



# Arisaema

## Michigan Botanical Society State Newsletter

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### *Corresponding Secretary's Report*

This is the first issue of Arisaema under our new name, Michigan Botanical Society. Everything is the same, just a name change.

This issue covers a summary of our Annual Foray in Onaway. We are all so thankful to the organizers who pulled together the venue, field trips, speakers, awards and logistics. Dan and Emily have highlighted some important topics in their reports. Please take a moment and read through the minutes from the membership meeting and state board meeting. Please also note that we are encouraging everyone to opt for the electronic version (pdf) rather than the email version.

Our annual fall gathering coming up soon. The mini-foray will be held at the Waterloo State Rec Area Discovery Center. Dan has sent out registration information. Check your email for details and a link to online registration.

Respectfully,

Sheila Bourgoin, MBS Corresponding Secretary

'Tis the season for asters, goldenrods, and our upcoming fall Mini-Foray, which will be held at the Eddy Discovery Center, Waterloo Recreation Area, near Chelsea, on Saturday, September 24, from 10 am to 4:30 p.m.

We are now officially the "Michigan Botanical Society, Incorporated," but I know that I'll always refer to us, unofficially, as a "club." It is hoped that our recent name change will appeal more to academic botanists and their supervising deans. Our aims remain the same. We are not an exclusive "honor society" but rather a group composed largely of amateur botanists drawn together by our unifying enthusiasm for plants and natural areas. One of the great attractions of the MBS is the ability to get to know and interact with some of the finest academic and consulting botanists in the Midwest. Perhaps this name change will help us maintain or develop more connections with academic botanists and the resources of their colleges and universities as meeting places and field trip sites.

This issue of Arisaema includes the report of the 2022

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### *President's Report*

Nominating Committee: Becky Csia, Craig Elston, and Emily Nietering (Chair), which presents the slate of officer candidates for 2023-24. Thanks go to the committee and to the candidates who have put their names forward to serve in leadership roles.

Our Spring Foray, which was held over Memorial Day weekend, May 27-30, was a success. The weather cooperated for some wonderful field trips. We saw quite a few beautiful plants in flower, including dwarf lake iris (purple and white forms), ram's head, yellow, and pink (not quite open) lady-slippers, fringed polygala, and bird's-eye primrose, etc. I also saw a sack or two of fossils from a legal fossil collecting excursion to the old quarry at Rockport State Park.

On the way home, those of us who tried were unable to locate the state threatened whorled pogonia in Kalkaska County in tracts adjacent to where the known population was destroyed. This loss happened accidentally in 2017 due to a DNR timber sale miscommunication. In general, spring seemed a little behind this year so it was probably too early for a viable search.

In addition to the activities above, some of us participated in workshops on nature journaling, measuring big trees, and nature photography. In the evenings, we had interesting talks on Michigan geology, big trees, and ferns & lycophytes.

Although I have shared this information in an earlier email, and it is repetitive, there were two really important decisions made at the Foray that should be mentioned again.

1. On Saturday, May 28, at our evening meeting, the members present voted to change our name from “Michigan Botanical Club, Incorporated” to “Michigan Botanical Society, Incorporated.” The vote was 51 yes, 1 no. There was one vote allowed per household membership because membership categories vary among our Chapters. Some Chapters include individual and family memberships at different costs. Some do not separate the categories. With our membership of 332 at the time of the vote, a quorum of 33 voting members was exceeded. The vote specifically authorized an Amendment to our Articles of Incorporation to make the name change and the minimal “search-and-replace name” Bylaws changes to keep them current.

2. At its May 28 meeting, the MBC Board voted unanimously to stop distributing printed copies of our state newsletter, *Arisaema*, beginning in 2023. In other words, our state Corresponding Secretary will no longer be distributing printed issues. The printing, duplicating, and mailing of “hard copies” will become the responsibility of the individual Chapters. Depending on the Chapter, the Secretary or Treasurer (or perhaps someone with a different title as our Chapters have different officer structures) will print the electronic version and distribute it by mail. Our state Treasurer will reimburse Chapters for these costs if receipts are submitted. Please contact your Chapter if you require a paper copy, i.e., do not have email access or cannot read a computer screen. Two of our five Chapters are already following this procedure. Chapters know their members best and we are an all-volunteer organization where “many hands make light work.”

