

Minutes for STMN Meeting 11/17/2020
6:30 pm ZOOM Virtual Meeting

6:35 PM Start

SPEAKER: Keith A. Pawelek, Assoc. Director, Texas Native Seeds Projects

TITLE: *The Texas Native Seeds Program a Statewide Initiative*

Attendees:

Pawelek, Keith*	Hill, Wendy
Abel, Liz	Hoekstra, Leslie
Ainbinder, Janice	Huckabee, Chad
Alvarez, Michelle	Ikonomopoulos, Nikki
Anderson, Ada	Lopez, Mary Grace
Bass, Lillian	Meadors, Jean
Bissell, Dawn	Plank, Rosemary
Bissell, Randy	Pyle, Suanne
Blend, Charles	Sanders, Kathy
Blend, Christy	Siebert, Arthur
Casiano, Adel	Silva, Paul
Cass, Samantha	Singleton, Carol
Connolly, Michelle	Smith, Karen
Dalrymple, Birgitta	Smith, Suzanne
Edwards, Jason	Tilley, Bryan
Edwards, Lari Jo	Valdez, Sr., Carlos
Emmons, Thomas	Walker, Gary
Frank, Cindy	Ward, Robert
Gabehart, Amanda	Weathered, Brenda
Garces, Ricardo	Wenzel, Mike
Gardiner, George	Woods, Philip
Hall, Susan	

**Visitor*

Call to order – Bibi 7:37 pm

No guests and visitors

Review and approval of October minutes - Bibi

- Minutes are posted on www.txmn.org/st
- Minutes stand as corrected.

Reports of standing committees, liaisons, and officers (see also attached reports)

Treasurer's report – Rosemary Plank

- \$10,124 total in accounts.
- Very good financial standing.
- A few remaining financial obligations, name tags.
- Working through changes with new Treasurer.

Initial Training – Philip Woods

- Going very well.
- Some trainees now certified and recertified!
- Should finish four by end of year.
- Last training at Mustang Island, next at Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve.
- Next month at Lake Corpus Christi and Welder (virtual).
- January at Aransas National Wildlife Refuge.
- Makeup in February, if needed.
- Planning next Fall, to include field and virtual training.

VMS Admin 1 -- Cindy Frank --Recognitions and service awards

- Recertifications include Sam Cass and Leslie Hoekstra.
- 1000 hours for George Gardiner.
- 500 hours for Lillian Bass.
- Certification and Re-certification for initial trainee, Michelle Connolly.
- 2 New TMNs
 - Susan Hall
 - Marie Keiber-Emmons
- Lots on the brink of certification – very impressive.

President Report – Bibi Dalrymple

- Thanks so much to past Officers, Rosemary and Chuck!
- Summary of the President's Meeting
 - Recap of Annual Meeting
 - Recordings of sessions for subscribers only.
 - Content counts for AT.
 - Upcoming Volunteer Fair (virtual).
 - TMN Covid Guidance.
 - 75% Capacity
 - Face coverings

- Local regulations
- Please use the online resources to answer basic questions instead of emailing TMN directly. A bit overwhelmed following the Meeting.

Outreach/Communications – Randy Bissell

- Facebook Group above 350.
- Training plans on our website.
- Meeting documents on our website.
- Big push for 2020 participation and membership.

Membership – Michelle Alvarez

- **Jeopardy TMN-ST Social – Dec. 2, 7-9 pm. Via Zoom**

New Business

Election of officers – Nominating Committee

- **Nominating Committee Comprised of Chuck, Rosemary, and Blyth**
- **Nominations for Officer Positions (2021-23)**
 - Treasurer, Leslie Hoekstra
 - Vice-President, Kimberly Ogden
- Nominations open from the floor.
 - No nominations.
 - Nominations closed.

MOTION FROM THE CHAIR: Chapter accepts the nominees, Leslie Hoekstra for Treasurer and Kimberly Ogden for Vice-President, by acclamation without opposition or objection.

Motion: Passed. Affirmed and verified by Secretary.

Thanks and congratulations to Leslie and Kimberly. No further new business.

