



## **Research and Education Committee Report**

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### **Meetings:**

#### **Scholarship and Education Subcommittee**

**Meeting date:** April 18, 3pm Central Time via conference call.

**Attending:** George Hudler, Committee Chair; Jim Barborinas, Kristina Bezanson, Hallie Dozier, Steve Geist, Peter Stoltman, Kristin Wild

**Ohio Chapter ISA Education Grant (\$5000):** From a total of 3 applications, the subcommittee agreed to recommend making the award to Holden Forests and Gardens for their program “Cleveland Neighborhood Tree Walks.” *HOWEVER*, publication of this decision must remain confidential among TREE Fund Board of Trustees until the recommendation is approved by the Board.

**Scholarship Awards (from a pool of 15 applicants) *CONFIDENTIAL PENDING TRUSTEE APPROVAL in MAY***

**Felix Scholarships (\$5000 each):** Harrison Sopp (Paul Smith’s College, NY), Kasandra Hernandez (Cuyahoga Community College, OH), Marea Harris (No. Virginia Community College, VA)

**Bonnie Appleton Scholarship (\$5000):** Alex Love (Michigan State Univ, MI)

**John Wright Scholarship (\$5000):** Robert Hammond, (University of Cincinnati, OH)

**Horace Thayer Scholarship (\$3,000):** Steven Constable (Penn State, PA)

**Fran Ward Women in Arboriculture (\$3,000):** The Committee decided not to make an award for this scholarship this year due to the absence of an exceptionally qualified candidate. They are hoping to make two such awards next year if the applicant pool improves.

#### **UARF Advisory Committee**

**Meeting Date:** April 24, 2019

**Attending:** George Hudler, Peter Beesley, Brett Heinrich, Randy Miller, Ward Peterson

Committee reviewed applications for the UARF Grant and selected Phil Chen at CN Utility Consulting to receive a \$50,000 grant for his project “Cost of Deferred Maintenance.”

**Research Committee (to be updated 4/25/19)**

**Meeting Date:** April 25, 2019 10am Central Time via Zoom meeting

**Attending:**

Committee reviewed applications for the Hyland Johns Grant. Of 25 applications submitted, 11 were forwarded on to the Committee for deliberation. The others failed to conform to guidelines outlined in the RFP.

**Final and interim project reports:**

Project title: Long-term effects of electrical right-of-way vegetation management on floral and faunal communities. Carolyn G. Mahan, PhD. Interim report.

Project title: Can Soil Amendments Reduce Disease Severity in Trees? Glynn Percival, Ph.D. Interim report.

Project title: The role of tree species in cooling the urban climate - application in tree planting and landscape architecture. Henrik Sjoman. Final report.

Project title: Sustainable Urban Forestry Planning Models and Decision Making Dashboard. Richard Hauer. Interim report.

**Objectives for the next 3 months:** The subcommittee will also be “meeting” via e-mail correspondence and maybe a conference call to address issues arising at the upcoming research grants program review following the May 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 summary statements of the conversation that ensues.

**Next Meeting Date:** Barring any unforeseen developments from the field (results of the Research Workshop may be one such development), the committee will meet again in mid-November to discuss proposal reviews.