

## NATIVE PLANT NEWSLETTER

### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR THE MISSOURI NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

A MEETING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ORGANIZING  
THE NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY OF MISSOURI

JUNE 2, 1979  
10:00 a.m.  
COULTER SCIENCE CENTER  
CAMPUS OF WESTMINSTER COLLEGE  
FULTON, MISSOURI

#### Steering Committee Meets - Bylaws Drafted

The Ad Hoc Steering Committee of the Native Plant Society (John Wylie, Norland Henderson, Wallace Weber, Melvin Conrad, Paul Nelson, Edgar Denison, Erna Eisendrath, Jim Henry Wilson) met in Jefferson City on March 30 to draft and discuss bylaws for the Native Plant Society. After a full day of careful deliberation a draft of bylaws emerged. A list of nominations was prepared. The proposed bylaws and nominations are enclosed elsewhere in this newsletter.

The group agreed that an organizational meeting was in order to present these bylaws to all interested parties, to formally establish the Society as an organization, to establish a membership roster, and to conduct a general election. Paul Nelson of the Department of Natural Resources and Jim Henry Wilson of the Department of Conservation were asked to prepare the program for the meeting, and arrange for a centrally located meeting place. The particulars of that meeting are listed above. A more detailed announcement will be sent to all newsletter recipients just prior to the meeting. Questions about the meeting should be addressed to the Natural History Section, Missouri Department of Conservation.

NOMINEES

President.....John Baumgardt, Jon L. Hawker  
Vice President.....Rick Daley, Edgar Denison  
Secretary.....Betty Nellums, Paul Nelson  
Treasurer.....Jim Henry Wilson, John E. Wylie  
Editor.....Erna Eisendrath  
Directors.....2 for 1 year - Ken Olson, Jim Shaw  
                          2 for 2 years - Melvin Conrad, Dave Dunn,  
  Leo Galloway, Mary Wiese (Mrs. William)  
                          2 for 3 years - Norland Henderson, John Karel,  
  Robert Mohlenbrock, Wallace Weber

NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY OF MISSOURI  
PROPOSED BYLAWS

Article I - PURPOSE OF THE SOCIETY

Section 1. Purpose of the Society

The purpose of the Native Plant Society of Missouri is to promote the preservation, conservation, and study of the wild plants and vegetation of Missouri, the education of the public to the value of the native flora and its habitat, and the publication of related information.

Article II - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership

Membership in this Society shall be open to all persons interested in the native plants of Missouri upon application to the Secretary, accompanied by remittance for dues as hereinafter provided. Membership classifications shall be set as needed by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Right of Members to Vote

Each member shall be entitled to one (1) vote on any question requiring a vote of the membership of the organization.

Article III - MEETINGS

Section 1. Meetings

An annual meeting of the Native Plant Society of Missouri shall be held at the date and place to be decided by the Board of Directors. Special meetings of the membership may be called at any time by the Board of Directors. All members shall be notified in writing, not less than two weeks before such meeting.

Article IV - DUES

Section 1.

Dues shall be fixed and reviewed as needed by the Board of Directors.

Section 2.

The annual dues shall be \$5.00 per member.

Article V - OFFICERS

Section 1.

The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and a Treasurer who shall be elected for a term of two years. No individual shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

Section 2.

The President shall preside at meetings of the membership and of the Board of Directors and shall perform the recognized functions of the office.

Section 3.

The Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President and shall perform the recognized functions of the office. He shall become President if the office of President becomes vacant.

Section 4.

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Society. The Secretary shall prepare such directives and other documents as are needed and authorized by the Board of Directors.

Section 5.

The Treasurer shall keep and maintain accurate accounts of the transactions of the Society, including accounts of its assets, liabilities, receipts, and disbursements. The Treasurer shall deposit all moneys and other valuables in the name and to the credit of the organization with such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors. He or she shall disburse the funds of the Society as may be ordered by the Board, shall render to the President and Directors, whenever they request it, an account of all his or her transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Society, and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or the Bylaws. The Treasurer shall maintain a roster of all active members.

Section 6.

Each officer shall, upon the expiration of his term, or the termination of his duties for any other reason, deliver to his successor the records of the office.

Section 7.

A vacancy in the office of Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer may be filled by an election held for this purpose at a meeting of the Board of Directors.

## Article VI - GOVERNING BODY

Section 1. The Board of Directors

All official business shall be conducted by the Board of Directors of the Native Plant Society of Missouri. Only members of the Society shall be eligible for Board membership.

Section 2. Membership of the Board

The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers of the Society, the immediate past president, the newsletter editor, the chairmen of such standing committees as may be appointed by the Board of Directors, and six members elected by the general membership. At the first election of the Society, two of these six shall be elected for a one year term. Two shall be elected for a two year term. Two shall be elected for a three year term. Thereafter, all Directors shall serve three year terms of office. The Directors shall serve without compensation.

