



Western Chapter International Society of  
Arboriculture

Board Meeting Minutes

WCISA Chapter Office, Porterville, CA

Thursday, April 7, 2022 – 1:00PM – 5:00PM

Friday, April 8, 2022 – 8:00AM – 1:00PM

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**1:09 PM: Convene Meeting – Doug Wildman, President**

### **Roll Call & Anti-Trust Statement**

#### **Present**

**In Person:** Doug Wildman, President; Daniel Goyette, President Elect; Jimi Scheid, Past President; Ken Knight, ISA CoR; Rose Epperson, Executive Director; Thomas Dodge, Secretary

**Remote:** Kevin Eckert, Vice President; Tracey Takeuchi, Director (3:20pm); Sarah Maitland, Director; Julia Gowin, Director; Jodi Carlson, Director; Preston Goodman, Treasurer; Linda Chalker-Scott, Editor; Jim Downer, Committee Chair; Alison Lancaster, Committee Chair; Rebecca Senior, Committee Chair; Raquel Falco, Committee Chair; Kathleen Falamino (Board Liaison)

**Absent:** None

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- Consider a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda

Motion put forward by Ken Knight to approve the meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Daniel Goyette. Motion carried with no opposition.

- Consider a motion to approve the consent agenda (written reports)

Motion put forward by Ken Knight to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Daniel Goyette. Motion carried with no opposition.

- Consider a motion to approve the Jan 27, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion put forward by Jimi Scheid to approve the meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Julia Gowin. Motion carried with no opposition.

- Consider a motion to accept minutes from February 16 Board Call Check-in call.

Motion put forward by Julia Gowin to approve the minutes from the February 16 Board Call Check-in call. Motion seconded by Jimi Scheid. Motion carried with no opposition.

Discussion: Correct the date to 2022.

- Consider a motion to accept minutes from March 16 Board Call Check-in call.

Motion put forward by Daniel Goyette to approve the minutes from the March 16 Board Call Check-in call. Motion seconded by Julia Gowin. Motion carried with no opposition.

### **DIALOGUE SESSION 1**

- California's Gas Powered Equipment Rule

**Guest Speaker** – Sandra Giarde, CAE, Executive Director, California Landscape Contractors Association

Discussion: The California Air Resources Board (CARB) approved updated regulations requiring most newly manufactured off-road engines be zero emissions by 2024. This applies to chainsaws, blowers, and other equipment used in our industry. This has resulted in 'panic purchasing' and a shortage of available equipment. CARB rules apply to sales, but state and local governments can create their own bans on use of the equipment, such as San Francisco's proposal that use of this equipment be banned as of 01/01/2026. Additional discussion centered on how WCISA can keep our membership informed of these changes and how they will impact the day to day operations of our industry, such



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as infrastructure and safety needs associated with battery use and storage. This is a subject that should be monitored at the political level. The following link is to the CARB site and the announcement about these changes.

<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/news/carb-approves-updated-regulations-requiring-most-new-small-road-engines-be-zero-emission-2024>

### OFFICER REPORTS

- President's Goals for 2021/2022 – See submitted updates.

Discussion: The conference schedule has been set and the By-laws revisions were made and approved. The index of past articles from the magazine is still in the works but will require additional research into the costs and the processes. Other organizations have turned over management of their publication to a separate group that provides this type of service but that can lead to the parent organization having a limited role in the publication.

- Executive Director's Report – See submitted report, summarized by Rose Epperson.
- Editor Report – See submitted report, summarized by Linda Chalker-Scott.

Discussion: We may ask the Editorial Committee to index the articles published since the last time it was done.

- COR Representative – See submitted report, summarized by Ken Knight.
- Treasurer's Report – See submitted report, summarized by Preston Goodman.
  - **Action Item:** Approve the Treasurer's Report  
Motion put forward by Julia Gowin to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by Sarah Maitland. Motion carried with no opposition.
  - Finance Committee – See submitted report, summarized by Walt Warriner.

### DIALOGUE SESSION 2

- Conference Activities

Discussion: The business meeting will be held Monday evening and the new officers will be installed Wednesday evening at the banquet. Moderator duties are being finalized. Liaisons should check in with their committee chairs to ensure their annual reports are submitted and confirm if they will present at the conference.

