MINUTES


The First Annual Meeting of the Society was convened at 7:30 PM with approximately 170 persons in attendance. Robert Turner, serving as Master of Ceremonies, introduced the speakers, including Steve Bissell, Chuck Feddema, Kim Vories and William Weber. Steve Bissell gave a brief summary concerning the development and activities of the Society since its conception in March, 1976 and introduced members of the Board of Directors. Chuck Feddema addressed his comments to the achievements and expressed goals of the Society, indicating the need for programs in education and activities related to the conservation of the native Colorado flora. On behalf of the Society, Kim Vories presented Honorary Life Memberships to two distinguished Colorado botanists, Dr. Harold Harrington and Dr. William Weber. Dr. Weber, featured speaker of the annual meeting, gave an illustrated lecture entitled "Colorado's Circumglobal Flora". An election was held among the members in attendance to replace 5 retiring members of the Board of Directors. The results are reported below:

A meeting of the Board of Directors was convened at approximately 9:30 PM. The following members were in attendance:

Steve Bissell                        William Harmon
Genevieve Bryant                      *Karen Hollweg
Chuck Feddema                           John Marr
Jon Halverson                     *Peter Mogielnicki

*Members retiring from the Board of Directors.

Order of Business

1. Genevieve Bryant reported the results of the election to the Board of Directors. Five new members of the Board were elected by the general membership. They are:

   Hugo Ferchau
   William Gambill
   J. Scott Peterson
   William Weber
   Dieter Wilken

2. Genevieve Bryant, acting on behalf of the Nominations Committee (Bryant, Feddema, Wilken), presented a slate of nominees to the Board for officers of the Society. Officers elected are:

   William Weber, President
   Hugo Ferchau, Vice-President
   Kim Vories, Treasurer
   Dieter Wilken, Secretary

3. The Board of Directors extended their appreciation of service by the retiring President, John Marr and to retiring members of the Board of Directors.

4. The Board of Directors extended their appreciation to the Denver Botanic Gardens for serving as hosts to the Colorado Native Plant Society and authorized a donation of $50.00 covering expenses entailed by the Gardens during the meetings.
5. A general discussion of committee activities and constituencies was followed by a resolution to delay further discussion until the next meeting of the Board of the Directors.

6. The Board resolved to hold two meetings prior to January, 1977. The meetings were scheduled for Monday, November 1 and Monday, December 6, both meetings to be convened at 6:30 PM at the Faculty Club, University of Colorado, Boulder.

7. The Board of Directors resolved to invite all interested members to its meetings in November and December and directed the Secretary to notify all members of the invitation and to apprise all members of the availability of copies of the Society's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.

Respectfully submitted

Dieter H. Wilken
Secretary
The Horticultural and Rehabilitation Committee of the Co.N.P.S. hopes to further appreciate for the state's native plants by encouraging Coloradoans to grow natives, and by gathering and disseminating knowledge to this end. By growing natives in their gardens, yards, parks, etc., Coloradoans will

Learn more about native plants,

Reduce consumption of, and dependence on resources such as water and fertilizer for landscape maintenance,

Create greater harmony between the urban landscape and its natural surroundings.

In addition, the Committee will help in rehabilitating disturbed natural environments by providing all available information to those interested in re-establishing native plant communities. In re-vegetation, we encourage the use of species that were native to the area.

We suggest the following procedure for those interested in gardening with natives:

1) Study the native plants to learn more about their natural history and growth requirements.

2) Attempt to grow those natives best adapted to the soil and climate of the site you wish to plant. Remember, a building may create many interesting microclimates.

3) Select plants grown from seed. This results in stronger, healthier plants and helps preserve the genetic variation in the species. Transplanted, collected plants rarely thrive.

4) Collect seed from abundant species. Care should be taken so that local seed sources are not depleted and local stands of natives are not damaged. Avoid collecting seed of rare or endangered species.

5) Insist on knowing the source of plant material when purchasing native plants or seeds.

6) Take the responsibility to share your findings on germination and growth requirements of native plants with others through the Co.N.P.S. or similar organizations committed to increasing knowledge of the state's flora.

To facilitate growing natives and accumulating data about their growth, the Horticultural and Rehabilitation Committee will establish a seed exchange, serve as a central depository for information from growers throughout Colorado, and disseminate information to interested growers and the general public.