



## Council of Representative Report

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Tree Fund representative to the ISA Council of Representatives

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**Meetings:** There has been just one meeting of the Council of representatives since our TREE Fund meeting in May. There have been no conference calls. The CoR annual meeting was held August 8, 2018 in Columbus, Ohio from 1 pm to 8 pm. Thirty-one members of CoR, out of 61, were present plus some ISA Directors and staff. David James, Chair of the Executive Committee, conducted the meeting with each Executive Committee member leading specific subjects. The following topics were covered:

1. Thirty+ minutes overview by Executive Committee and address by ISA President, Paul Reiss, Incoming President Pedro Mendes Castro and ISA Executive Director Caitlyn Pollihan. Focus was pending move of ISA Headquarters in 2019 to the Atlanta, Georgia area. All details had not been worked out at this time but details will be forth coming.

2. Safety Incident reporting by Tim Walsh, Safety Manager at Davey Tree Expert Company. It stated that CoR members can be involved in making sure any incident data related to tree care working, injuries and fatalities, are reported to the Safety Committee. Also CoR can be helpful in sharing regulations, standards and best practices relevant to them in their location.

3. Ninety+ minutes slide presentation with comments by CoR present. Three slides were allowed per unit. TREE Fund shared the following:

- Tour de Trees member planting a tree (Education and Fund Raising)
- Scientists collecting data from roots of a planted tree (Research)
- Poster of one of Webinar sponsored by TREE Fund (Tech Transfer of Research Funding)

4. Forty+ minutes panel discussion on marketing chaired by Meagan Hanna. Exchange of ideas among CoR members.

5. Thirty-five+ minutes on a proposed policy change on Leadership of CoR. CoR Executive group concerned that each year it is difficult to get CoR member to step up and take on leadership of the Council. They proposed adding five positions to the 61+ Council specifically to fill the officer positions. These would be elected by ISA membership. I spoke in opposition to this for several reasons. Adding five more positions to an already large organization, the leadership would not be elected by the Council members, and it is possible for some units to get two votes on an issue.

I argued that it would be better for the ISA Board members and staff to convince components it was in their best interest to support an occasional CoR member to become a CoR Executive Committee member.

The CoR Executive Committee, following discussion, indicated they would forward to the ISA Governance Committee for the ISA Board to consider.

6. Discussion on some minor revisions to CoR policy. After presentation and a discussion it was found to mainly be grammatical, but there was a need for some additional clarification. Any vote for changes was postponed until later and then done via mail.

7. Panel Discussion on Membership Challenges lead by Executive Committee member, Jim Vaughan. (List of points raised can be provided.)

8. Panel Discussion on Education for the Industry and Public lead by Lee Huss. A number of ideas raised, list of those can be provided.

9. Election of Officer to CoR Executive Committee -- Two were re-elected for a two year term, Lee Huss and Jim Vaughan, Mike Watson was elected to the third vacant position.



