



Research & Education Committee Report

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The Research & Education Committee is charged with the following

Basic Function: Review and selection of research grant, scholarship, and education grant applications.

Responsibilities: Meet regularly with Research and Education sub-committees to review and select applications for scholarships and educational grants.

Related Strategic Initiatives:

Goal 2.1: Determine what we should fund in education and research

Goal 2.2: Manage the processes around making grants and awarding scholarships

Committee Activities. The following were awarded for the 2015 granting cycle:

Hyland R. Johns (\$25,000) – 2 awards

John Wright Memorial Scholarship (\$2,000) – 1 award

Ohio Chapter ISA Education Grant (\$5,000) - 1 award

Robert Felix Memorial Scholarship (\$3,000) – 3 awards

Arboriculture Education Award (\$5,000) – 2 awards

Fran Ward Women in Arboriculture Scholarship (\$2,000) – 1 award

Horace M. Thayer Scholarship (\$2,000) – 1 award

The **Education Committee** met via telephone on **April 29, May 5, June 16, and June 17, 2015.**

The **Research Committee** met via telephone on **April 29, November 11 and November 16, 2015.**

The **Research & Education Committee Chair** invites the Board of Trustees to welcome new committee members **Gerald Fournier, Beau Brodbeck, Barbara Fair, George Hudler and Robert Vanderhoof. W E L C O M E!!!!**

Accomplishments:

- Both committees continue to enjoy the ease using the online submission and review/ranking software (Wizehive). The software continues to prove its value for archiving reviewer comments, abstracts and other grant-related information. Facilitating the staff and committee access to this information and the ease of use is freeing up time to direct towards improving the grant review and evaluation process as well as conducting needs assessment surveys.

- Late breaking!! The Executive Committee has approved the Research and Education Committees' request to allow grant awards to include a modest indirect charge (up to 10% of the total award) in their budgets (pending approval by the whole Board of Trustees) and to require applicants to show either cash or in-kind match as part of their budgets. They also have agreed to raise the maximum \$ amounts in the funding programs. Programs that currently grant at the \$10 K level (Kimmel & Duling) will be raised to a cap of \$25 K and the Hyland Johns, currently paying up to \$25 K will rise to \$50 K maximum. This move is pending approval of the Board. These changes in funding structure will improve our program as these amounts better meet the needs of researchers, especially academic researchers and ideally will attract a larger number of high quality projects from the best researchers around the globe.

Objectives for next 5 months:

- Review education, scholarship and research applications for spring cycle;
- Assist with online application program modifications (if needed) based on committee feedback.
- Revise research and education award submission guidelines and post;
- Continue work on research needs assessment survey with ISA SRC;
- Continue developing succession plan for committee chairmanship.