Announcements – Next Meeting, 3rd Tuesday in January (January 19th, 6:30 pm via Zoom)

Chapter Social Activity in Break-out rooms – Michelle Alvarez – scavenger hunt, find a seashell, art, animal figure, potted plant, and a rock.

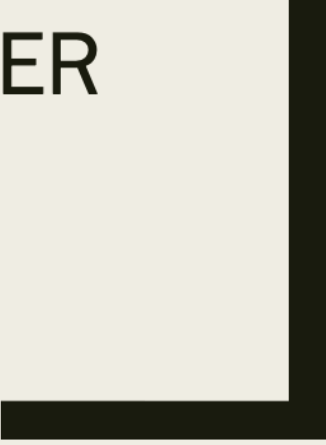
Reconvene before adjournment – No further announcements.

Adjourn: 8:30 pm AT 1 hour. Administration/chapter meeting 1 hours



STMN CHAPTER MEETING

Tuesday, November 17, 2020



Agenda

- SPEAKER: Keith A. Pawelek, Assoc. Director, Texas Native Seeds Projects
Title: *The Texas Native Seeds Program a Statewide Initiative*
- Call to order
- Introduction of guests and visitors
- Review and approval of October minutes
- Reports of standing committees, liaisons, and officers
 - Treasurer's report – **Rosemary Plank**
 - Initial Training – **Philip Woods**
 - VMS Admin 1 – **Cindy Frank** – Recognitions and service awards
 - President – **Bibi Dalrymple**
 - Communications/Outreach – **Randy Bissell**
 - Membership – **Michelle Alvarez**

I call this meeting to order at 7:37

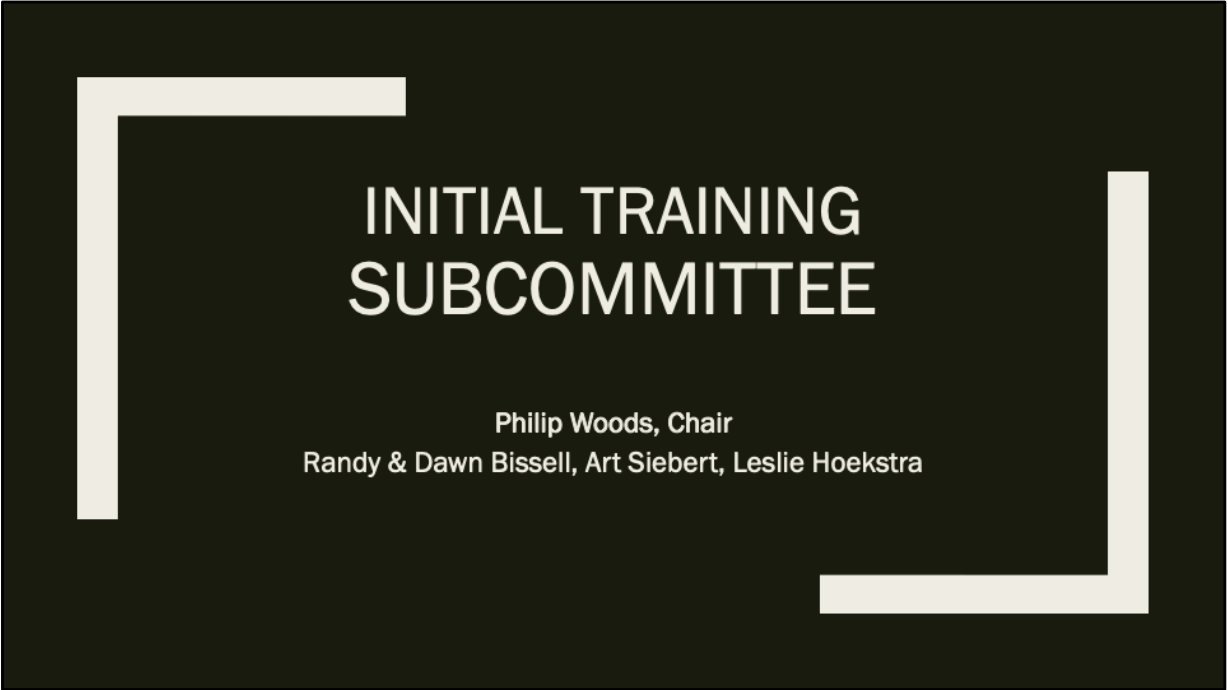
The minutes of our last meeting on October 20 were posted to our website on October 21 (<https://txmn.org/st/meetings/chapter-meeting-documents/>). Are there any new corrections to the minutes? The minutes will stand as posted and corrected.

