

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

Since my report for the May Board Meeting, there has been a number of Council of representatives (COR) activities.

1. Monthly COR conference calls have occurred to keep COR members informed and in preparation for the Annual COR Meeting.
2. ISA Board has requested additional input from the components for consideration in their deliberations. This is done through a process called "end statement intake Forms" and are handled via e-mail. I normally discuss my response with Janet and in most cases by they do not affect TREE Fund activities. To date there have been 15 "Intake Form" requests. The last one was discussed at the COR Annual Meeting and involved minor changes in the Policy and Procedure Statement for Existence of the "Council of Representatives". Most of the changes just improve clarity and readability of the document. One section added a statement that 'the

COR Representative or a Component Representative should participate in at least 75% of all communication activities” (such as Conference calls, response to request-intake forms, annual COR meeting, etc.). With others, I prepared the original statement and signed it as the first COR Chair. The changes improved the documents.

3. An excellent annual COR meeting was held Sunday, August 9, 2015 in Orlando. It was an all-day meeting starting at 8:00 a.m. and adjourning just before the ISA Opening Session. It included a lunch meeting with the ISA Board of Directors, followed by a period of discussion with them.

MEETING ITEMS

Election

- David James, New Zealand voted as one of the COR Vice-Chairs
- Meagan Hanna, Quebec, Canada, voted as COR Secretary

Component Highlights

- Each component had an opportunity to describe some of their activities. These were presented via a well prepared short slide presentation. Mary provided me with 5 slides that gave an overview of the TREE Fund activities. It gave us an opportunity to show some of our research and Education Projects and Fund Raising. I narrated the slides and had the opportunity to demonstrate that we grant research funds to international scientists and all our work benefits arborists and community forestry worldwide.

Awards

- Those components maintaining a 75% participation were recognized. The TREE Fund had 100% participation.

ISA Governance

- Presentations of the direction of ISA Governance, using the ‘Carver Model’ was given by Jim Skiera, Michelle Mitchell and President Mark Roberts.

ISA Staff

- As mentioned previously, the ISA Staff that coordinates COR activities did an excellent job in preparing materials for members of COR. Sheila Beaumier and her staff had notebooks and other handouts that kept the meeting running smoothly. Similar to the quality preparatory work we get from Barbara.