San Diego Mini-Grant Application

Project Title: Native Plants on San Diego River Channel Portion of Famosa Slough (the Park), (north of West Point Loma Blvd.)

Sponsoring Organization: Friends of Famosa Slough (FFS). (Description attached)

Contact Name: Jim Peugh Phone: (619) 980-1040 Email: peugh@cox.net

Type of Project: __ Conservation __ Education __ Horticulture: X Science

Amount Requested: \$500 **Total Project Cost:** approximately \$1,500

Other Funds Sources (Group/ \$): FFS funds \$1,000

Volunteer Hours (for plants, only): Planning to Date: 20 Needed to Implement: 75

Type(s) of Volunteers: FFS workday volunteers

CNPS Board Liaison: Leon Scales

Describe the purpose of the project: Enhance the natural habitat on the east side the Channel Portion of the Park (description attached), by (a) planting of 140 native plants (of 18 species) on both sides of an existing 12 foot trail, (b) extending a post and cable barrier 200 feet north from sidewalk on West Point Loma Blvd., on both sides of the existing trail and to edge of bank over channel, around an existing bench and display, and (c) posting information on a wayside display about the native plants in the Park.

How does your project promote the mission of CNPS? Native plants and ponds form the heart of the 37-acre park. The Project will add significantly to native planting in the Channel Portion of the Park in now unplanted areas and identify plants for visitors. The new plant will be protected and maintained by FFS. A display will teach visitors about the Park's native plants.

How would funds supplied by CNPS be spent? Exclusively on plants purchased at RECON Native Plants nursery. (List attached)

What evidence of project implementation will project proponent provide CNPS? Please provide the date of each item.

Description and photographs of planting activities, as the work progresses, all by April 30, 2019.

FFS agrees to refund the full amount granted by CNPS-SD in the event that the project is not completed as stated or if we fail to provide the deliverables listed above.

ATTACHMENT 2 - 2019 SDSU Field Botany Scholarship Awards (Edited to relevant info only)

Field Botany of San Diego County
College of Extended Studies NC 0301, San Diego State University

Non-Credit Course

California Native Plant Society – San Diego Chapter 2019 Scholarship Candidates

We have 7 SDSU Field Botany scholarship candidates, with six having provided all the info requested. Three are enrolled students who can parse the tuition cost for the course. Given the cost of part time enrollment is \$1665 for up to six units, the two unit class would cost them \$555.00. By this math, the total cost for all 7 candidates would cost $\$795(4) + \$555(3) = \$4845$ USD.

The November 2018 minutes show a passed motion that allowed up to 5 scholarships, with the cost limit set at \$5000.00.

C. SDSU Botany Class Sponsorships/Scholarships:

A motion is made by Torrey Neel and seconded by Connie di Girolamo for the Chapter to authorize up to three additional additional SDSU Field Botany Identification Class Scholarships, not to exceed \$795 each (including parking fees)—[including the two scholarships previously approved]. The Motion passed unanimously.

Propose a motion to “Authorize the addition of two additional scholarships for the SDSU Field Botany of San Diego County Course, available to enrolled SDSU students. The total cost of the scholarship program would increase by \$870.00 and cover 7 students instead of 5.”

1) Joyce Qiao

My name is Joyce and am a recent graduate of UCSD with a B.S. in Earth Science. For the past six months, I have been working for a nonprofit ecology group focused on coastal dune habitat restoration. Coming from a “rock person” background, I am very eager to have the opportunity to take Michael Simpson’s Field Botany course to aid my conversion into a “plant person.” I am so excited to gain new plant identification skills--and especially so because it will directly apply to my job, and not to mention my passion for natural science. As I am currently working on paying my student loans, this scholarship aid would really mean a lot to me! Thank you for your time and consideration, Joyce Q.

Contact info and status of current employer:

Soil Ecology and Restoration Group (SDSU Research Foundation)
Program Coordinator: Richard Hillary

PAID: \$795.00 USD [Proof confirmed]

2) Alaina Perun

I am extremely excited to be enrolled in this course--the main reason being that it explores new biological avenues I have yet to traverse in my undergraduate education. I am a marine biology major, so I have not taken many terrestrial plant biology courses. This class offers a unique experience to truly interact and engage with my environment: the native plants in the county I have called home my whole life. I am not only looking forward to the systematic knowledge I will gain, but also the respect I am sure will evolve as I learn how these plants survive and thrive in this Mediterranean, coastal desert called the chaparral. Additionally, I am an avid hiker and I love the outdoors, so I am excited to share my knowledge with my friends and family whom also enjoy time outside. Through joyfully sharing my new knowledge, I hope to translate my enthusiasm around learning, especially toward biology, and inspire them to take advantage of unique opportunities that arise in their own learning process. This class is a special opportunity in my college career to expand my knowledge, research, and field experience regarding plant species, and I am fully invested in the journey.

