Saturday

**Board of Director’s Report:** Glen Holstein, Board Representative to the CC, reports that CNPS statewide is doing very well financially.

--There are several books that CNPS has recently published, or are in the pipeline including floras: Rock Creek, Kern County, Lava Beds, Monterey County, and a Manzanita book. For information contact Nancy Morin.

--There also has been authorization to move ahead in developing a Botanist Certification Program which has been mentioned in previous delegate reports. For more information contact David Magney.

**Board President** Laura Camp: The merger of CNPS and CalFlora, also mentioned in previous delegate reports, is now not going to happen. It was decided that what is best for the two organizations is to remain independent.

**Elections** David Bigham: Announcing the results of the latest election. We still need a secretary as Marty will now be a CC Representative to the Board.

**Executive Director** Dan Gluesencamp: There is a new manager for the Rare Plant Program, Mona Robison.

--The Horticulture Program is moving ahead with native landscaping at the State Capitol, and the Google Campus. There was an initiative to adopt Long Beach as a model for public landscaping.

--The Conservation group is still working on desert issues including identifying the highest priority areas for conservation.

--There have been staff changes. Cari Porter has left. Laureen Jensen was hired as the transitional finance person. They are looking for someone to take over Cari’s position. Heiick Kim left for another job.

--They are still looking for an associate director, a new position who will help fill communications and horticulture positions among other duties.

--The Bulletin editor, Bob Hass, is resigning his position.

--The book “California Botanical Landscape” will be available soon.

--The 2018 Conference is already in the planning stages. There is a suggestion that CNPS partners with the Wildlife Society. Comments on this should be directed to Dan.

--CNPS is collaborating with a Dutch fiber artist on a show for the San Francisco Museum of modern art in May 2016.

**Dave Magney:** Spoke about lawsuits that Chapters might use as a tool for plant protection. He stressed that it is very expensive to sue. David’s Chapter, Channel Islands, has been fighting Newhall Ranch in Southern California for 2 decades. Newhall Ranch is the largest
urban development proposed in the State. It is all on open space and farmland. Channel Islands, along with the LA Santa Monica Mountains Chapter, in partnership with Friends of the Santa Clara River, sued to force the Newhall Ranch to protect the San Fernando Valley spineflower, a fully protected species. They won the suit, then lost on appeal. It went to the State Supreme Court where they ruled the EIR was inadequate. This is the first time CNPS has won in the Supreme Court. The full story is at http://www.cnpsci.org

Presentations: We had a presentation about CalFlora and its Great Places list. There are some gaps in the State, but there are 80-100 places listed where someone can go and see good examples of native plants in the wild in a day.

--We got a presentation about the Strategic Plan by Steve Hartman.
--Jim Bishop and Steve Goetz gave us a summary of the Phytophthora Policy including a slide show which will be available on the CNPS website. There was a motion to accept the Policy and it passed the CC unanimously.

Sunday
Orchid Black introduced a plan for the CC to evaluate the Board, a task that is supposed to happen regularly. She went over a survey based on the by laws which has questions prepared by the CC officers. Discussion followed, and eventually the CC approved the evaluation.

--After discussion, there was a vote to adopt the Strategic Plan. That motion carried.