Executive Board Meeting Mount Lassen Chapter California Native Plant Society  
20 February 2013, Janna Lathrop, acting secretary

To order at 7pm at the home of Woody Elliott by President Suellen Rowlison. 
Present (quorum count 5, in bold): Ron Coley, Denise Devine, Woody Elliott, Gerry Ingco, Hesh Kaplan, 
Janna Lathrop, Susan Mason, John Meehan, Suellen Rowlison, Paula Shapiro, Angie Tilaro, 
Marion Weer, Cindy Weiner, and Ellen Copeland. 

Elected officers absent: Catie Bishop, Jim Bishop, Margo Lund and Paul Moore. Suellen to contact 
member at large, Margo Lund, to determine her availability to attend board meetings. 

Old Business: Approval of 16 Jan. 2013 minutes deferred until March to clarify corrections. Suellen 
requests that minutes be available to the board in 7 to 10 days after the board meeting to review. 

-Treasurer’s report given by John M. and a copy is attached. John will amend the job description for 
treasurer to include transition between outgoing and incoming treasurers. 

-Wildflower Show 2013: Motion by Paula S., 2nd Hesh K. to draft a donor letter to members to defray the 
rental cost of CARD center; passed unanimously. Similar appeal in 2011 yielded $625.00 that defrayed 
the entire rental cost. Ellen inquired if there was any WFS plant collection policy. She will pursue with 
collectors/botanists. No one has stepped forward to coordinate or volunteer to give nature talks. 

Motion by Woody E. 2nd Janna L. to allocate $400.00 to print 50 t shirts; passed unanimously. 

New Business: Email of 2/16 from Catie B. read about auto insurance and field trips. Reiteration that 
carpooling strictly voluntary and cannot be assigned. 

-Discussion about policy for travel cost reimbursement. There is a state CNPS policy for delegates to 
Chapter Council Meetings. Discussed query made for reimbursement of gas money for WFS plant 
collectors. Motion by Woody E., 2nd by Marion W. Reimbursement requests to be submitted for board 
consideration on a case by case basis and any reimbursement to be at the CNPS rate of at $.20/mile. 
Passed aye 9, nay 4. 

-Discussion: Mission Statement Strategic Planning led by Suellen and Angie T. to develop a framework 
that evaluates chapter programs and then reflect within MLC budget. Where does the chapter want to 
put our emphasis? Programs were evaluated compared to the components of the CNPS mission 
statement. There was a strategic brainstorm session and the following were listed: 

- Main goal, Conservation; 
- Survey of membership (was done several years ago); 
- Education program-offer more classes, programs, school visits, speakers bureau; 
- get more input from members via newsletter and general meetings; 
- Horticulture fund a native plant nursery for stocking of plants for plant sales; improve contact 
with Butte College (interest in space for nursery?); 
- CCNC native plant garden: promote need for new coordinator, develop dialogue with CCNC; 
- Yahi Trail Maintenance (funding?, complete sign project). 

The Mission Statement and Brainstorm session input will be at the next general meeting to solicit 
discussion. Suellen will make the member survey available to put on the website. Add the mission 
statement to newsletter. 

-Proposed Budget Policies: defer until March board mtg. to allow full discussion of budget “wait” items. 
-Reserve Policy Motion by Cindy W., 2nd Ron C. that a MLC budget reserve be established to reflect the 
amount equal to the fixed operational costs of the previous year. Passed aye 12, nay 0, abstain 1. 

Committee Reports: Janna will work to staff the April 20 event at CCNC. Offers from Hesh and Tim 
Devine (via Denise D.) to help judge at the Chico Science Fair for March 26. 

Susan M. passed out free posters to promote rare plant donation on state tax returns. CNPS offers each 
chapter five complimentary memberships to local people of influence. Submit names to Susan by March 
1st deadline. Cindy W. shared thank you received from Emily Meigs, student sponsored to No. CA
Botanist Conference. John M. has acquired so many used books; that he plans to sell them at WFS for larger venue. Woody gave updates on No. Table Mountain Ecol. Reserve and Brady’s Camp. Ron C. will schedule two rare plant trips. High elevation trips will need leaders and Ron can provide the RPTH forms.
May 15 board meeting will be at Gerry Ingco’s home. Dinner with speaker on March 4 not yet determined. Meeting adjourned at about 9:25pm.