



Magnolia Chapter

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2026 FNPS Magnolia Annual Membership Meeting

Location: King Building, FSU

Date: May 7, 2026

Chapter President Nia Wellendorf convened the annual membership meeting at 7:00 PM.

1. Nia reviewed some of the chapter's activities and accomplishments over the '25-'26 fiscal/school year. Between September 2025 and May 2026, the Magnolia Chapter conducted or participated in the following activities:
 - 9 program meetings
 - 7 field trips, plus 2 additional trips with the Sarracenia Chapter
 - Numerous workdays and volunteer hours at Maclay Gardens Native Arboretum, Gholson Nature Preserve, Wolf Creek Trout Lily Preserve, Brinkley Glen Park, and Dan Miller's Trillium Gardens
 - Participation in 6 events, including the Tallahassee Science Festival, Red Hills Fire and Nature Festival, Tallahassee Nurseries Wildlife Festival, Tallahassee Earth Day Festival, North Florida Wildflower Festival, and Leon County Extension Open House
 - 1 student research grant
 - Sold ~ 350 calendars
2. The Magnolia Chapter currently has 208 official FNPS members. Nia reminded those assembled that FNPS memberships benefits the chapter and the state as a whole.
3. Nia relayed end-of-year financial status from Treasurer Jenny Rogers:
 - '25-'26 income - \$7,566
 - '25-'26 expenses: \$7,972
 - Current balance: \$14,447
4. Nia proposed a minor amendment to the Magnolia Chapter Bylaws that would allow the Executive Committee to appoint any Chapter Member to a vacant seat on the board of directors, other than President and President Elect, if a board member leaves the board during the program year. Helen Roth made a motion to approve the proposed amendment, Annie Schmidt seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.
5. Nia announced the proposed Magnolia Chapter slate for the 2026-2027 program year. Chase Brestle made a motion to accept the nominations, and the motion was seconded by Helen Roth. All voted to approve the board slate as proposed, shown below.

6. The annual membership meeting ended at 7:25 PM.

- President: Nia Wellendorf
- President Elect: Marilena Panagiotou
- Secretary: Josh Rowe
- Treasurer: Jenny Rogers
- Chapter Representative: James Cooper
- Past President: Lilly Anderson-Messec
- At-Large Member: Helen Roth
- At-Large Member: Annie Schmidt
- At-Large Member: Ghita Heidt
- At-Large Member: Jill Weisman
- At-Large Member: Caroline Manuel
- *At-Large Member: Erin Carroll

*There is an additional At-Large Member on this slate.