We have many folks to thank for our successful Foray. Of course, we are grateful for our Southeastern Chapter’s Foray planning committee: Emily Nietering (Chair), Don & Joyce Drife (Registrars), Marie Koski, Alice Ward, and Renee Zimmerman, who were assisted by state Treasurer, Bob Kelly, and state Corresponding Secretary and Webmaster, Sheila Bourgoin, who organized finances and communication respectively. The Walter and May Reuther UAW Family Education Center at Black Lake is a beautiful example of mid-century modern architecture with an outstanding staff, which were very friendly and helpful. Our thanks go to them, especially Cindy Gezon, Special Events Coordinator. Our speakers: Ty Black, Ted Reuschel, and Don Drife were informative and entertaining. Our field trip and workshop leaders were enthusiastic and knowledgeable. Thanks Tyler

Bassett, Ty Black, Gin Cawood, Don Drife, Rachel Hackett, William Houston, Judy Kelly, Liana May, and Ted Reuschel, some of you serving in multiple roles. Also, thanks go to our field trip and workshop facilitators who supported the leaders and were not in the Foray’s printed program. They helped these activities run smoothly.

Watch your email for information on how to sign up for our September 24 Mini-Foray! It’s a simple bring-your-own lunch gathering with field trips. Our after-lunch speaker is Allison Krueger from the Washtenaw County Natural Areas Program. The MBS Board is in the initial stages of planning for our big Foray next year to be held at the Indiana Dunes. It is tentatively scheduled for Labor Day weekend, September 1-4, 2023.

This is my last report in this capacity for *Arisaema*. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as President for 2021 and 2022. My wife, Viveca, and I have relocated permanently to south Florida. I hope to stay involved with our club using the internet and technology that we all learned much more about during the pandemic.

Sincerely,

Dan Skean

President, Michigan Botanical Society

## *Summary of the Annual Foray*

The lifting of some Covid restrictions and the wide distribution of vaccines allowed the MBC (now MBS) to feel that safely holding a Spring Foray this year would be possible. The Southeastern Chapter Foray Planning Team had reserved the UAW Conference Center at Black Lake near Onaway, MI for Memorial Day weekend of 2020, but then had to postpone holding the Foray due to the pandemic. The UAW Center was kind enough to hold our reservation for 2 years. Our original plan was to visit the often ignored NE portion of the Lower Peninsula as a twenty year “reunion trip” of the 2000 Spring Foray which the SEC also organized in this region. As we began to investigate locations to hold our Foray, the UAW Conference Center was the only choice in the area that could accommodate our large group with rooms, meals, and assembly spaces. It definitely is a unique and beautiful facility. The setting in the woods with no car access lent a peaceful “up north” feel to our stay, but did pose some additional logistical problems for move-in and caravan organization for field trips. Most attendees adapted well once the shuttle bus system was figured out. The long hallways between buildings allowed for movement between areas to be indoors but were difficult for some with mobility issues. Meals were served buffet style in the large dining hall overlooking the pond. Everyone had plenty of space to social distance as they ate. Many compliments were heard about the food, and the entire staff at the Center were very welcoming and helpful.

This was the first year field trip choices were made online and the restrictions of the platform used may have complicated sign-ups but made it easier for the registrars to assign field trip choices to participants. Complete online registration was not possible since the MBS does not have a system for online payments at this time. Further improvements to registration and field trip sign-up should come with future Forays. If anyone has expertise in this area that could be useful to us, please volunteer to help.

The field trip choices were varied with multiple trips offered to the showcase areas of Thompson's Harbor State Park, Grass Bay Preserve, Cheboygan State Park, and several of the local sinkhole preserves not generally open to the public. Some of the drives were long to reach the locations but worth it when we saw the richness of the flora. The grounds of the Conference Center offered ample space for several field trips and workshops on nature photography, nature journaling,

and Big Tree measurement. The weather was excellent for days in the field. The Foray Planning Team apologizes for the abundance of ticks, which unfortunately we seemed to have no control over. Each evening featured updates on MBS business such as reports from the State Board and Michigan Botanical Foundation, a vote on the organization's name change, introductions of the eight sponsored students, and announcement of Don and Joyce Drife as the recipients of the 2022 Distinguished Service Award. Our three evening speakers gave us a variety of information on the geology of the area, the MBS Big Tree program, and the large variety of ferns and lycophytes in our state. Every one of the 90 participants enjoyed greeting old friends, making new ones, and getting out into nature again after several difficult years of Covid restrictions. We are all looking forward to future Forays.

