

Western Chapter International Society of Arboriculture Executive Board Meeting Minutes

January 30, 2008

Atlantis Hotel, Reno, Nevada

(NOTE: Numbering coincides with meeting Agenda)

- 1) Meeting called to order @ 9:10 AM by President, Ray Morneau
- 2) Roll Call

Present:

- Ray Morneau, President
- Doug Anderson, President Elect
- Juan Barba, Vice President
- Helen Stone, Past President
- Torrey Young, Secretary
- Rose Epperson, Executive Director
- Dana Karcher, Director
- Gabe Beeler, Director
- Dennis Swartzell, Director
- Greg Monfette, Director
- Bruce Hagen, Editor
- Jim Clark, ISA Representative

Absent: Teresa Trueman-Madriaga, Treasurer

Guests:

Steve Churchillo, Regional Meetings Chair
Carl Mellinger, Past President
Jose Mercado, Spanish Committee
Nelda Methany, member (partial meeting)

- 3) Motion: to accept the current meeting Agenda, as submitted.
 - Motion: D. Karcher; Second: D. Anderson
 - Motion carried unanimously
- 4) Motion: to approve the BOD meeting minutes of November 1, 2007, as submitted.
 - Motion: D. Anderson; Second: J. Clark
 - Motion carried unanimously
- 5) Administrative and Officer Reports:
 - a) Executive Director's Report: (R. Epperson)
 - i) Discussed EPI proposal for additional CTW and Conference activities.
 - ii) J. Mercado introduced discussion of additional judges needed to respond to increased exam burden
 - b) Treasurer's report: (T. Trueman-Madriaga) Discussion about Financial Committee having not met in over one year. J. Clark suggested increasing reserves to 40% of annual budget.
 - Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted
 - Motion: J. Clark; Second: H. Stone
 - Motion carried unanimously
 - c) ISA Representative's report: (J. Clark) Discussed 2007 Conference results and processes, including a letter to the BOD from K. Eckart. J. Clark reported having submitted a grievance to ISA re. Melinda Jones behavior issues.
- 6) Strategic Initiative and Committee Reports
 - a) Initiative #1 Public Relations (Al Remyn, not in attendance)
 - i) UVHFC (United Voices Special Project): (D. Karcher) Very successful event; report to be published in magazine; program will be promoted statewide & beyond. R. Epperson discussed "Healthy Communities Grow on Trees". Britton Fund public relations firm was very helpful (WHPR).
 - b) Initiative #2 Membership (D. Swartzell; report submitted) ISA tardy w/ records, so numbers include expired dues; discussed possible gift membership process.
 - c) Initiative #3 Education & Research (D. Anderson) 20 booths available from UVHVC.

d) Initiative #4 Certification, Editor & TCC (G. Beeler) Public awareness project to complete within 90 days.

i) Certification (K. Eckert, not in attendance) Question arose regarding status of BCMA fee-sharing from ISA.

(NOTE: T. Young left meeting as notified, Dana Karcher assumed recording of minutes @ 11:45 A.M.)

- Motion to put out an RFP for CTW & CA preparatory courses.
- Motion: D. Karcher, Second: none
- Motion: amended (Karcher), to develop an RFP for CTW & CA preparatory courses; Second: G. Monfette
- Motion: to table Karcher motion (J. Barba) Second: None
- Amended motion carried unanimously.
 - ii) Editor: (B. Hagen; written report)
 - iii) Tree Climbing Championship (Jose Mercado)
 - Discussion about the "reunion"
 - Budget
 - Held at Elk Grove Regional Park
 - Upgraded entry form –
 - Changes in sponsorships
 - Speakers
 - Date: June 14 & 15, Workshop June 13

e) Initiative #5 Training (G. Monfette)

- i) Regional Meetings Report (S. Churchillo, written and verbal)
 - R. Epperson reported that WCISA and CaUFC received a grant for two major events to bring in the author of "Last Child in the Woods".
- ii) Student Activities Committee (SAC) (Barba, verbal)
 - Ad Hoc Committee formed to develop RFP for the Certified Arborist/Tree Worker training; Members: Monfette, Karcher and Epperson.
- iii) Spanish Arborist: (J. Mercado) Committee members want to see:
 - More info on not seeing spikes being used
 - More info provided for palm tree deaths
 - Chipper use and cone and delineation with safety in roads
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7) Annual Meeting Reports:

- a) 2008 (D. Anderson, written and verbal)
 - Board meeting will be moved from May 1 to April 30.
- b) 2009 (R. Morneau, verbal)
 - Tour of the facility
- c) 2010 (J. Barba, verbal)
 - San Diego location.

8) Discussion/Action Items:

- a) Old Business: none
 - i) EHAP: Point of information...EHAP Workshops are really with TCIA, not WCISA. WCISA is only the marketing effort.
- b) New:
 - i) Conflict of Interest Memo from Warriner: No action taken.
 - ii) Awards: (C. Mellinger):
 - Special award for Sohner/Phillips Family
 - No awards will be given for multiple nominees.
 - iii) Nominations: (H. Stone) Slate presented
 - Motion to accept the recommended slate of candidates
 - Motion: J. Clark; Second: D. Anderson

9) Meeting Adjourned 3:10 PM

Submitted 03/21/2008, by Torrey Young, WCISA Secretary (assisted by D, Karcher).