**4:59 PM: Adjourn**

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**8:01 AM: Convene Meeting – Doug Wildman, President**

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#### Present

**In Person:** Doug Wildman, President; Daniel Goyette, President Elect; Jimi Scheid, Past President; Ken Knight, ISA CoR; Rose Epperson, Executive Director; Thomas Dodge, Secretary

**Remote:** Kevin Eckert, Vice President (in 8:55am); Tracey Takeuchi, Director; Sarah Maitland, Director;



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Julia Gowin, Director; Jodi Carlson, Director (in 10:00am); Preston Goodman, Treasurer (out 9:00am); Linda Chalker-Scott, Editor (9:05am); Jim Downer, Committee Chair; Gordon Matassa, Committee Chair (10:00am); Alison Lancaster, Committee Chair; Rebecca Senior, Committee Chair; Robert Phillips, Committee Chair; Doug Anderson, Committee Chair; Andy Trotter, Committee Chair (in 10:50am) Kathleen Falamino (Board Liaison)

**Absent:**

**STRATEGIC COMMITTEE REPORTS** - NOTE: Will you be presenting at the Business meeting on 5/2/2022 in Oakland (in person only)?

**Membership –maintain and grow the membership**

- Membership – See submitted report, summarized by Gordon Matassa.
- Students – See submitted report, summarized by Tracey Takeuchi.

▪ **Marketing / Public Relations – promote the professional of arboriculture**

- Marketing – See submitted report, summarized by Sarah Maitland.

Discussion: Amy has stepped down as Chair, but will remain on the committee.

- Awards – See submitted report, summarized by Rebecca Senior.
- History – See submitted report, summarized by Robert Phillips.

**Leadership – provide guidance and leadership that supports and sustains the chapter**

- Nominations - See submitted report, summarized by Jimi Scheid.
- Balloting – Jimi Scheid
  - **Action Item:** Approve the election resultsMotion put forward by Ken Knight to approve the election results. Motion seconded by Julia Gowin. Motion carried with no opposition.
- Bylaws – No report submitted.
  - Bylaws Implementation – Discussed during Old Business session.
- TREE Fund – See submitted report, summarized Alison Lancaster.
- Britton Fund – No report submitted, update given by Doug Anderson.

Discussion: The committee has developed a messaging statement. They recently had a Zoom retreat where some discussion was about ways to share the message of what the Britton Fund does, and the impacts of the work they are doing.

**Professional Development – increase industry professionalism through education and credentialing**

- Credentialing – No report submitted, update given by Doug Anderson.

Discussion: The revision of the committees Policies and Procedures. What new equipment may be allowed in the climbing exams and events? We are still waiting to see the implications of the ISA reworking the Certified Tree Worker exam.

- Education – See submitted report.
- Tree Climbing Championship – No report submitted, update given by Rose Epperson.

Discussion: There is still supposed to be an event at Balboa Park in San Diego, but it has not been scheduled. There is also the possibility of an upcoming event in Arizona.



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- Annual Meeting 2022 – See submitted report, summarized by Gordon Matassa.
- Annual Meeting 2023 – No report submitted.

Discussion: The committee is meeting next week and we are still scheduled for Palisades Tahoe (formerly Squaw Valley Resort).

- Commercial – See submitted report.
- Consulting – See submitted report.
- Municipal – See submitted report.
- Utility – No report submitted.
- Spanish – See submitted report.

Discussion: The committee is going to draft a Spanish language newsletter to raise awareness of the articles that are being published.

- Women in Arboriculture – See submitted report, summarized by Alison Lancaster.
- Tree Care for Wildlife – See submitted report, summarized by Andy Trotter.
- Regional Plant Appraisal – See submitted report, summarized by Tracey Takeuchi.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Policy Manual Update

Discussion: We are moving some administrative guidelines and procedures from the bylaws to the Policy Manual. A working group will be meeting soon.

**NEW BUSINESS** – No discussion

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

2024 Annual Conference – Will it be held in Hawaii? Should there be a hybrid option? How are Hawaiian businesses conducting events?

The spring board meeting – Should the spring board meeting be held the Sunday before the annual conference? If so, the board calls leading up to that meeting are important.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

- Schedule Meetings for 2022/23

July 21-22 in Sacramento

October 13-14 at the Tahoe venue

February 2-3 at LAX

May 7 at the Tahoe venue before the start of the annual conference

- Monthly Calls

The third Wednesday of each month that there is no Board meeting. 12pm to 1pm pacific time

**1:07 PM: ADJOURN**