Emily Nietering

Chair, 2022 Spring Foray Planning Team



2022 Foray Attendees

Photo by Craig Elston



Dan Skean photographs *Cypripedium arietinum*

Photo by Don Drife



Thompson's Harbor

Photo by Don Drife



Thompson's Harbor Field Trip

Photo by Don Drife



Rachel Hackett

Photo by Don Drife



Tyler Basset leading trip to Thompson's Harbor

*Photo by Sheila Bourgoin*



*Iris lacustris, forma alba*

*Photo by Sheila Bourgoin*



2022 Foray Sponsored Student Attendees

Students from left to right: David Price, Hayden Janssen, Haley Weesies, Jay Kennedy, Abbie Bristol, Chad Machinski and Abraham Cone

*Photo by Craig Elston*

## Michigan Botanical Club Awards

Don and Joyce Drife received the Distinguished Service Award at the 2022 Annual Foray. Tony Reznicek gave these remarks at the ceremony.

“His parents met in the Detroit News Hiking Club which was the beginnings of the Michigan Botanical Club. He says they met in an orchid bog. They were also active in the Michigan Audubon Society and raised a family of birdwatchers, butterfly lovers and botanists. He spent time camping with family during childhood. He was born and grew up in Royal Oak, exploring the area as a kid.

Don is recently retired from a career in machine tool design and checking. He has a BA in English from Oakland University, graduating in 2014. He won awards at the college in creative writing, non-fiction, and research paper writing. He has always had an interest in photography and plant identification.

Don and Joyce met on a Michigan Audubon whitewater rafting trip to Idaho in 1981.

Joyce Drife

Joyce grew up in Mt. Morris, MI near Flint. Her family has had a cabin near Grayling since 1947 and she grew up loving nature. Joyce has a BA in Anthropology and an MA in Library Science, and has never used either degree in her years of employment.

Their mutual love for photography has taken them all over the world on various vacations. These have led to numerous programs given to the Southeastern Chapter of the MBC over the years. More recently Don and Joyce have adapted to the Zoom style and done several successful presentations on Michigan ephemerals and winter botany during the time COVID prevented the SEC from meeting in person. Don is always eager to lead field trips for our chapter as well.

Besides their participation in the MBC, Don and Joyce were involved in the beginning of the Royal Oak Nature Society in 2000 and jointly gave the first program on wildflowers in May of 2001. This is a non-profit volunteer citizens group tasked with protecting and managing two city owned nature preserves totaling more than 50 acres. Don knows every tree, shrub, forb and fungus in those properties. He is currently developing an arboretum in Royal Oak that will include one specimen of every native Michigan tree. He also maintains a blog that he started in 2012 at michigannatureguy.com with monthly natural history posts.”



Don and Joyce Drife receiving the Distinguished Service Award from Tony Reznicek at the 2022 Annual Foray.

Photo by Craig Elston

## Isotria verticillata Report

Garfield township, Kalkaska County is the last known location of *Isotria verticillata* in northern Michigan. In 1992 a count of 223 large whorled pogonias was recorded. By 2013, there were 38 stems. In 2017 this mature second growth woods was clear cut for lumber sales.

The Michigan Botanical Society was notified in 2019. Several individuals did private searches for this orchid the next couple years. An organized MBS two hour search with 27 members was held on Memorial Day 2022. No Michigan threatened orchids were in sight that day. Gratitude to everyone who participated and gave their time and effort.

When a searcher does not find even one of these erratic pogonias, it does not necessarily mean that they are not there. *Isotria verticillata* rhizomes do not send up stems every year. An entire colony can survive underground for many years without emerging or flowering, sustained through its dependence for nutrition by mycorrhizae (symbiotic fungi) in the soil. It is thought that some fungi prey upon the tiny, dust-like seeds of these pogonias. Even when colonies do emerge, there are likely to be many infertile stems. Most stems do not flower in the same growing season; nor do all flowers get pollinated.

More areas need to be searched in northern Michigan. The best places to look are dry or mesic hardwoods with mature red maple, beech, white oak; seeps and swamps, and sphagnum bogs. The soil I tested in the Kalkaska woods had a PH of 4.2, indicating acidic ground. The soil type in that area is Gray Calm - Klacking Rubicon, which is a well drained sandy soil. These are preferable pogonia conditions in woodlands.

The Kalkaska area will continue to need monitoring for *Isotria verticillata* in the future. Bring your grandchildren there, so that they become familiar with this location and will return in

adulthood. It is also important that everyone helps to protect and maintain habitats where *Isotria verticillata* and other rare threatened plants exist. We value living in a biodiverse world for ourselves and future generations.

