

ISA Texas Chapter Board of Director's  
Meeting Minutes  
January 30, 2009  
Elgin, TX

**Members Present**

Courtney Blevins  
Keith Brown  
Nevic Donnelly  
Susan Henson  
David Vaughan  
Pat Wentworth

Jim Breaux  
Jim Carse  
John Giedraitis  
James Tuttle  
Todd Watson  
Hans Williams

**Members Absent**

Jordy Hagen

**Others Present**

Heather Brewer

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by President Giedraitis. A quorum was declared.

**II. Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the November Board meeting; motion seconded; motion approved.

**III. Reports**

**Treasurer:** The treasurer's report was given by Walterscheidt. A motion was Made to approve the report, motion seconded; motion approved.

**Editor:** Blevins said we need more articles from the Board. Advertising has Increased, but not enough to pay for the Newsletter.

**Liaison:** Walterscheidt reported no new happenings in ISA. The next Board Meeting will be in Atlanta in March.

**Executive Director:** No special happenings in the office.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Convention 2009:** The Educational Services working groups reported That they program is coming together. A theme was discussed and will Include something about Trees and Risk.

**Tree Climbing Contest:** The event will be held in Govalle Park in Austin On May 29 & 30 with a workshop on May 28. The cut-off date for Registering will be May 15.

**Arbor Day:** It will be in Grand Prairie on April 24. There will be a lot Of participation from local children.

**Certification:** Wentworth reported on certification and the success Of the program in Texas. There was some question about what are Considered sponsored programs.

**Membership:** Walterscheidt reported that 2009 memberships are coming In. We will likely have over 750 members.

**Educational Services:** There will likely be two workshops this year, one On Appraisal and the other on bare-root tree management. Certified Tree Worker training will be continuing in the major cities with the teams that Have been trained.

**Awards:** They will be same as last year.

**Historian:** Heather Brewer report she is working on the history and there Will be articles in the Newsletter.

**Publicity:** Breaux will get with Carse to develop the work to be done.

**Scholarships:** SFA and TAMU will each get \$2,000 in 2009. There Was some discussion on participation of Community Colleges.

**Research:** Watson will present some information at our next Board Meeting.

## **IV. Old Business**

**a) Merchandising:** Donnelly will present information at the next Board Meeting.

**b) Trailer Equipment:** An inventory was done and insurance will be obtained to cover theft.

c) **TCIA Safety Program:** It was decided to have TCIA present their program around the 2009 Conference. Carse will work to find a place.

**V. New Business:**

a) **Capitol Trail of Trees Brochure:** A motion was made to support the brochure for \$5,000; motion seconded; motion passed. There was some discussion on what should be in the brochure and Giedraitis will send it around when completed.

b) **Newsletter Associate Editor Raise:** A motion was made to give the Associate Editor a raise of \$100 per issue; motion seconded; motion passed.

c) **Support of Galveston Arbor Day:** A motion was made to provide \$2,500 for the Galveston Arbor Day; motion seconded; motion passed.

d) **Executive Director Performance Appraisal:** A committee of the Executive Committee and several Board Members will do this in February.

e) **2009 Budget Approval:** A motion was made to approve the 2009 Budget; motion seconded; motion approved.

f) **By-Laws Change:** A motion was made to approve the changes to the By-Laws; motion seconded; motion passed. A motion was made to appoint Pat Wentworth as Certification liaison for three years; motion seconded; Motion passed.

**VI. Next Board Meeting:** The Board will meet on May 15 and 10a.m. at the Round Rock Marriott.

**VII. Adjourn:** A motion was made to adjourn; motion seconded; motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully

Michael J. Walterscheidt  
Executive Director.