Treasurer's report – Rosemary Plank

Treasurer's Report 17 October, 2020

Texas Master Naturalists: South Texas Chapter

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Business Simple: \$3,360.60		4,471.60		4,216.09	54,121.82	4,028.94	4,028.94
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INITIAL TRAINING SUBCOMMITTEE

Philip Woods, Chair
Randy & Dawn Bissell, Art Siebert, Leslie Hoekstra



RECOGNITIONS AND SERVICE AWARDS

Cindy Frank, VMS 1

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Bibi Dalrymple

Final chapter meeting of 2020; next chapter meeting will be Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

At this meeting we will elect two new officers to fill the positions of Vice-President and Treasurer. The rest of the board members, will remain with slightly different titles.

Thank you to our outgoing VP, Chuck Blend and Treasurer, Rosemary Plank. Both have contributed many hours of dedicated service and I appreciate their service in guiding and leading our chapter during their tenures.

Bibi:

Attended Presidents meeting Mon, Nov. 2, Key points:

(Slides, notes, and chat available at: <https://txmn.tamu.edu/chapter-presidents-meeting-november-2nd-2020/>)

Annual Meeting Recap

- Please do not share or reuse recordings for chapter trainings/meetings - for registered attendees only

- Watching recordings post event counts as AT
- Recordings available until April 2021

Virtual Volunteer Fair 2021

- 2020 virtual volunteer fair is still active
- Very popular thus we will continue to do this
- Will expand it to all partners in chapters / area
- Soliciting for proposals – mid-November
- Save the dates: Jan 26, 27,28 OR Feb 2,3,4 (tbd)

TMN Tuesdays 2021

- 2nd Tuesday of month, Virtual Advanced Training around Noon – 1:00
- Hosted via Webex and they will be recorded
- Open to all current TMN folks
- Send Mary Pearl and Michelle your ideas on what can be presented

Return to Service

- 75% capacity of space with max and of 50 people
- Applies to indoor and outdoor gatherings
- Face coverings required when 6 ft distance is not possible

Wordpress Update

- Restructuring of staff
- First call helpdesk is still available – but it’s slammed by all users
- Recordings of training is available
- <https://tmn.tamu.edu/wordpress-trainings-recordings>
- Hoping to get training started up again in 2021

Master Naturalist Project WILD

- Feb 2 & 9 2021 6-8 PM, Zoom
- Fee \$35
- 6 total hours of Project Wild training
- Chapters – need 5 members at each chapter/region before fee is collected and registration confirmed, also need a point person to get material

State Office Capacity

- 2020 has been a Year of Innovation
- MMH & MPM
- o What do drop to better manage new tasks
- o How do we change the execution of the Programs missions so that we don’t lose

the

soul of the program

o It will take longer to reply to questions from members

o Members need constant reminder that the State website is the best place to find information – MMH & MPM get an overwhelming amount of email that can be found there

☐ It may require management making decisions on what should come off the list

No more new chapters?

Other big projects could come off – e.g. junior naturalist program

Maybe we make small cuts in small portions that aren't as painful

2021 Board of Directors

1	Bibi Dalrymple	President
2	Kim Ogden	Vice President
3	Leslie Hoekstra	Treasurer
4	Randy Bissell	Secretary
5	Blyth Swartsfager	Immediate Past President
6	Paul Silva (TPWD)	Ex Officio
7	Kevin Gibbs (Agrilife Extension)	Ex Officio
8	Michelle Alvarez	Membership Director
9	Philip Woods	New Class Director
10	Randy Bissell	Communications Director
11	Chad Huckabee (VMS 2)	Advanced Training Director
12	Cindy Frank (VMS 1)	Volunteer Service Projects Director
13	Leslie Hoekstra/New Member	New Class Representative



COMMUNICATIONS/ OUTREACH

Randy Bissell

The Communications/Outreach committee simply wants to report that we currently have 353 Facebook Group members.

