



Council of Representative Report

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Tree Fund representative to the ISA Council of Representatives

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Meetings: There have been two conference calls since the last report to the Board. First, December 13, 2017 and a second, April 11, 2018. Because of the large number of Representatives (Chapters, Associates and Professional Affiliates—about 60+) there are two separate calls on the same day to allow all to participate throughout the world. There were about 40+ members on each of the December and April calls which is enhanced by being done via computer. It is important for the TREE Fund to participate in these meetings in order to keep all CoR members, especially those outside North America, informed of the work of the TREE Fund and its important value to the arboriculture profession.

Accomplishments: Jim Wolfe, a former TREE Fund trustee and Chapter Liaison, currently an ISA Director, is the ISA Board's liaison with CoR.

- CoR uses an “Intake Form” process to obtain comments and information on issues from individual CoR members. It is a good way to get all 60+ members involved in providing the ISA Board a spectrum of needs and thoughts. Intake Form #29 led to the decision to hold the Annual CoR meeting at the end of the ISA Conference so it does not conflict

with ITCC and the Education Sessions. This also affects the timing of the ISA Annual report which will now be presented on Tuesday morning session on the Trade Show floor.

- CoR members selected John Gathright, Japanese Arborist Association, as an Isa Board Director at the January election.
- Networking opportunities for CoR members has been frequently discussed. An opportunity has been made at a session ‘Greet and Meet’ on Sunday evening Trade Show opening.
- Each CoR member is requested to submit 2 or 3 photos that can be presented in a continuous slide presentation. These should represent a unique aspect of each organization’s program. I will work with the TREE Fund staff for something such as Tour des Trees Riders planting trees with children, a unique research project, education situation or webinar session, etc. Give me or staff your thoughts. It gives us additional exposure to ISA Chapters and members-at-large.
- Discussion and an “Intake Form”, with questions, was sent to CoR members regarding a revised Certified Tree Worker Plan. The Credentialing Department felt some areas could be improved and a single day event could be an option.
- There will be an election at the CoR annual meeting for three positions on the CoR Executive Committee. Lee Huss and Jim Vaughan will be up for reelection and there is one vacant position. CoR members have been asked to consider becoming a member on the Executive Committee.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Annual CoR meeting will be held Wednesday, August 8 from 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. during the ISA Annual Conference.