

Special Called Meeting of Tennessee Native Plant Society

August 22, 2023

Purpose: Membership Management Program

Attendees – Karen Hill, Larry Pounds, Dennis Horn, Kim Sadler, Bart Jones, and Mitchell Kent. Mitchell is not yet a voting member, so that gives us a quorum of 5 out of 10 voting members. Only 1/3 constitutes a quorum and a simple majority is needed for action.

On Tuesday, August 22, 2023, President Karen Hill called a special meeting of the Tennessee Native Plant Society to order. The focus of the meeting was discussing the need for a membership management program and deciding on one.

President Karen Hill shared a diagram of the Current Workflow and described not only how much work it is for our board members but also that we are losing potential members because of the complicated system. Kim Sadler and Bart Jones shared how often data is entered multiple times and how overwhelming it is to move back and forth between the database, PayPal, and the multiple lists for various items (membership, newsletter, books, etc.,) She then shared a second diagram of what would be a more efficient flow.

Karen then shared about 4 different Membership Management Programs offering a chart comparing each of the programs – Neon One, Wild Apricot, Member Planet, and Little Green Light. A discussion ensued about the various features and which ones are most important for TNPS. Karen recommended using Neon One because it will grow with us.

Bart Jones made a motion that TNPS go with Neon one. Kim Sadler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.