Please check out links to our nature partners on [South Texas Chapter – Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Texas Parks & Wildlife](#)



Jeopardy Virtual Social: **Wed. Dec 2 7-9pm.** Flyer and zoom link to follow.

Agenda (cont.)

- New business
 - Election of officers – **Nominating Committee**
 - Vice-President: **Kimberly Ogden**
 - Treasurer: **Leslie Hoekstra**
- Announcements
- Break-out rooms – social activity – **Michelle Alvarez**
- Adjourn
- Administration/chapter meeting - hour; AT - hours

Are there any nominations from the floor?

Vote. According to Robert's Rules, when only one person is nominated, they can be elected by acclamation.

For VP, Kim Ogden is nominated by the Nominating Committee. Are there further nominations for VP?

For Treasurer, Leslie Hoekstra is nominated by the Nominating Committee. Are there further nominations for Treasurer?pause.....If not, nominations are closed.

Members may write yes in the chat box.

KO and LH are elected by **acclamation**.

Bylaws:

Election Process

Nomination. The Officer Nominating Committee, chaired by the Past-President

with a minimum of two additional ad-hoc members who are selected by the President with Board approval, shall submit a slate of candidates for Officers to the President. The President must publish the slate to the Chapter membership in writing 15 days prior to the last General Membership Meeting before the end of each calendar year.

State Coordination. The State Master Naturalist Coordinator(s) may provide oversight and additional input to an individual Chapter's nomination process. Nominations from the Floor. Nominations for all positions will be accepted from the floor prior to a vote at the last General Membership Meeting of the calendar year.

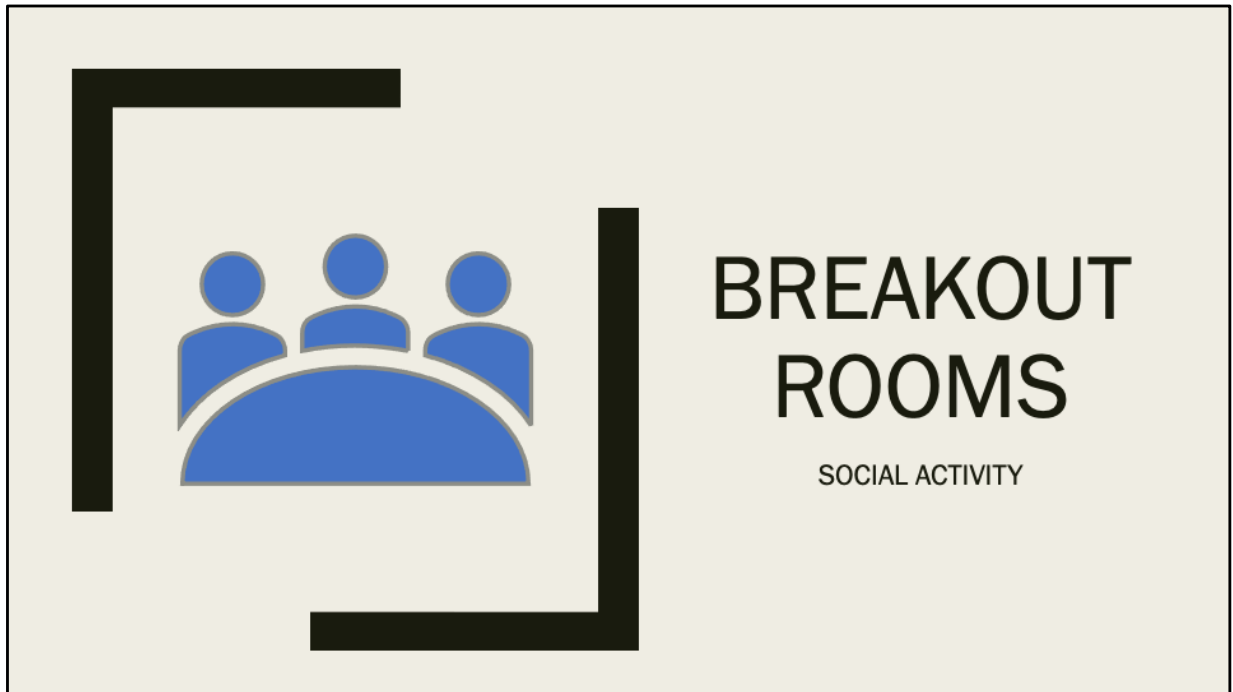
Election. The election shall take place by secret ballot, or as stated in the local Chapter Operating Handbook, at the last General Membership Meeting of the calendar year and winners determined by a simple majority.

