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## 2011: NJ Flora Project's End of Year Progress Report

*Minutes of the Telephone Conference Call held October 8, 2011*

The October 8<sup>nd</sup> "in herbarium" meeting was canceled and was replaced with a conference call. Most of the regular members were unable to attend. We held this call so we didn't miss an opportunity. Three members (Wayne Ferren, Bill Olson, Joe Arsenault) called in. The resulting conversation discussed the year's progress as well as the normal business and committee information normally discussed.

The year 2011, like 2010, was a year of mixed progress. We made progress on our web presentation and normal formal business issues yet we were slower than anticipated on the flora assignments and product delivery tasks.

### **Flora of New Jersey Project, Inc. Business:**

Non-Profit Status: 501 (c) (3) Non-Profit Tax and Yearly filing complete

- FNJ Project, Inc. filed the normal form 990 as required.
- We continue to enjoy non-profit status at the NJ Department of Taxation and federal Internal Revenue Service levels.

Banking:

- Our Newfield National Bank checking account has an official balance of \$460.07 as of 9/30/2011.

### **Committee Reports:**

Membership:

- Our membership and participation has held steady at 12 dues paying members and 12 occasional flora participants.
- As in past years we have received an occasional membership payment from the interested public but our ability to sustain this membership is weak.

Outreach:

- The FNJ Project did not make any formal presentations during 2011.
- Bill has now turned his attention toward fund raising and will be consulting with knowledgeable grant writers to help us fund FNJP. We need operating money for our normal day-to-day operation, outreach program goals (publications, posters, classes, symposia), web fees, web manager and design.

IT/WEB Committee:

- Through the actions of Bill Olson and the volunteer work of Solvit Inc, we now have a new, exciting and interactive web page.
- Bill dedicated enormous amounts of time from November 2010 to February 2011, working with Bobbie and Sandy (the owners of Solvit) and together they developed our blog format site that allows us to have complete control.

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- We now have regular postings of news and plant name updates as well as photos, and nearly any other idea that comes to mind.
- The web address is [www.njflora.org](http://www.njflora.org) and it is now hosted by *Go-Daddy*, an independent web hosting company. We were not able to stay with Rutgers IT department. We were not able to have the freedom of web changes that we now have, so the switch was made and the decision was good.

Nomenclature Committee:

- There have been fewer submissions for nomenclatural review than in past years.
- The major submission were made:
  - Bill Olson submitted the family Violaceae, all of the new genera for the old genus *Aster* sensu lato, *Solidago*, and the Eupatorieae; and in the Cyperaceae the genus *Scleria*.
  - Ted Gordon submitted new nomenclature for *Rhynchospora*

Atlas Committee:

- The atlas is now back on line under the web page selection “Completed Atlas Pages.” The pages available are few but mimic the pages developed by Janet Novak, but with photos and interaction conversation with viewers.
- Joe Arsenault submitted requests to be responsible for:
  - Poaceae:  
*Aira, Ammophila, Amphicarpon, Arthraxon, Dactylis, Distichlis, Eleusine, Gymnopogon, Hierochloa, Holcus, Microstegium, Phalaris, Phlem, Sorgastrum, Tragus, Tridens, Triplasis, Zea, Zizania*
  - Ruppiaceae  
*Ruppia*
  - Zannichelliaceae  
*Zannichellia*
  - Zosteraceae  
*Zostera*
- The *Gentiana* has been passed to Ms. Lauren Spitz by Dr. Struwe.

Manual Committee:

- The manual complete works (keys and treatment) for the families Santalaceae (Viscaceae) and Amaranthaceae are now two pdf files on the Manual Page on the web.
- The introduction chapter is still awaiting submissions for the general lay-of-the-land paragraphs. To date, only one contributor has completed the task.

**Other Business:**

No other business

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**Calendar Year 2012 Meeting Dates:**

- General Meetings for all FNJ members in the Chrysler Herbarium

**February 18, 2012 @ 10 AM**

**October 13, 2012 @ 10 AM**

- Telephone Conference Call Meetings for Flora of New Jersey Committee chairpersons and interested participants

April 14, 2012 @ 10AM, telephone number to be announced

July 14, 2012 @ 7PM. Telephone number to be announced

- Herbarium Work Dates: The herbarium will be open at 10AM for members with a need to access the Chrysler Herbarium:

November 19

December 3

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