



## **Research and Education Committee Report**

**Prepared by: George Hudler, Chair**

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Meetings: (Please include dates, those who participated, topics and actions)

No Committee meetings have taken place since last Trustee Meeting on May 21, 2018.

### **Final and Interim project reports:**

Hudler reviewed and approved a (long overdue; Hudler's fault) layman's research project summary from Liang on genomics of redbay laurel; a modification of an education project awarded to Columbus State Community College, reducing a once-planned week-long program to an intensive one-day program, and an interim research project report from Susan Day on role of trees in improving storm water retention. Also approved final report from Gary Watson on establishment and stability of large trees transplanted bare root. Final report for Bryant Scharenbroch's project "Soil Management Toolbox for Urban Trees" approved.

**Objectives for the next 3 months:** Calls for proposals for the Jack Kimmel International Grants program (two awards at \$10,000) and the John Z. Duling program (one award at \$25,000) are out now with proposals due October 1, 2018. The Research subcommittee will begin review shortly thereafter with plans to make final decisions in mid-November. The subcommittee will also be "meeting" via e-mail correspondence and maybe a conference call to plan for the upcoming research grants program review following the December Board of Trustees meeting in North Carolina. Few members of our committee are actually invited to attend the meeting but all will be invited to comment on a summary statement that Hudler will present near the opening of the meeting (and maybe as a written document prior to the meeting itself?).

**Next Meeting Date:** Barring any unforeseen developments from the field, the committee will meet again in mid-November to discuss proposal reviews.