Submitted by Ginger Cawood

## Mini-Foray 2022 Schedule

Hosted by: State Board

Date / Time: Saturday, September 24, 2022 / 10:00 am – 4:30 pm – activities begin ASAP after opening

Location: Eddy Discovery Center, Waterloo Recreation Area, 17030 Bush Road, Chelsea, MI 48118, Telephone: 734-475-3170 (open 10:00 am-5:00 pm on 9/24/22). A Recreation Passport is required for entry.

Our Mini-Foray is a simple bring-your-own bag lunch event with no registration cost.

Registration is online at this link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfKixMoUA7oh38QwnNHUcdELPA22Z-XVEAZG0N0NGyYvURm2Jg/viewform>

We strongly suggest, for the health and safety of everyone, that participants be fully vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19, and wear masks properly when indoors.

Our Mini-Foray is sponsored by the MBS State Board with facility use graciously granted by the DNR and Eddy Discovery Center. Special thanks go to Katie McGlashen, Interpreter at the Discovery Center. Board members Guerin Wilkerson and Tony Reznicek arranged the field trip leaders and speaker, respectively. Of course, we are extremely grateful to our speaker: Allison Krueger, and our field trip leaders: Bill Brodovich, Jo Latimore, and Tony Reznicek, for volunteering their expertise. Another special thanks goes to Carolyn Miller, who is serving as our Safety Officer. Field Trip Leaders will need to obtain her cell phone number for a central contact in case of an emergency.

REGISTRATION CLOSES AFTER SEPTEMBER 16. Walk-ins are welcome, as the public is invited to attend the morning and afternoon field trips and Allison Krueger's presentation at 1 pm. Field trip walk-ins, who will not have registered, will need to get on a field trip list and sign and date a hard copy of the Waiver and Release Form.

### SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

MORNING PROGRAM - Meet at Eddy Discovery Center at 10 am opening time; morning activities will begin as soon as possible. Field trip organization will occur just outside the Discovery Center entrance.

10 am - noon. Michigan Botanical Society Board Meeting – Auditorium – MBS Board

10 am - noon. Aquatic Plants Field Trip (open to the public) - Join Dr. Jo Latimore from MSU to explore aquatic plant life.

Jo is an aquatic ecologist with a passion for aquatic plants and their lake and stream habitats. We will walk the lakeshore and wade in the shallows to observe, collect, and identify floating and submerged plants. While we explore, we will discuss the roles of these often underappreciated plants in lake ecosystems and threats to their existence. If you are interested in wading, be sure to bring waders or water shoes. Plants will be brought to shore for those who do not wish to wade.

NOON – LUNCH – Picnic Shelter – bring your own brown-bag lunch

AFTERNOON PROGRAM - Presentation is in Auditorium. Field trip leaders will organize meeting places outside the Eddy Center.

1-2 pm. Presentation (open to the public) – Allison Krueger “Into the Washtenaw wilds: Stewarding Washtenaw County's rare species”. One purpose of land preservation is to protect the biodiversity of the local community. This purpose has been embraced by the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission (WCPARC) both in the acquisition of parkland and also through the Natural Areas Preservation Program. After 50 years of growth, what unique resources and biodiversity have been protected in Washtenaw County? More importantly, what are we doing to steward these areas? Join Allison Krueger, WCPARC Stewardship Manager, as we explore the nearly 6,000 acres of natural areas in our over 45 parks and preserves in Washtenaw County.

2:30-4:30 pm -Afternoon field trips (open to the public) - Discovery Center closes at 5 pm.

Oak Forest, Wetland Margins. Leader: Tony Reznicek. This trip will go from the Discovery Center to look at the oak forest and wetland margins that have a number of species of lycopods looking green even in September, as well as a bog (not everyone needs to dive into the bog!) that has bog lycopods. We'll also look at the oak forest edges, which have a modest barrens component, and some localized species such as dwarf hackberry. It will be mostly on trails, but we will be walking a moderate distance (ca. 2 1/2 miles, round trip). Waterproof footwear is always a good idea.

Kettle-Hole Lake / Bog Ecology. Leader: Bill Brodovich. Bill will lead a trip to a tiny kettle-hole lake with a bog margin just one-third mile (as the crow flies) from the Eddy Center. Unlike other lakes and ponds in this area, there are no trails leading to this one, so it is nearly pristine. To get to it, we'll follow the Bog Trail much of the way. The going won't be rough, but some of it will have to be cross-country. Waterproof footwear or canvas tennis shoes are recommended.

