

**ISA Texas Chapter  
Board of Directors Meeting  
May 6, 2011  
Waco, Texas**

**Members Present**

Heather Brewer  
Keith Brown  
Kelly Eby  
Paul Johnson  
Larry Maginnis  
Marcus Smith  
Todd Watson

Patrick Brewer  
Greg David  
John Geidraitis  
Emily King  
Russell Peters  
David Vaughan  
Pat Wentworth

**Members Absent**

Jim Carse  
Susan Henson

**Others Present**

Margaret Hall Spencer

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Watson at 10:04 a.m. A quorum was declared present.

**II. Approval of Minutes:** Pat Brewer moved to approve the minutes of the January 28 meeting; motion seconded by Russell Peters; motion approved.

**III. Welcome:** Watson thanked everyone for coming.

**IV. Executive Director Report:** No problems in the office. There were no questions.

**V. Standing Committee Reports:**

**a. Treasurer/Finance:** David & Walterscheidt presented the report. Workshops need to make more money.

**b. Editor:** Johnson requested that the advertising rates be raised and it was agreed that should happen. There was some discussion on ad sizes and color. Full page ads need to be in color.

**c. Liaison:** Giedraitis will go to Australia in July. If anyone has issues for ISA they should take them to John and he will bring them up to ISA.

**d. Certificaiton:** Wentworth presented a written and oral report. There are 849 Certified Arborists in Texas.

**e. Tree Conference:** Brown reported all is going well. He and Carse visited the Hilton and Convention Center to finalize rooms and a new contract will be sent. Early registration will be over on September 1.

**f. Tree Climbing Championship.** We have about \$4,700 from vendors and sponsors. All is going well.

**g. Arbor Day.** It was held in Pearland on April 29.

**h. Membership.** The new "Texas Only" brochure was distributed.

**i. Educational Services Working Groups.**

**Certified/Master Arborist.** The Tree Risk Assessment Workshop was a success even though the attendance was less than expected.

**Municipal Specialist.** Planning the Urban Forest seminar will be held in June in Waco. Marcus Smith will chair a committee to look at By-Laws for life membership.

**Utility Arborist.** They will have sessions at the conference.

**j. Historian.** No report.

**k. Publicity.** Johnson reported that information on all events has been sent for publishing.

**l. Scholarships.** SFA received one. TAMU could not find someone. Patrick Brewer will meet with Dept. Head at TAMU to see what can be done. He will report back at the next meeting with suggestions.

**m. Research.** The check for the oak wilt demonstration has been sent. Pat Brewer will look at books of the Tree Fund to see if they are spending less on administration than in the past.

**n. Vendors & Sponsors.** Keith Brown reported that the brochure has been sent.

**o. Nominations.** They have received several.

**p. Website.** Giedraitis reported we need to take it to the next level.

**q. Legislation.** Newsletter has some information of bills that may affect arborists.

**r. Allied Associations.** Emily King suggested that we work closer with a few more associations each year. Johnson and King will develop plans for where the booth will go.

## **VI. Unfinished Business:**

**a. Trailer Logo.** Trailer is at Nevic's. Smith will work on how to put advertising logo on the trailer.

**b. 2016 Conference.** Sharon Lily is in charge. It looks like it will be held in Austin if the ITCC committee will approve it.

**c. Youth Works.** There was some discussion on the \$2,500 that was approved last year. Walterscheidt emailed the minutes of the two meetings where this was discussed. It was left up to the Executive Committee to decide how and when to distribute.

## **VII. New Business.:**

**a. Voting Rights for Liaisons:** There was some discussion on their right to vote. A straw poll showed that we did not need to take any action.

**b. Spanish Tree School:** All set up for May 24.

**c. Tree Data Coordinator.** Emily King may be able to find someone to so this.

**VII. Next Board Meeting.** Business Meeting at the Conference.

**IX. Adjourn.** A motion was made by Johnson to adjourn; seconded by Wentworth; meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully,

Michael J. Walterscheidt  
Executive Director

