

**ISA Texas Chapter
Board of Directors Meeting
January 28, 2011**

Members Present

Heather Brewer
Keith Brown
Greg David
John Giedraitis
Emily King
Russell Peters
David Vaughan
Pat Wentworth

Patrick Brewer
Jim Carse
Kelly Eby
Paul Johnson
Larry Maginnis
Marcus Smith
Todd Watson

Members Absent

Susan Henson

Others Present

Kevin Patton

Margaret Hall Spencer

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Watson at 11:00 a.m. A quorum was declared present.

II. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Wentworth to approve the Minutes of the October 29, 2010 meeting; motion seconded by Carse; motion approved.

III. Welcome and Introductions: Watson welcomed the Board Members and others present. Everyone introduced themselves.

IV. Executive Director Report: Walterscheidt did not make a report but asked if there were any questions.

V. Standing Committee Reports:

a. Treasurer/Finance: There was some discussion on the funds available and the need for transparency. The check register had been distributed previously. It was requested that the report in the future show a breakdown by workshops. It is likely that the TFS will not be able to contribute as much as it has in the past. David moved to approve the submitted budget; Peters seconded; motion approved. A motion was made by David to allow the Executive Committee to spend up to \$2,500 if it is in the budget; motion seconded by Brown. After some discussion the motion and second were withdrawn.

b. Editor: Johnson reported on the Newsletter. The Board liked the first color edition. Johnson will find what the cost will be not to send the Newsletter to non-mimbers.

c. Liaison: Giedraitis discussed the Council of Representatives and said if anyone had questions on ISA to let him know.

d. Certification: Wentworth distributed a report and said that 7 tests were scheduled for 2011. He requested that he be given 30 days to approve CEUs. There is a problem getting ISA to publish the test dates.

e. Tree Conference: Brown reported on the 2011 Conference. There was some discussion on the Awards Luncheon and a way to make sure it was kept on time.

f. Tree Climbing Championship: Brown reported the event will be held in Fort Worth on May 19, 20, 21. There was some discussion on finances of the chapter and the trip to Australia. Since Keith Brown was already going in place of Watson it was decided the Chapter could not afford to send another person to the 2011 Conference in Australia and Brown will represent Texas in the ITCC.

g. Arbor Day: Giedraitis reported Arbor Day will be Pearland on April 29. Giedraitis moved that the \$2,500 we normally allocate to the statewide Arbor Day be allocated to the Valley Program; motion seconded by Wentworth; motion approved.

h. Membership: With Henson absent there was no report except that the member survey is being developed.

i. Educational Services Working Groups: Geidratitis had each of the chairs report. Vaughan reported on the Certified/Master Arborist Working Group that we will likely have a workshop in San Antonio and Dallas and John Ball will be at the Tree Academy. Pat Brewer reported that a workshop on Planning the Urban Forest will be in Waco on June 2. Brown reported on the need for Certified Tree Worker training. Patton reported that we need to get for UAA people at the Conference.

j. Historian: No report.

k. Publicity: Carse reported sending out information on Texas activities. Time was spent on the need to purchase a new trailer for the TTCC. A motion was made by Smith to spend up the \$6,000 to purchase a trailer; motion seconded by Wentworth; motion approved.

l. Scholarships: Pat Brewer will be present to make the presentations at TAMU and SFA.

m. Research: There was much discussion on the request from Grossman on Injection Techniques. Russell moved that we approve \$5,000; seconded by David; after discussion an amendment to the motion was made by Wentworth to change the amount to \$15,954.16; Smith seconded the amendment; amendment approved. A vote was then taken on the original motion as amended' motion approved. (The amount of \$15,954.16 is the original request minus the overhead costs)

Greg David said we were spending down our reserves.

There was some discussion on what is really causing new oak wilt centers.

Pat Brewer will bring a proposal to the next meeting to address this concern.

n. Vendors and Sponsors: Maginnis said we need to up the vendor prices. Information will be obtained and suggestions for prices will be discussed via email and conference calls.

o. Nominations: Carse presented the nomination request form.

p. Website: Giedraities said we have added a search function.

q. Legislation: King will continue to monitor for any legislation that would affect arborists.

VI. Ad hoc Committee Reports

a. By Laws Revision: A motion was made by Carse to accept the suggested By Laws revisions; motion seconded by Johnson; motion passed.

b. Appraisal: A motion was made by David accept the Appraisal Committee report and put on the web site as a pdf file. Motion seconded by Peters; motion passed.. It was decided that the Supplement would be made available for free to members from the ISAT office, but cost \$40 to non members via the website. The \$40 will include Chapter Only Membership.

c. Oak Wilt Recommendations: A motion was made by Pat Brewer to approve the oak wilt recommendations; motion seconded by Smith; motion passed.

VII. Unfinished Business

a. Report on TCIA Meeting: Smith thanked the Board for sending him. He contacted many potential vendors.

b. Association Liaison: King reported we are already working with the other associations that are close to our objectives.

c. TNLA Presentations: Watson and Appel will be speaking.

VIII. New Business:

a) SAA Spanish Tree Worker Training: Johnson motioned that we co-sponsor the event on May 24. ISAT will collect registrations and provide the insurance; motion seconded by Smith; motion approved.

b) Rio Grande Valley Conf. Sponsorship: This was already taken care of under Arbor Day.

IX. Next Board Meeting: The next Board Meeting will be in Waco on May 6 at 10:00 a.m.

X. Adjourn: A motion was made by Smith to adjourn; motion seconded; motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

Respectfully,

Michael J. Walterscheid
Executive Director