



Present:

Rebecca Johnson, President
Gary O'Neil, President-Elect

Jesse Neumann, Cert. Liaison

A.J. Thibodeaux, Treasurer
Mark Bird, Past President
Ronny Nelson, Vice President

Garrett Ryerson, Director
Kirsten Schneider, Director

Kenney Shook, Director

Rachel McGregor, Director
Haywood Morgan, Director
Amy Heath, Director

Priscilla Files, Director
Penny Whisenant, Director
Jaime Thibodeaux, Director
Courtney Blevins, COR Liaison
Gene Gehring, ISAT Exec. Dir.
John Giedraitis, ISAT EED
Megan Wood, Program Mgr.

Absent:

Heather McKnight, Editor

I. Call to order

- a. President Johnson called to order the ISAT Board of Directors at 8:05 AM on September 22, 2023. A quorum was declared present.

II. Welcome

- a. President Johnson welcomed all attendees at the annual members' meeting during the Texas Tree Conference and shared appreciation for their attendance.

III. Executive Director Report

- a. Gehring thanked the sponsors, exhibitors, speakers, Conference Committee, and Conference Committee Chair O'Neil for their work and dedication to bring together the 2023 Texas Tree Conference. Gehring also highlighted several standout events from 2023 while sharing a few events in the planning stages for 2024. The budget for 2023 was noted to be in excellent condition. A. Thibodeaux commented that the budget YTD 2023 showed a record number of exhibitors and sponsors and the Chapter is in a very strong financially stable position to serve members.

IV. Recognition of Committee Chairs

- a. President Johnson thanked committee chairs and recognized the 2022-2023 Board of Directors

V. New Business

a. Farewell to Board from ED Emeritus Giedraitis

- i. Giedraitis shared a presentation of Quick Stats during his tenure from 2012-2023. Highlights included an increase in revenue, 30 events in 2023, 72 webinars available, a successful Texas Tree Climbing Competition, an increase in email subscribers and emails sent, an increase in members, and an increase in all credential holder categories. Giedraitis thanked Caitlyn Pollihan, ISA ED & CEO, for her support over the years and recognized the past presidents that served with him. The Board of Directors and Gehring presented Giedraitis with a special gift to share their appreciation.

b. ISAT Year in Review

- i. President Johnson noted that Gehring had sufficiently covered the year in review

c. Recognition of 2022-2023 ISAT Officers and Directors

- i. President Johnson noted that she already recognized the Board but provided each Director and Officer with a gift of appreciation for their service over the past year

d. Installation of Gary O'Neil as ISAT President

- i. President Johnson presented that Gary O'Neil had been voted as the new 2023-2024 President of the Board of Directors of Texas Chapter ISA. She formerly installed O'Neil as the new President. O'Neal shared his appreciation and sincerest gratitude for this opportunity with the members and Board.

e. Recognition of Rebecca Johnson for service as ISAT President