Current employer: SDSU Department of Psychology; Position: Academic Grader
Contact: Debbie Deroma

Seasonal employee: Invasion Laser Tag
Position: Marshall and Party Host
Contact: Bronwyn Caster

PAID: \$555.00 USD [Proof of enrollment confirmed]

3) Annabelle Bernabe

My current job role for the US Geological Survey is unique where I conduct mostly avian field surveys and then work primarily on the region's Rare Plant Program for San Diego Management and Monitoring Program (SDMMP). Looking through numerous entries of plant species for the program and encountering hundreds of plants out in the field, SDSU's Field Botany Class will certainly help with my identification skills necessary for work. I also think the class will help me better recognize any nonnative/invasive plants that I can map and send locations to invasive plant programs.

I've attached a copy of my class receipt and here is additional contact information:

Annabelle Bernabe, Biologist
San Diego Management and Monitoring Program

PAID: \$795.00 USD [Proof confirmed]

4) Sonya Holmquist

Attached is a copy of my receipt for the Field Botany Class.

I was so excited when I saw the notice of the class in the newsletter and decided that, even though it was fairly expensive, it was a class I wanted to take. Although I have a degree in botany, and San Diego native plants have always been my main interest, I had fallen woefully behind in keeping up with the changing classifications. I look forward to being able to participate in the documentation of species and their ranges (and changes of ranges) of natives in San Diego County.

I am retired and not currently employed.

PAID: \$795.00 USD [Proof of enrollment confirmed]

5) Diana Brand Ramirez

I would like to state my interest in applying for the scholarship covering tuition for the SDSU program, Field Botany of San Diego, during the Spring 2019 semester. As a current student majoring in Environmental Science, I expect to gain the necessary knowledge of native plants through this course. Upon graduation, this spring, I aspire to begin a career in conservation focused on native plant ecology. Please find my proof of enrollment attached in the email; I look forward to your response.

Current Employer

City of San Diego

Management Intern - under MSCP and Vernal Pool Biologists

**Temporary employees are not eligible for tuition reimbursement nor offered paid career advancement opportunities.*

PAID: \$555.00 USD [Proof of enrollment confirmed]

6) Kelly Ann Verakis

As for all humans alike, it is my innate curiosity that fuels my desire to wrap my head around the enthralling phenomenon that is life. Throughout my educational career, I have yet to come across organisms as captivating to me as plants. With such fascinating characteristics as well as genuinely

imperative roles in every ecological community, plants have become the entity of my passions. With that said, the Field Botany of San Diego County course will not only continue to drive such curiosity, but also prepare me for my goals of conservation, research, and educational outreach in the field. The opportunity to learn from such esteemed professors and mentors has already become an exceptional experience that I am grateful to be a part of.

If Applicable: Current Employer

Duet Coffee Espresso Bar
Owner- Sun Mi (Esther) Kim

Furthermore, I would love to discuss volunteer opportunities as well as any involvement in CNPS-SD meetings open to the public:) I look forward to hearing from you.

PAID: \$555.00 USD [Proof of enrollment confirmed]

7) Sarah Harron

[No documents or email info received as of Feb. 4th, 2019]

ATTACHMENT 3 - Retreat Motions to Consider from January 12th, 2019

MOTION to CONSIDER #01:

Vote to “Allow extension of Board meeting time constraints without requiring motion to approve before 9PM. Board Meetings shall still be planned / structured to end at approximately 9PM.”

MOTION to CONSIDER #02:

Vote to “Develop exploratory committee for volunteer appreciation. Committee shall set standards for volunteer goals and rewards, including expanding awareness of achievements and perks. Committee requires at least one volunteer Chairperson from active membership.”

MOTION to CONSIDER #03:

Vote to “Develop Merchandise Committee to augment and streamline products, inventory management, and sales including implementing an online shop. Committee goals and standards shall not conflict with, but may enhance, functions of other sales oriented committees like Fall Plant Sale, Books / Sales Table, Seed & Bulb Coordinator, etc. Committee requires at least one volunteer Chairperson from active membership. Committee folds ‘Posters Committee’ under its umbrella named anew as ‘Merchandise Committee’.”

MOTION to CONSIDER #04:

Vote to “Confirm the Affiliates Program to be overseen by Outreach Committee. Affiliates / Alliances shall be restricted to non-profit and public benefit organizations. Original list of Alliance organizations shall have a minimum of six (6) organizations. Allies shall include, but not be limited to, Audobon Society, SD Natural History Museum, Endangered Habitats League, Friends of [Tecolote, Rose Canyon, Los Penasquitos Canyon, Famosa Slough, others], San Diego Canyonlands, & San Diego Horticultural Society.”

MOTION to CONSIDER #05:

Vote to “Confirm changes and updates to Chapter By-laws as set forth within ‘addendum’.”

MOTION to CONSIDER #06:

Vote to “Confirm changes and updates to Board Handbook as set forth within ‘addendum’.”