The sole purpose of this short meeting (prior to the convening of the Quarterly Meeting) was to consider an advance directive re conflict of interest in accordance with the BCN Bylaws as requested by Judy Pollock, who may be appointed project coordinator for the newly awarded $50,000 Chicago Urban Treaty Grant.

Judy was a key figure in the creation of the successful grant application in January 2015, along with representatives of alliance partners Cook County Forest Preserves, Chicago Park District, CAS and COS. It was pointed out that Judy is not a member of the Executive Committee nor is she an officer of BCN, but she is head of the BCN Survey and will continue in that role for BCN.

At this point the partnership agreements for the grant have not been written, so there is still much that is not known as to how the grant, which takes effect on August 1st, will go forward.

The general feeling was an understanding that if issues arise that involve a BCN vote re the grant activities or purchasing of plants for restoration under the grant, and if Judy is contracted project coordinator, she would not participate in those votes.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45pm.

Submitted by  
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President