

**ISAT Board of Directors
Meeting
February 2, 2008
Elgin, Texas**

Members Present

Jim Breaux
Courtney Blevins
Gene Gehring
Jordy Hagen
David Vaughan
Todd Watson

Keith Brown
Jim Carse
John Geidraitis
James Tuttle
Mike Walterscheidt
Hans Williams

Member Absent

Pat Wentworth

Others Present

Nevic Donnelly

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:10 by President Hagen and a quorum was declared.

II. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the November 16 meeting; motion seconded; motion passed.

III. Reports

a) Treasurer: Walterscheidt presented the treasurers report. A motion was made to approve the treasurers report; motion seconded; motion passed.

b) Editor: Blevins reported the next issue will be out in March. He will contact the ad man to see if he is still working with us.

c) Liaison: Walterscheidt reported on the purchase of the new building. Walterscheidt will not be able to attend the March Board Meeting and our alternate, Russell Peters, will attend.

d) Executive Director: Walterscheidt reported the office is working well. There was some discussion on the amount of funds we have in the checking account. A motion was made to keep \$15,000 in checking, move \$20,00 to Research account and other funds remaining to another savings account or best available option account with lowest risk; motion seconded; motion passed.

e) **Committee Reports**

Convention 2008: Giedraitis distributed a document with committee chairs for Convention. He also stated there will be conference calls to check on progress.

Tree Climbing Championship: Tuttle said it would take place in Trinity Park in Fort Worth on April 3, 4, & 5. with the 6th as a back-up day.

Arbor Day: Giedraitis reported it will be on April 25 in El Paso. Jordy will represent ISAT at the ceremony..

Certification: No Report

Membership: Membership continues to increase.

Educational Services: Giedraitis distributed a proposed workshop schedule

Awards: The awards will be the same as last year and be presented at the Conference.

Publicity: Carse will continue to do this by contacting publications as to ISAT Events.

Scholarships: Money will be sent to SFA, none to TAMU as they did not use theirs last year.

Research Committee: The funds that were transferred to offset the deficit from The Oak Wilt Conference will be put back in as discussed under the Executive Directors report.

IV. Old Business:

There was no old business.

V. New Business:

a) Approval of 08 Budget: A motion was made to approve the draft budget submitted by Walterscheidt; motion seconded; motion passed.

b) Member Survey for Board Game: A survey of some members will be conducted to find what duties members do for urban forestry for development of a Board Game for school children.

c.) Co-sponsorship of North Texas Urban Forestry Symposium: A motion was made for ISAT to cosponsor the North Texas Urban Forestry Symposium; motion seconded; motion passed. This will be no cost to ISAT.

VI. Next Board Meeting: The next Board Meeting will be on May 2nd at **10:00 a.m.** at the College Station Hilton, the site of the 2008 conference.

VII. Adjourn: A motion was made to adjourn; motion seconded; motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at Noon.

Respectfully,

Michael J. Walterscheid
Executive Director