

**ISA Texas Chapter
Board of Directors Meeting
August 6, 2010
Waco, Texas**

Members Present

Heather Brewer
Jim Carse
John Giedraitis
Paul Johnson
David Vaughan
Pat Wentworth

Keith Brown
Greg David
Susan Henson
Emily King
Todd Watson

Members Absent

Nevic Donnelly
Hans Williams

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Carse at 10:05 a.m. and a quorum was declared present.

II. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the April 23 meeting by Pat Wentworth; motion was seconded by Paul Johnson; motion approved.

III. Reports:

a) Treasurer: Walterscheidt presented the financial status of ISAT listing all of the accounts held and the current status based on the budget. A motion was made to approved the report by Gregg David; motion was seconded by Pat Wentworth; motion approved.

b) Editor: Paul Johnson said the deadline would be August 16 for the coming issue. There would be conference information in the Newsletter. He encouraged every board member to write articles for the Newsletter.

c) Liaison: John Giedraitis explained on how the new Board of Directors of ISA would be organized with 15 Board Members, five will be elected by the components and 10 by the entire membership. What was the “old board” is now the Council of Representative and John is Secretary of this group.

d) Execustive Director: Walterscheidt reported on the workings of the office and that all is going well. The help given by the Special Events Coordinator, Mark Wieland is making things go much smoother.

e) Committee Reports:

Conference 2010: Watson reported the program is set. There are still a lot of smaller details need to be worked on and all volunteers are accepted. There was a discussion to send someone to TCIA in Pittsburgh in November to solicit vendors. Todd was commended on his work on the conference.

Tree Climbing Championship: Abram Zies will be paid for his trip to the ITCC. Mark Wieland will be used for the TTCC next year in addition to the conference. The 2011 TTCC will be held in Fort Worth.

Arbor Day: An excellent Arbor Day was held in San Antonio in 2010. The 2011 may be held in Houston.

Certification: Wentworth had a written report that showed there are 25,212 Certified Arborists in ISA. He also presented a list of arborists in Texas that have been decertified.

Membership: Walterscheidt reported 726 members in Texas.

Educational Services Working Groups:

Certified/Master Arborist WG: Vaughan said they have started some discussion on the 2011 Tree Academy

Municipal Specialist WG: Henson/Brewer reported they are looking at a midyear workshop.

Certified Tree Worker WG: Brown reported there have been some requests for another Tree Climbing Workshop.

Utility Arborist WG: Giedraitis reported little interest in TVMA meeting with us.

Awards: Giedraitis passed out the forms for award nominations and said they were due on Sept. 3.

Historian: Brewer would like any information we have.

Publicity: There was discussion on how to spend the publicity budget but no decision was made. There was a report on the conference call on publicity.

Scholarships: All have been awarded for the past school year. Money will be sent to the Community Colleges for 2010-2011.

Research: There is a need for further research especially on oak wilt.

Membership: Henson reported a survey will be done to see what members want in ISAT. The display for TNLA was also mentioned.

Plant Appraisal: No report

IV: Old Business:

a) Nominations Committee: Brewer presented the slate and there was some discussion on eligibility of several nominees. It was determined that all on the slate were eligible. There was a motion made by Keith Brown to change the By-Laws to reflect that Executive Committee Nominees must have prior board experience; motion seconded by Watson; motion passed.
(This will need to be voted on again at the next board meeting as 30 days notice must be given to change the By-Laws.) A motion was made by Pat Wentworth to name Larry Maginnis to the Board to replace a resigned Board member; motion seconded by Paul Johnson; motion approved.

b) 2016 ISA Conference Bid: Carse reported that we will not submit a bid.

c) Habitat for Humanity: Walterscheidt reported on the presentation he made the previous day and that a short presentation will be made at the conference when we will initiate the program.

V: New Business:

a) TNLA Booth: Paul Johnson reported on the booth and who he had working the booth.

b) Email Voting: A committee consisting of Carse as chair and including Giedraitis, Watson, and Wentworth will look into this and report to the Board.

c) Request from OK Arborists Assoc. There was some discussion on this topic and we could see no benefit from taking them in. They are to be invited to join the chapter and come to our conference.

d) Possible Retreat: Retreat dates were set for October 28 & 29. at a place to be determined.

e) Phone appl. Capitol Trail of Trees: A motion was made by Giedraitis to give up to \$2,000 for this project; seconded by Brown; motion passed.

VI: Next Board Meeting: The next Board Meeting will be October 29 at 11:00 a.m. at a location to be determined.

VII: Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Giedraitis; motion seconded by Wentworth; motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

Respectfully

Michael J. Walterscheid
Executive Director