Single Candidate. If only one candidate is nominated for an office, that candidate may be elected by voice vote.

Assumption of Office. The newly elected Officers shall assume their duties within the month of January of the following calendar year.



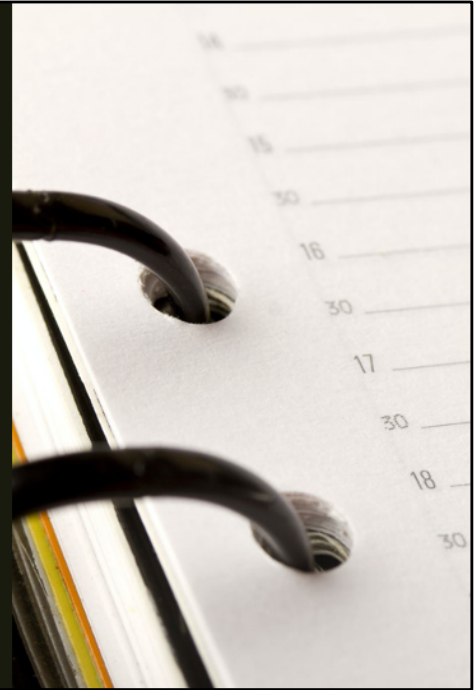
ANNOUNCEMENTS



End of meeting scavenger hunt: seashell, nature art you've created, animal figurine, potted plant, (and if you have a 5th person: a rock)

Adjourn

- Administration/chapter meeting: 1 hours
- AT: 1 hours



Is there any further business? Then the meeting is adjourned at _____.

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12	Chuck Blend	PPP (Operations/Bylaws) chair
13	Chad Huckabee	Historian/Archivist
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Meeting notes for New Class Committee

November 17, 2020

Training is going well with the Initial training. Michelle has certified and recertified. Tom and Marie have finished their initial training and are now interns, but still lack some volunteer hours, 4 others have enough hours that they should finish the initial training at our next training session this weekend, and some others are lagging but we have several more trainings scheduled. Since the last meeting we have trained at Mustang Island, had a virtual meeting about reptiles and amphibians in the area, had a virtual meeting dealing with the geology of the Nueces river system, attended virtual cold Stunned turtle training, and had a great training at Nueces Delta including familiarization with reptiles.

The committee has continued meeting to finish planning for this session of training which will end in January.. We will be finishing at Oso Bay Wetlands and learning center, Lake Corpus Christ State Park, a virtual meeting with Welder Wildlife refuge, and finally at Aransas National wildlife refuge.

They are working on preparing the training schedule for next year. Hopefully we will be able to go back to our August through January in person training. However we will continue with our virtual training as some things can be taught well in a virtual setting. We are also able to introduce our training sites and the personnel from each site who will be assisting us ahead of the visit..

Randy has programmed the Website to produce a training section with tabs where all the material from each training session is stored there under the name of the site we visited.

Awards/certifications for STMN since October 20, 2020

- 10/21/20 - Sam Cass recertified
- 10/21/20 - Leslie Hoekstra recertified
- 11/2/20 - George Gardiner = 1000 hours
- 11/10/20 - Lillian Bass = 500 hours
- 11/7/20 - Michele Connolly = initial certification AND recertified
- 11/17/20 - Susan Hall = initial certification
- 11/17/20 - Marie Kieber-Emmons = initial certification