

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 matters of organizational interest
- Participate in annual vote of COR-elected directors to the ISA Board

ACTIVITIES

- The Annual COR meeting was held at Fort Worth Convention Center on Sunday August 14; only 55% of the sixty person Council attended. There were 8 international chapters in attendance. I was unable to attend due to a last minute sickness but Tom Wolf represented the TREE Fund. Parts of the meeting were attended by members of ISA Board and staff to make presentations throughout the day long meeting.
- Presentations of recognition were given to all Chapters and Affiliates who had participated in scheduled conference calls, requests for information, attendance at meetings, etc. Those who have participated in 75% of the activities were recognized, TREE Fund was one of those with 100%.
- Some minor changes were made in the COR by-laws. The secretary position on the Executive Committee was changed to a 4th Vice President since the ISA Staff preforms the function of the Staff. In section II. e. "Recommendation for" has been added because COR does not create

educational programs. Section VI. a. changed to reflect the intent that COR members be appointed for 3 year terms (max 6 years) since ISA cannot dictate terms to Chapters or Affiliates. The intention however, is to have one third turn over every year so there is continuity.

- Election was held to fill vacant COR Executive Committee positions:
 - David James, Chair New Zealand Chapter
 - Jim Vaughan, Vice Chair Minnesota Chapter
 - Lee Huss, Vice Chair Indiana Chapter
 - Michael Sultan, Vice Chair Texas Chapter
- Some of the Chapters presented slides of ongoing activities. Tom presented the TREE Fund slides prepared by Mary. It contained the titles of recent research grants awarded, a picture of the Scientist, general comments and a couple of pictures of ongoing projects. The importance of what we did was to point out several of the awards made to international scientists. The point was made that results for research projects are applicable to arborists where ever they practice. Also, currently the majority of funds that come to the TREE Fund come from North American ISA Chapters, Affiliates and Businesses. The follow up is to see how the International Chapters can participate further in support of funding the TREE Fund.
- The COR members were split into small groups and did some brainstorming on a couple of subjects: Promoting the Profession and Public Awareness. A number of ideas surfaced and will be used in future work of the ISA Board, Committees and COR.
- ISA is currently reviewing their by-laws and through the “Intake Form” process, COR has been reviewing each change. So far, the changes focus on Chapters and have little or no impact on the TREE Fund.