

**Texas Chapter ISA  
Board of Directors Meeting  
May 11, 2012  
Waco, TX**

**Members Present**

**Patrick Brewer  
Greg David  
John Giedraitis  
Paul Johnson  
Oscar Mestas\*  
Markus Smith  
Pat Wentworth**

**Keith Brown  
Kelly Eby  
Susan Henson  
Emily King  
Russell Peters  
Michael Sultan  
Todd Watson**

\*Present during portions of the meeting via internet,

**Others Present**

**Mike Walterscheidt  
Margaret Hall Spencer**

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:15 by President Brown and a quorum was declared present.

**II. Approval of Minutes:** Henson moved to approve the Minutes of the February 24 meeting; seconded by Brewer; motion approved.

**III. Reports**

**a) Treasurer:** Walterscheidt presented the Treasurers. Do to some confusion in the report a motion was made to file for audit with further accounting to be presented at the next Board Meeting; motion seconded; motion approved.

**b) Executive Director:** No report.

**c) Council of Reps:** Geidraitis presented a report on the activities of the Council and stated he will likely be appointed interim chair.

**d) Editor:** A written report was distributed by Mestas. He said the USPS has some delays in getting out the mailing. A Spanish article in each Newsletter was suggested. At this point the discussion turned to MOUs which is item "c" under New Business.

A committee to produce a MOU for co-sponsored events was appointed. The committee consists of Smith, Brown, Mestas, and Giedraitis.

A motion was made by Smith to negotiate with PanCoast to remove change their contract and Spencer Hall spearhead the advertising effort if PanCoast says no; seconded by Wentworth; there was discussion on the motion. A motion was then made to cancel the contract with PanCoast and give the advertising to Spencer Hall; motion seconded; motion passed.

Mestas will develop a letter to PanCoast for Keith to sign.

#### **e) Committee Reports**

**I. Conference 2012:** The logo was shown and there was discussion of the conference. Most of the conference work is done on monthly conference calls.

**II. Climbing Competition:** Brown reported that the preparations are going well.

**III. Arbor Day:** It was held in Brownsville and was successful. 2013 will be held in Bastrop.

**IV. Certification:** Wentworth reported there are 937 Certified Arborists in Texas and Over 27,000 world wide.

**V. Educational Services Working Group:** All the groups are working well. We need to Replace Patton. That will be done prior to the next Board Meeting.

**VI. Awards:** Giedraitis reported that they will be done this summer.

**VII. Historian:** If anyone has photos get them in.

**VIII. Publicity/PR Liaison:** Working on FaceBook Ad.

**IX. Scholarships:** No report. There was some discussion on giving internships instead of giving scholarships.

**X. Research:** No report.

**XI. Membership:** The membership survey is on hold because ISA is doing one.

**XII. Finance:** Need to tighten up the reports.

**XIII. Vendors and Sponsors:** Hall Spencer passed out the forms.

**XIV. Nominations:** Watson reported that we will use the same format as last year.

**XV. Website:** Giedraitis reported we now have Municipal Ordinances on the Site.

**XVI. Legislation:** King no longer wants this position.

**XVII. Student liaison:** No report.

#### **IV. Unfinished Business:**

**a) 2012 Workshops and Conference:** Discussion on multi-year conference planning. Also some discussion on calling for proposals from speakers instead of topics.

**b) Association Liaison:** TCIA wants to swap booth space.

**c) Plant Appraisal Guide:** A draft is about to be released and it may be up to 300 pages.

**d) ED Search Committee:** We need a new chair since Johnson was elected to the ISA Board. Brown will lead with committee members of David, King, and Wentworth. At this point the Board went into Executive Session.

**e) 2016 ISA Conference:** It was decided we need to negotiate the \$25,000 to chapter number to a higher number.

**f) Arborist Licensing:** Watson reported a lot of work would be needed and we probably should not consider it now.

#### **V. New Business:**

**a) Arborist Select Nursery Program:** A committee of Watson (chair), Smith, Brown, Henson, Lehde, Spencer hall.

**b) Advertising Rep. Contract:** Already done.

**c) MOU for co-sponsored events:** Already done.

**d) Post Cards:** Need a Save the Date Card for Conference.

**e) 2013 NATCC Bid:** Brown will send a bid to the Board prior to 6-15.

**f) Funds for Duff for Portland:** Peters moved to fund \$1,000 to fund Duff for a trip to Portland; seconded by Henson: motion failed. Smith moved to fund \$500 for Duff for Portland; seconded by Sultan. Henson made a friendly amendment to give Duff a \$500 scholarship for Portland and that he goes to the Spanish Committee and write an article for the Newsletter on the Committee; Watson seconded; motion passed.

**g) Keith Babberney Prayer Letter:** There was a lot of discussion. Johnson moved that we observe a moment of silence instead of a prayer; King seconded; motion passed. Smith moved that we have an invocation in addition to a moment of silence; motion died for lack of a second.

There was some discussion of letter to editor. Present policy is ok.

**h) Newsletter ad contract:** Already done.

**VI. Next Board Meeting:** The next meeting will be on July 31 at 10:00 in Waco.

**VII. Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:30.

Respectfully

Michael J. Walterscheid  
Executive Director