Election of Board of Directors for 2015

The Bylaws of the Willis Linn Jepson Chapter of the California Native Plant Society require the Chapter to hold annual elections for President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary of the Chapter’s Board of Directors. The term for each office is one year, from January to December. Duties of these officers are as follows:

- The **President** shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors, shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Chapter and the Board of Directors, shall appoint the chairs of standing committees and other individuals as necessary, shall serve as an ex officio member of all committees, and shall perform all such other duties as are incident to this office. In particular, the President or designee shall represent the Chapter at the quarterly State Board meeting of CNPS and at Chapter Council meetings.

- The **Vice President** shall exercise the functions of the President during the absence or disability of the President and shall have such powers and discharge such duties as may be assigned to him from time to time by the President of Board of Directors.

- The **Secretary** shall keep the files of all correspondence, shall report to the state organization the Chapter's activities for the past year, shall keep the minutes of all business meetings of the Board of Directors or of the general membership, and shall perform whatever similar duties may be assigned by the President of the Board of Directors.

- The **Treasurer** shall keep and maintain adequate and correct accounts of the transactions of the Chapter, including its assets, liabilities, receipts, and disbursements. The treasurer shall deposit all monies and other valuables in the name of and to the credit of the Chapter with such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors. He shall disburse the funds of the Chapter as may be ordered by the Board of Directors, shall render to the Board of Directors, whenever they request it, an account of all the transactions of the Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Chapter, and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Chairs of various committees of the Board also serve as voting members on the Board of Directors. The activities of the Board of Directors are tailored to meet the capabilities and interests of its members. The Board currently meets quarterly somewhere in Solano County. Some Board members participate via conference call. Some Board business is handled through email. The Board adopts an Action Plan at the beginning of each year which describes the activities Board members are willing to undertake for the year. A copy of the Action Plan for 2014 is on the Jepson Chapter website.

At our last Board meeting on September 19, the current officers were nominated to serve for 2015 as follows:

- Steven Goetz, President
- Mary Frances Kelley-Poh, Vice President
- Pam Muick, Secretary
- Sue Wickham, Treasurer

These nominations were made to expedite the election process, but these nominees would support self-nomination of other Chapter members who are interested and capable of serving in the capacity of President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer, or to serve in partnership with the current office holders.

Jepson Chapter members will be requested to vote for their Board officers in November. If you have questions on this election or service on the Board, please contact or email Steven Goetz at 925-525-5527 or sgoet@sbcglobal.net on or before November 1.