Board of Directors (BOD) Annual review—New committee being formed to select questions for Chapters to answer about how the BOD is doing.

--BOD elections are coming up. Open positions include: President, Secretary, 2 Directors-at-Large, and 1 Chapter Council Representative.

--BOD resolutions passed:

1. To consolidate the unrestricted bequests
2. Reduce the number of Board Members-at-Large by 2 from 13 to 11

--All restricted bequests are spent at a rate of 25% per year, or about $150,000

--BOD wants CC to allow it to decide where to spend the bequests, while the CC will retain the responsibility to update the Strategic plan every 10 years. The Strategic Plan gives overall direction to the BOD about priorities.

Brock Wimberly, the Finance and Operations Director, wants to establish a “Best Practices” document for Chapters.

Executive Director, Dan Gluesencamp started a new committee to identify the Important Plant Areas (IPA) in California. This would not replace the focus on individual species, but help CNPS with future lobbying regarding management decisions. The committee would include members of the Conservation, Vegetation, and Rare Plant Programs. Chapters are encouraged to send in places in their areas for consideration and prioritization.

--The CNPS Bulletin will get a makeover including a name change. More pictures will be added to give it a “magazine look”. The hope is to sell it at nurseries.

--There will also be changes to the Fremontia. More pictures, guest editors, and a Spanish language version will help get it on mainstream newsstands.

Mountain Bike Chapter, Bill Waycott withdrew his proposal for a mountain bike chapter in CNPS after receiving many comments opposing the idea. He proposes a small interest group to reach out to the mountain biking community in California to see how we can work together to help conserve the flora and habitats, and interact with CNPS. Maybe chapters could sponsor bike rides.

By-Laws Update, Carolyn Longstreth related that there were 14 proposed by-laws changes which will be voted on in December. A few of them relate to the budget specifically who should put it together. The Board currently has the authority with input from the CC. The proposal is for the Executive Director to do it. This is a very important issue as it potentially changes the relevance of the Chapter Council in deciding how money is spent. Another change proposes term limits on Board and Chapter Council positions. If you wish to see all the proposed changes, you can view them at the agenda page for the December CC meeting.

Climate Change Policy, Jim Bishop presided over a discussion which led to an agreement to maintain the ad-hoc committee formed to discuss whether a formal policy should be written. In addition, it was agreed to convene an expert committee to consult experts in the field in order to write a coherent policy. Dave Chipping will chair that committee.

President of the Board, Steve Hartman proposed CNPS host a get-together between the conferences in the form of a jamboree/camp of 2-3 days. The focus will be to just have fun, go on fieldtrips, and maybe have breakout sessions. It would be family oriented, and all members would be welcome.

Conservation, Greg Suba has been heavily involved in a coalition with State Parks in its Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) policy. There are 117,000 acres of OHV trails in 7 states. Many of these trails are degraded. Millions of dollars have been collected from fuel taxes and green sticker fees for restoration, and CNPS wants to participate in directing that funding.

Chemophobia, David Pryor led a discussion. This issue was presented in the last delegates report. The only new action proposed was for chapters to craft a statement aimed at City Councils to be ready in case the
Mothers Across America group bring their opposition to all chemicals to town, potentially tying our hands in the battle against invasive species. Herbicides are currently one thing in our toolbox for weed removal. CNPS has a policy on the judicious use of herbicides which can be found at the CNPS website. **Phytophthora update**, Betty Young gave a presentation entitled: How to Build a Nursery in 30 Minutes. It simply touched on all the factors chapters need to address when contemplating growing their own plants. **Conference**, Not much new here. The Chapter Board is currently discussing sending a couple of people from the Chapter. There is a call for posters which someone may be inspired to put together about our Chapter, and we need to send t-shirts aprons and books for sale at the Chapter Store. The next CC meeting will be December 1st in Sacramento. Y’all come.