

Research Grants Committee

Select the recipients of small grants from the John W. Marr Fund and the Myrna P. Steinkamp Memorial Fund.

Functions:

1. Send the request for proposals (RFQ) to the editor of *Aquilegia* for publication in the November/December issue.
2. Supply the web master with detailed RFP guidelines for the Marr and Steinkamp funds to be posted on the Research Grants section of the Society's web page.
3. Send RFP to a list of contacts of academic institutions, agencies, and other organizations after publication in *Aquilegia*.
4. Check with the treasurer to determine the approximate amount of interest that will be available from each fund.
5. Send acknowledgements to applicants that their proposals have been received. Send copies of the proposals to Research Grants Committee members, who will discuss and rate proposals, select grant recipients, and decide award amounts by a specified deadline.
6. Send letters/e-mails informing recipients whether or not they have received the awards. Inform recipients of the award amounts, committee comments, and conditions of the awards.
7. Notify the CoNPS Treasurer and President of the award decisions (amount and recipient contact information). Send an announcement about award recipients for publication in *Aquilegia*.
8. Submit a year end report on the committee's activities to the President
9. Encourage recipients to contact chapter presidents with respect to presenting an oral or poster presentation at a chapter meeting or the Annual Meeting. Similarly, encourage chapter presidents to contact award recipients.
10. Remind recipients to write a final brief summary (1,000-2,000 words) for publication in *Aquilegia* and to recognize the Colorado Native Plant Society in all publications resulting from the funded research.

Selection of committee members:

1. The Chair of the Research Grants Committee, a volunteer without conflicts of interest, will be selected by the Board, ideally from among the Committee members, and will administer the RFP process and selection of grant recipients from both the Marr and Steinkamp funds.
2. The Chair will select three members to serve on the committee, including the previous Research Grants Committee Chair. The committee will read the proposals, rate applicants, decide on the grant recipients and the amounts of the grants to be awarded, and provide feedback to be given to applicants regarding their proposals.

Board Approved 4/06

Objective:

Request for Proposals - The John W. Marr and Myrna P. Steinkamp Funds

The Colorado Native Plant Society supports research projects in plant biology from the John W. Marr and Myrna P. Steinkamp funds. These separate funds honor the late Dr. John Marr, Professor at the University of Colorado and the first President of the CONPS, and Myrna Steinkamp, a founding member of CONPS who worked on behalf of the Society for many years in a variety of capacities. Both funds were established to support research on the biology and natural history of Colorado native plants by means of small grants. The Steinkamp Fund targets rare species and those of conservation concern. Both field and laboratory studies are eligible for funding. Thanks to the generous contributions of many members and supporters, a total of nearly \$3,000 is available, although individual awards will not exceed \$1,000. Recipients of the awards must agree to summarize their studies for publication in *Aquilegia*.