## Nominating Committee Report

Report of the Nominating Committee of the Michigan Botanical Society

In accordance with the Michigan Botanical Society Constitution Article 5 (reprinted below), nominations for the Slate of Officers for 2023-2024 were submitted to and certified by the State Board of Directors at the May 28, 2022 meeting held at the Spring Foray in Onaway, MI at the UAW Conference Center.

The following nominated Slate of Officers have agreed to serve for the term beginning January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024. Brief biographies follow.

President: Anton (Tony) Reznicek, Huron Valley Chapter

Vice-President: Robert Ayotte, Huron Valley Chapter

Recording Secretary: Carolyn Jean Miller, Great Lakes Chapter

Corresponding Secretary: Sheila Bourgoin, Huron Valley Chapter

Treasurer: Robert G. Kelly, Great Lakes Chapter

5.2. Nomination and Election. On or before February 1 of even-numbered years, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of at least three active members of the Club, of whom at least one must not be a member of the Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee shall draw up a slate of at least one candidate, and not more than three, for each office and present it to the Board of Directors for certification on or before May 30 of that year. A slate that has been certified by the Board of Directors shall be formally announced to all members of the Club as a report on or before October 1 of that year. The report shall also set forth the nomination and election procedures. In addition to candidates nominated by the Nominating Committee, any additional member may be nominated by written petition of not fewer than ten (10) members, to be received by the Chair of the Nominating Committee (with notice of its submission sent to the Corresponding Secretary) not later than three weeks after the date of formal announcement of the slate to the Club membership; the petition must be accompanied by written consent of the nominee to be a candidate and to serve if elected. If the slate of nominees certified by the Board of Directors has only one nomination for any office, and if no nominating petitions are received for that office as prescribed above, the nominee for that office shall be declared elected, and no further election procedures for that office shall be required. If there are two or more nominees for any office, by any means, the Nominating Committee shall include these nominees on ballots for the contested offices distributed to the members in accordance with the following procedures:

1. The ballot that has been certified by the Board of Directors shall be mailed or distributed by email by the Corresponding

Secretary to all the Club membership on or before October 1. The ballots shall be returned on or before November 1 to the Chair of the Nominating Committee for tabulation.

### BRIEF BIOGRAPHIES:

President: Anton (Tony) Reznicek, Huron Valley Chapter

Tony presently holds the position of Emeritus Curator, University of Michigan Herbarium; he received his B.Sc. from the University of Guelph and his Ph.D. from the University of Toronto. Tony is an avid botanist lucky enough to be in a job where being an avid botanist is rewarded. His research focuses on two areas; he has a strong interest in Michigan and Great Lakes Region flora and biogeography, including topics such as plant migration and colonization, origin and persistence of relict plant species and communities, wetland vegetation dynamics, especially of the Great Lakes shorelines, and the evolution of the endemic flora of the region. His research also involves the systematics and evolution of sedges, especially *Carex*, worldwide, but with a strong focus on North America and the neotropics, particularly Mexico. In addition, he is very active in the conservation of the Great Lakes region flora. His field work has been varied, including, besides Michigan, much of the US and Canada, including a number of trips to Alaska, many trips to Mexico, plus some trips to South America and China.

Vice-President: Robert Ayotte, Huron Valley Chapter

Robert is a retired Physician Assistant (P.A.) who has been a long-time member of the Huron Valley Chapter (HVC) of the Michigan Botanical Society (MBS). He lives in Chelsea, Michigan.

Before becoming a P.A., in 1992, Robert worked several part-time seasonal jobs as a naturalist and forest ecologist. He worked for the U.S.D.A. Forest Service, Pennsylvania Power & Light, and directed the Woodcock Nature Center in Connecticut, for 3 years. More recently, he spent two seasons working on vegetation and community mapping for Michigan Natural Features Inventory. While studying forest ecology and botany at University of Michigan in the late 1970s Robert worked closely with both Herb Wagner and Burton V. Barnes. He was a lab assistant for Systematic Botany, and a GSI for Forest Ecology. He has fond memories of attending both at Camp Filbert Roth and at the UM Biological Station.

Currently, Robert works as a consultant in the development of wildland management plans, and serves on the boards of the Huron Valley Chapter, and the Waterloo Natural History Association. He also helps with the natural areas assessments conducted by the Huron River Watershed Council. He enjoys setting up programs for the MBS, and often helps with local field trips. He is an avid cyclist, enjoys reading history and American literature, and collects vintage baseball cards.

