

COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES (COR) REPORT
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TREE FUND REPRESENTATIVE TO COR
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BASIC FUNCTION

The ISA Council of Representatives (COR) is an integral part of the ISA Governance. The Council is composed of a Representative from each ISA Chapter, Professional Affiliate, Certification Board, TREE Fund and ISA Associate Organizations, all referred to as individual components. The TREE Fund has one seat on the Council known as the TREE Fund Representative to COR. Because we are not a membership organization, we do not have a vote on most issues, however play an important role in providing information and insight on issues.

The mission of the Council is: To support the mission of the ISA by facilitating cooperation and collaboration among the ISA components and the ISA Board of Directors.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Represent the TREE Fund at COR activities and deliberations
- Attend Annual COR meeting and annual joint COR/ISA Board of Directors meeting
- Participate in COR conference calls, committees, task forces as assigned
- Report COR activities to TREE Fund Board
- Keep current on TREE Fund Board activities, policies and procedures
- Take TREE Fund concerns and issues that involve other components through COR to the ISA Board
- With other COR members participate in making recommendations to ISA Board of Directors concerning ISA policies, by-law changes, activities and other matter of organizational interest
- Participate in annual vote of COR-elected directors to the ISA Board

ACTIVITIES

A COR conference call was held April 7, 2015. Below covers several of the topics discussed at that time.

- The Council of Representatives continues to be active as reported at the last Board Meeting. COR Representatives have been requested to respond to several “End Statement Intake Forms” (specific questions asked by the Isa Board prior to taking action). Example: Should Sub-groups of COR be considered in the Asia Pacific Region similar to that approved in Europe? (87% said yes.) A second was: How much time prior to bid deadline the component wants to know they are eligible to host an event so they can prepare a bid? (53% recommended 12 months.) There have been several “Intake Form” requests since it started a year ago. This approach is a discipline method to get COR recommendations to the ISA Board.

- Rich Hauser has requested through COR to provide names of schools that teach courses in arboriculture, urban forestry, etc. within their component zone of influence. This is Intake Form #12 and response is due May 1. I responded that it would be best for Chapters to respond since anything the TREEFund submits would be a duplication submitted by Chapters.
- Paul Johnson—ISA Board Member Liaison to COR.
Board requests component share with them their research priorities. I emphasized the importance of this and when developed would set priorities for TREEFund grants.
Paul Johnson also reported that the Board had adopted “The Carver” Governance model and they are focusing on a strategic look rather than on operations.
- A request for each component to produce 3 or 4 good quality photographs by June 15 so they can be displayed at the August Annual Meeting. I will work with staff to get photos that will clearly show TREEFund work. With these photos they will briefly describe what is going on at each component.
- Announced the 2017 Annual Meeting will be in Washington, DC.
- The annual COR meeting and joint meeting with ISA Board will be held Sunday, August 9 between 8 am – 5 pm in Orlando, FL, prior to the 2015 ISA Annual Meeting.