AWS STATE MEETING
12/4/10 (Birmingham)

Members Present: Alice Robertson (president), Anne Kitchens (vice-president), Margie Anderton (treasurer), Rosemary Blethen (newsletter editor), Brian Finzel (secretary), Ginny Lusk (scholarship committee chair), Jerry Jones (Blount Co. chapter president), Alice Taylor (incoming Tuscaloosa chapter president), Cindy Martin (Blount Co. chapter rep.), Barbara Hollingsworth (outgoing Tuscaloosa chapter president)

● Minutes From 11/7/09 Meeting
  ○ Minutes from the 11/7 meeting were briefly discussed and approved by the board

● Central South Native Plant Conference (Alice Robertson)
  ○ Will take place in Birmingham in November of 2011
  ○ Conference has asked AWS for $500 to be a co-sponsor
  ○ AWS would receive publicity in return as well as a discount for AWS members
  ○ AWS would have a display at the conference
  ○ Discussed that many were offended when AWS scheduled a meeting same weekend as 2009 conference
  ○ Board agreed to give $500 to sponsor conference
  ○ Board decided to make the conference our fall meeting for 2011
  ○ Will make or update AWS brochures for conference

● Chapter Newsletters (Alice Robertson)
  ○ Board decided that a copy of all future chapter newsletters be sent to AWS president

● Future AWS Meetings Report (Anne Kitchens)
  ○ First spring 2011 meeting will be from April 29 - May 1 in Blount County (we will stay in Oneonta)
  ○ Second spring 2011 meeting will be from June 3-5 in Moundville in Hale Co. (we will stay in Tuscaloosa)
  ○ November meeting will be in Birmingham for the Central South Native Plant Conference
  ○ Spring 2012 meeting tentatively set for last week in April in Gatlinburg for the spring wildflower pilgrimage
  ○ Discussed need to promptly get vital information on spring meetings to Rosemary for newsletter

● BBVA Compass Presentation
  ○ Presentation given on The Compass For Your Cause Program
- **Outings Report (Alice Robertson)**
  - Discussed need for lists of cell number(s) for meetings to avoid problems with lost people when caravanning for outings
  - Discussed need for maps for all drivers
  - Board agreed that vice-president needs to contact appropriate chapter president before making any arrangements and should work with that individual in planning meetings and outings

- **Website Report (Brian Finzel)**
  - Discussed technical problems of maintaining website with outdated software and limited proficiency
  - Board designated up to $400 for the purchase of software to update website
  - Board decided that Brian will continue to do website
  - Brian will look into best way to update and maintain website
  - Discussed need for chapters and organizations to send info to Brian for posting on website

- **Treasurer’s Report (Margie Anderton)**
  - Discussed current status of the general and scholarship fund accounts
  - Checking account has approximately $13,571
  - Scholarship checking account has approximately $12,643
  - Scholarship CD is worth approximately $160,983
  - Total scholarship accounts equal approximately $173,727

- **Audit Report (Alice Robertson)**
  - Discussed need for both general and scholarship accounts to be audited in January by a non-AWS member

- **Newsletter Report (Rosemary Blethen)**
  - Discussed need to continue pushing emailing of newsletters to save money
  - About 65-70% of members are getting newsletter by email
  - Board approved use of George Wood’s old articles in future newsletters
  - Rosemary discussed need for info about outside events for newsletters

- **Scholarship Committee Report (Ginny Lusk)**
  - Read brief history of committee
  - $6,850 was split among 4 recipients last January
  - $7,485 in interest was earned this year (80% of this must be spent)
  - There were 3 applicants this year -- all will be given money in January
  - Discussed that copy of all completed scholarship paperwork is sent to each committee member and these members then send their votes to Ginny
  - Alice will look into amending bylaws so we can reduce scholarship committee to 4 members plus 1 chair

- **Life Membership (Margie Anderton)**
  - Board approved lifetime AWS membership for Virginia Lusk