Favorite Family: Asteraceae



Recording Secretary: Carolyn Jean Miller, Great Lakes Chapter

Carolyn received a B.S. In Botany from Michigan State University, and currently serves as the MSU Plant Recorder for the W. J. Beal Botanical Garden and Campus Arboretum. Her responsibilities include collecting phenology data, creating and maintaining an inventory of all the trees and shrubs throughout the MSU campus, and keeping records and maps up to date utilizing innovative GPS and GIS technology. Previously she was employed at and served as the Curator of Plant Collections at the Naples Botanical Garden (Naples, FL), then as Plant Recorder for the Meijer Gardens (Grand Rapids, MI), and as Plant Recorder for NaʻAina Kai Botanical Garden (Kilauea, Kauai, HI). Currently, she is a master's student (biology) at Miami University (Ohio).

Corresponding Secretary: Sheila Bourgojn, Huron Valley Chapter

Sheila has a fine arts degree from The School of the Fine Arts in Boston and Tufts University. She works as a graphic designer in the Ann Arbor area. In addition being active in the Huron Valley Chapter, she has served as the MBS Website Content Manager, the MBC Corresponding Secretary, and enjoys leading field trips, among other contributions. Sheila is an active stewardship volunteer for the Michigan DNR and Michigan Nature Association. Her creative pursuits include photography and writing for her blog about Southeast Michigan native flowers, and botanical illustration. She lives in Saline, MI, with her husband Lee and they have two children, Elizabeth and Mike. Originally from Massachusetts, she moved to Michigan with her family over 20 years ago.

Treasurer: Robert G. Kelly, Great Lakes Chapter

Bob has served as the Michigan Botanical Club treasurer since 2013, and has graciously agreed to continue as the Club's treasurer another 2 years. During that time, he has enhanced the reporting of the MBC financial status by setting up a Quicken account which allows for creation of in-depth reports. He also assisted with the reclassification the Club to a 501 C-3 organization. In the interest in protecting our Club members on our field trips, he investigated and set up the MBC liability policy, which insures all Club members participating in local and state activities. He also facilitated establishing the Amazon Smile Account which generates donations from Amazon.com based upon sales from their site.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Nietering, Southeastern Chapter President

Craig Elston, White Pine Chapter President

Becky Csia, non-Board member, Southwestern Chapter

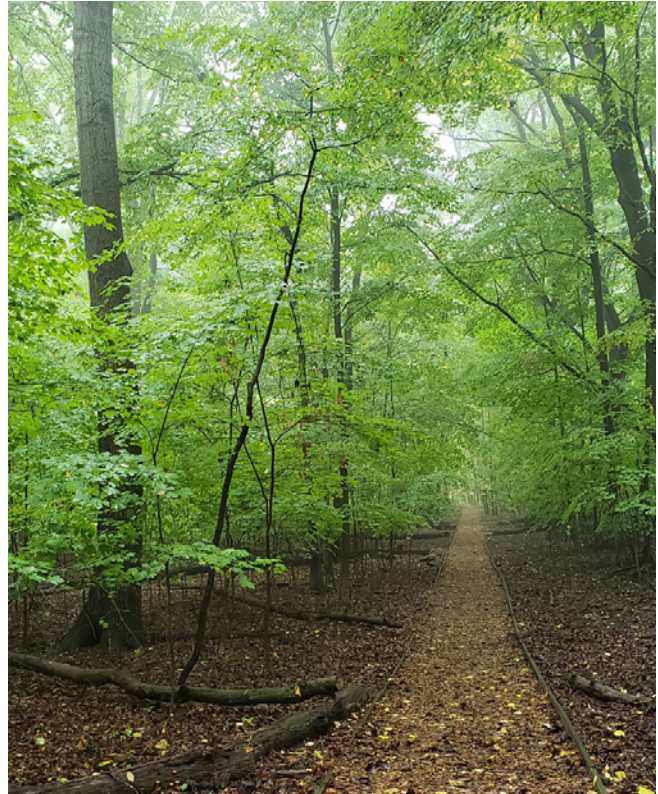


Photo by Renee Zimmerman

## *Membership Meeting Minutes*

Michigan Botanical Club – Membership Meeting

Draft Minutes

Saturday, May 28, 2022 – 7:30 PM

Call to Order: At 7:50 PM President Dan Skean called the meeting to order.

- Approximately 75 persons were in attendance.
- A quorum of ten percent of membership (currently 332) was present.

Dan reiterated the reason for the meeting – a consideration and vote on the name change of the organization from “Michigan Botanical Club, Incorporated” to “Michigan Botanical Society, Incorporated” as recommended in a motion passed by the State Board on January 22 of this year. He reminded everyone that an email about this meeting and vote was sent to all paid membership. The email included the ballot and the draft Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws as they would be revised only to reflect the name change, should it be approved. Dan also reminded everyone that there were two online meetings to discuss the name change, which were held on the evenings of May 16 and 19.