Section 3. Vacancies in the Board of Directors

A vacancy in the Board of Directors shall be filled by the majority vote of the Board of Directors. A Director thus elected shall hold the office for the unexpired term.

Section 4. Meetings of the Board of Directors

There shall be a meeting of the Board of Directors at the time and place of the annual meeting. Additional meetings may be called by the President, or in his or her absence or inability, by the Vice-President. In the event of the refusal of the President to act a special meeting may be called by five directors. Adequate notification of the date, time and place of the meetings of the Board of Directors shall be given by the Secretary to each Director.

Section 5. Quorum of the Board of Directors

6 The presence of voting Directors at a Board meeting shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Every act or decision by a majority of the Directors present at a meeting duly held, at which a quorum is present, shall be regarded as a valid act of the Board of Directors.

Article VII - ELECTIONS

Section 1.

Notice of the annual election shall be made in writing.

Section 2.

The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee to consist of a Chairman and three or more members of which only one is a member of the Board of Directors. They shall report to the President the names of the nominees selected by the Committee. The names of the Nominating Committee, a list of the offices to be filled and the names of the nominees are to be printed in the Newsletter, or reported to the membership by mail.

Section 3.

Members may suggest nominations to the Nominating Committee.

The name and qualification of any paid member, submitted for a particular office by a group of five paid members, must be included on the ballot if in the hands of the Nominating Committee before the close of nominations. A ballot including the nominations shall be printed and mailed to all paid members with instructions for its return within a reasonable and specified time.

Section 4.

Ballots shall be counted by a Ballot Committee appointed by the President, and the candidates receiving the most votes certified as elected. In case of a tie vote the Board of Directors shall decide. The newly elected officers shall take office at the conclusion of the annual meeting.

Article VIII - FISCAL YEAR

Section 1.

The fiscal year of the corporation shall be the calendar year.

Article IX - AMENDMENTS

Section 1.

These bylaws may be amended by an affirmative vote of 75% of the Board of Directors.

Two requests for information and assistance have come in. They are passed on below;

"A Quest for Cypripedium candidum in Missouri"

The small white lady-slipper orchid was last collected in Missouri on May 18, 1949, by Julian Steyermark according to the herbarium study of rare and endangered plants.

All the previous records of this species predate 1900 and the location data consists of little more than a county name (Andrew, Atchison, St. Louis, and Shannon).

Steyermark described the plant's habitat as "wet prairies or prairie swales and low wooded slopes bordering streams and valleys."

Sheviak with reference to Illinois populations described the habitat as "low calcareous prairies and fens." Furthermore, he notes that the plant is a "distinct calciphile" and is restricted to "open sites in full sun."

Anyone interested in this quest to rediscover the orchid can help in a few ways. First, the only known site with good collection data is Steyermark's, but it may now be eliminated. If you know of an undisturbed wet prairie with good potential for the orchid, drop a line. The search this year will concentrate on Northwest Missouri counties. Second, come along and lend your eyeballs and expertise on a search. If this note generates enough interest and potential locations pour in by the dozens, it might be possible to build a few different orchid chasing teams and check out many sites in a short time. Third, if you have observed this species in Missouri let me know. Any locations will be kept confidential if requested.

Mid-May is probably the best time to conduct the quest. If you are interested in helping, contact Gordon Maupin in the Department of Conservation's Natural History Section, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. The telephone number is A/C 314 751-4115.

Since Cypripedium candidum is a highly conservative prairie species, locations discovered might be worth serious consideration for Department of Conservation acquisition as a natural area or endangered species site.

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Marlin Bowles at the University of Illinois is looking for Missouri/Arkansas populations of Habenaria leucophaea for a pollination ecology study. Southwestern populations are desirable for comparison with northern Illinois plants. Larger populations are best but small colonies are also very helpful. Known flowering dates would also help. The project would involve some hand pollination and observations of pollinators, no plants would be taken. He can be reached at: 1017 S. Anderson, Urbana, Illinois 61801. Phone A/C 217 328-1448 or A/C 217 328-1448.

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We have heard that copies of the Proceedings of the Fourth North American Prairie Conference (1976) held in Ames, Iowa, are still available from Dr. Roger Landers, Department of Botany, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa 50010.



This newsletter is compiled in the Natural History Section of the Missouri Department of Conservation. Material for this first issue has, to a degree, been solicited. We would like to rely on your submissions for future issues. We need articles, commentaries, and suggestions. For a start, suggest a name for this newsletter.

BOOKS:

Rare Plants of the Ozark Plateau is now available. We are sending copies to those on our mailing list. Let us know if you have associates who can profitably use a copy.

Missouri Wildflowers by Edgar Denison, is again delayed in press. It should be available by the end of February from the Department of Conservation.

Wild Edibles of Missouri by Jan Phillips, is scheduled for publication by the Department of Conservation. It may be available sometime in 1979.

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If you have associates who would like to receive this newsletter, send their names to:

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