
The Second Annual Meeting of the Society was convened by Hugo Ferchau at 2:30 PM with 86 persons in attendance. Hugo Ferchau conducted the business meeting.

Bill Harmon reported on activities of the Education Committee, which has attempted to develop a reference collection of color slides with respect to the native flora of Colorado. Hugo Ferchau reported on activities of the Environmental Documents Committee, which is currently drawing up parameters of criticism for environmental assessment documents.

Karen Hollweg summarized the activities of the Horticulture and Rehabilitation Committee which has sponsored numerous events regarding the use of native plants in landscaping and horticulture.

Steve Bissell, acting on behalf of the Publicity Committee, reported that efforts have been made to publicize the activities of the Society but that future progress depends upon efforts of members in their own regions of the State.

Scott Peterson, Publications Committee and Editor of the Newsletter, discussed the status of the Newsletter and efforts regarding its improvement. The need for articles of general interest, book reviews and photographs was stressed. Libby Goodwin reported on activities of the Legislative Committee. Of prime interest to members was the report that the Natural Areas Bill (Senate 130), supported by the Society, had been passed and was now administered by Reed Kelly.

Sue Martin, Membership Chairperson, reported that as of October 15, 1977, the Society comprised 224 members.

Kim Vories provided a report of the Treasurer, which is appended to the minutes.

Gail Evans and David Buckner, respective Presidents of the Fort Collins and Boulder Chapters, gave reports of Chapter activities over the past year. Hugo Ferchau introduced Janet Holm, Botanist, Region 6, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, who discussed the current program with respect to Threatened and Endangered Species.

Hugo concluded the business meeting with a brief summary of Society activities during the past year and goals with respect to the coming year.

On behalf of the Society, Kim Vories presented an honorary life membership to Mrs. Ruth Ashton Nelson, in honor of her numerous contributions to botany in the Rocky Mountains and Colorado.

An election was held among members present to replace 5 retiring members of the Board of Directors. The results were reported in the meeting of the BOD.

The Annual meeting was continued with a presentation of the Horticulture and Rehabilitation Committee, led by Karen Hollweg. Presentations were made by Dean Swift, Barbara Hyde, Paul Maslin and Bill Harmon on various subjects regarding the use of native plants in horticulture.
COLORADO NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 1977 - October 15, 1977

Kim Vories - Treasurer

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APPENDIX 1, MINUTES of October 15, 1977 meeting
A meeting of the Board of Directors was convened at approximately 4:00 PM. The following members were present:

David Buckner, Gail Evans, Hugo Ferchau, William Gambill, Libby Goodwin, William Harmon, Karen Hollweg, Scott Peterson, Jim Ratzloff, Kim Vories, and Dieter Wilken.

*For purposes of record:
David Buckner and Gail Evans are members of the Board by virtue of their respective offices as Presidents of Local Chapters.


Libby Goodwin, William Harmon, Karen Hollweg, Jim Ratzloff and Kim Vories are newly elected (October, 1977) and retire in 1979.

1. Officers selected by the BOD for the year 1977-78 are:

   President: Hugo Ferchau
   Vice-President: William Harmon
   Secretary: Panayoti P. Callas
   Treasurer: Kim Vories

2. The BOD discussed the request of Scott Peterson to be relieved of duties as Newsletter Editor.

   Anne Bliss was appointed as Editor and Scott as advisor to the Editor as part of his responsibility in the Publications Committee.

3. The BOD affirmed and approved the policy statement of the Horticulture and Rehabilitation Committee, which is attached as an appendix to these minutes.

4. The BOD determined the date, time and place of the next meeting:

   November 7, 1977, 7:00 PM, Room A, Denver Botanic Gardens
   1005 York Blvd., Denver, Colorado.

Respectfully submitted

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

APPENDIX 2, MINUTES of the October 15, 1977 meeting.