Having spoken about the name change the previous evening, Dan gave a brief rationale for it. Primarily, it would open the possibility for more academic botanists to become involved

because college and university administrators would give us more consideration as a scientific society – a definition that fits because we publish a scientific journal. He pointed out that we are an organization bound together by our love for plants and natural habitats, and that one of the great benefits of being a member is the ability to get out in the field with some of Michigan's top professional botanists, many of whom are academics.

Dan asked for questions and there were none. He then asked if anyone objected to a “show of hands vote” instead of a paper ballot. No one objected. He then explained that, because Chapters have different membership and dues structures, that probably the fairest approach was to allow one vote per household, and to be sure that person is designated before the vote.

Dan then read the ballot:

\_\_\_ Yes - I vote to change our organization's name from “Michigan Botanical Club, Incorporated” to “Michigan Botanical Society, Incorporated” and authorize only the minimal changes to our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws that would be required to implement this name change.

\_\_\_ No - I vote against changing our organization's name from “Michigan Botanical Club, Incorporated” to “Michigan Botanical Society, Incorporated” and do not authorize any changes to our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.

A hands vote was taken and the motion to change the name was approved by a vote of 51 to 1.

The meeting was adjourned at ca. 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Skean

Acting Recording Secretary

## State Board Meeting Minutes

Michigan Botanical Club – State Board Meeting

Minutes - Saturday, May 28, 2022

Approved by Email, August 24, 2022

Call to Order: At 4:30 PM Dan Skean called the meeting to order.

- Board members in attendance: Sheila Bourgoin, Garrett Crow, Craig Elston, Bob Kelly, Mark Koski, Carolyn Miller, Emily Nietering, Tony Reznicek, Dan Skean, Joe Trapp, Alice Ward, Guerin Wilkinson, John Zimmerman

- The Quorum of 12 members was met: Roberts Rules of Order are in effect.

Approval of Agenda & Minutes

- Motion to approve agenda: Bob Kelly, Mark Koski 2nd, all approved

- Revised minutes of the January 22, 2022 meeting were

approved by email on March 2, 2022.

Announcements

- Dan welcomed everyone to the meeting and circulated the Board Directory. Any changes please contact Dan.

Reports

- Treasurer – Bob Kelly

--Opening balance: \$76,236.41

--Income: \$1,178.23

--Total Available: \$77,441.64 (\$60,932.48 restricted, \$8,397.38 unrestricted)

--Expenses: \$8,111.98

--Balance remaining: \$69,329.86: It should be noted that the expenses of \$8,111.98 was an advance in funds to pay for the use of the UAW facility/meals. We needed to pay up front for the facility (because we're a nonprofit organization). The SE Chapter will reimburse those funds following the foray.: There was a minor correction on the detailed financial statement. Under 'Restricted,' the MBC & Smith CDs actually renew in at the end of October, 2022. : Financially the organization is doing well. Dues are coming in.: No questions were presented: all approved

- The Great Lakes Botanist – reported by Dan Skean: Enough articles for an issue, Just waiting for reviews

- Awards (including Dickinson Award) – Tony Reznicek: An award will be presented for Distinguished Service Award: Joyce and Don Drife: Many student papers to review for awards. Will not happen until later in the year.

- Committee to Promote MBC – Judy Kelly: Bob Kelly reported that all is good with promoting organization

Old Business:

- Nomination Committee – Emily Nietering: For the 2022 nominating committee: 5 positions to be filled for 2023 – 2024

--President: Tony Reznicek has accepted the nomination

--Vice President: OPEN

- Duties include Filling in for President if needed, perform tasks that the President or Board may ask, and oversee the Awards Committee.

--Corresponding Secretary: Sheila Bourgoin - agreed to continue

--Recording Secretary: Carolyn Miller - agreed to continue

--Treasurer: Bob Kelly – agreed to continue: Please submit names to Emily for VP nominations: Will have a slate of nominations to be included in the Fall Arisaema issue.

