

ISA Texas Chapter
Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, January 19, 2007
Elgin, Texas

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Courtney Blevins
Gene Gehring
Jordy Hagen
Jim Houser
Todd Watson
Pat Wentworth

James Carse
John Giedraitis
Jack Hill
Mike Walterscheidt
Koby Weatherford
Hans Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mary Ann Sullivan

OTHERS Present

Keith Brown
Neviticus Donnelly

I. Call to Order: President Gehring called the meeting to order at 10:05 and declared a quorum was present.

II. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the July 14 meeting in Round Rock; motion seconded; motion approved. A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the November 27 meeting in Grand Prairie; motion seconded; motion approved.

III. Reports

a) **Treasurer:** Walterscheidt distributed the Profit 7 Loss Budget vs. Actual for the past fiscal year. He also distributed a list of accounts for ISAT. After some discussion on transfer of funds to the Research Account a motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report; motion seconded; motion passed.

b) Editor: We all need to meet with Janette Ivy. We need to look at our bulk mailing costs and our advertising rate. Blevins will contact various chapters and find out what they charge for advertising and make a recommendation on our rates. We need to get more information in to our editor.

c) Liaison: Walterscheidt reported there are not “burning issues” in ISA at present and he will be going to the ISA Board Meet in February.

d) Executive Director: Walterscheidt reported that the office is functioning well.

Committee Reports

Convention 2006: Walterscheidt reported a net profit of \$7,492.49 with an attendance above 300.

Convention 2007: The Conference will be held October 10, 11, & 12 in Waco. The contracts were signed and will be delivered by Gehring. There was some discussion of Corporate rates for the conference.

Tree Climbing Championship: Keith Brown reported the TTCC will be held in Plano on April 19-21.

Arbor Day: The 2007 Arbor Day will be held at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin. There was some discussion on donating money to the Center to help establish an Oaks of Texas Arboretum. A motion was made to donate \$5,000 to the Center; motion seconded. After discussion a motion was made to table this motion; motion seconded; motion passed. Pat Wentworth will visit with Damon from the Center and make a recommendation to the Board. A motion was made to fund the 2007 Arbor Day Poster Contest at \$2,500; motion seconded; motion passed.

Certification: Wentworth reported on Certification and that the tests are set for 2007 and available on the website.

Membership: Walterscheidt reported we continue to increase.

Educational Services: Giedraitis reported workshops have done well especially Arboriculture 101.

Awards: Giedraitis discussed awards and the possibility of adding another award for 2007.

Publicity: Carse said that all events have been sent to magazines and journals.

PR Liaison: Blevins discussed obtaining Newsletters from the other chapters.

Historian: No report

Scholarships: A motion was made to increase scholarships for TAMU and SFA to \$2,000 each; motion seconded; motion passed.

Research: We have some dollars now and need to get proposals.

IV: Old Business

a) **NOWS:** Gehring distributed the registration brochure and asked for comments.

b) **Board Attendance:** A motion was made to removed Mary Ann Sullivan from the Board because of lack of attendance at meeting; motion seconded; motion approved
A motion was made to appoint Keith Brown to fill the remaining part of Sullivan's term; motion seconded; motion approved.

V: New Business

a) **2007 Budget:** A motion was made to approve the 2007 budget with the addition of more dollars for Arbor Day; motion seconded; motion approved.

b) **Logos:** A motion was made to approve the new ISAT logos; motion seconded; motion approved.

VI: Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 19 from 4:30-6:30 in conjunction with the TTCC.

VII: Adjourn: A motion was made to Adjourn; motion seconded; motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully,

Michael J. Walterscheidt
Executive Director