- Club Sponsored Online Lecture Series : Have speakers through the end of 2022: Need speakers for the beginning of 2023 (Conley McMullen will speak on Flora of the Galapagos Islands)

- Proposed Name Change for Michigan Botanical Club Michigan Botanical Society: There have been numerous emails sent out and 2 listening sessions for members to voice their questions.: Voting will take place tonight, May 28, 2022, before the lecture: The name change will allow academic and students to have more credit by being a member of a Society. This would hopefully enhance more members in academics, as well as field trip leaders.: The Great Lakes Botanist is an academic journal, and this should reflect on the name change: The society will continue to bring together all backgrounds for the common enjoyment of plants.: It was determined to do a hand vote instead of paper ballot, unless a paper ballot is requested. : We will need to file an amendment to our Articles of Incorporation with LARA if the majority rules in favor of the name change. This may result in a small fee to do so.

- Search Committee for TGLB, Business Manager – Dan Skean: Seeking a business manager separate from the editor for TGLB. If approved by the Board, a small stipend will be offered to the business manager. The business manager is responsible for subscriptions, international mailings, and billings to the chapters.: We have found an editor, who will begin in 2025. Mike Huft has agreed to stay on as editor until 2025 to oversee TGLB.

- Arisaema electronic or print – Dan Skean: Electronic or print – trying to get everyone to accept electronic Arisaema, like chapter newsletters that are emailed.: The Board previously voted for members to make a choice – electronic or print – no option for both. We need to reduce the number of printed copies and to have Chapters, who know their membership better than the state Board, print out and mail copies only to their members who truly require them. This would remove the printing and mailing burden from Sheila Bourgoin, our state Corresponding Secretary, who already compiles, formats, and edits the electronic version, which is a time-consuming task. Two Chapters (SEC and WPC) are already doing this for their members.: Garrett Crow made the motion: Beginning in 2023, the state Corresponding Secretary will only distribute electronic copies of Arisaema. It will be a Chapter's responsibility to print the electronic version and mail it out to its members who require a printed copy. Chapters can be reimbursed by the state Board for printing and mailing of the Arisaema. Receipts must be submitted to the state Treasurer for reimbursement.

--2nd by Joe Trapp: All in favor – passed unanimously: Dan Skean will send out a notice to the Chapters.

- Spring 2022 Foray Preliminary Feedback – Emily Nietering: Positive feedback so far!: Please encourage all to fill out the feedback form as ideas will be passed onto the state Board for improvements.

#### New Business

- Helen Smith Fund CD – Garrett Crow: Use funds (that continually roll over) to fund special publications, etc.: Tony

Reznicek mentioned that long ago there was a concept to potentially target land acquisition, but land is expensive to attain and unrealistic. : Tony found original photos and manuscript of wildflowers in winter. Larry Nooden had some plans to rework and expand and expand on winter ID. Thoughts would be to put it online so that items could be updated: Sheila Bourgoin brought up an idea of creating a book of photos and records of the big trees – to do this online. Sheila has all the records with data & images, and somehow to get this out to the public to see. Also could be a special issue of TGLB.

- MBC Officers Guide – Dan Skean: Dan will be writing the officers to get a description of their officer duties, action dates, and procedures

- Planning 2023 Foray – Dan Skean: Dan is setting up a committee, but not as chair because he is moving to Florida: Suggestions are as follows

--Drummond Island

--Indiana Dunes (John Dollard connection)

--Hiawatha National Forest

--Keweenaw : Emily Nietering has the program from the 2006 spring foray to Indiana Dunes: Decided that the 2023 Foray will be a fall foray to Indiana Dunes (Labor Day Weekend?) and the mini foray will be in the spring.: Tony Reznicek, Bob Kelly, Carolyn Miller, Sass Havilar, John Dollard (HNF botanist formerly assigned to Indiana Dunes), and Dan Skean should be able to help. We need other committee members.: Motion – Craig: Pursue planning a foray in the Fall 2023 at Indiana Dunes

--2nd – Tony Reznicek

--All in favor – passed unanimously: Mini Foray 2022

--Thoughts of Waterloo Recreational Area, Pierce Cedar Creek Institute, Matthaei Botanical Gardens

--Date could be: Sept 24, October 1, or October 8

- Adjourned at 5:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Miller

Recording Secretary

## ***MICHIGAN BOTANICAL SOCIETY***

The Michigan Botanical Society the native plant society of Michigan, promotes through its aims, the understanding, enjoyment and preservation of our Great Lakes flora, and the conservation of our natural heritage. The Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 1941.

### **AIMS**

- Conservation of all native plants.
- Education of the public to appreciate and to preserve plant life.
- Sponsorship of research and publications on plant life.
- Sponsorship of legislation to promote the preservation of Michigan native flora.
- Establishment of suitable sanctuaries and natural areas.
- Cooperation in programs concerned with the use and conservation of all natural resources and scenic features.