



## Trustee Meeting Minutes

**Date & time of meeting:** November 12, 2019 9:00am Central Time via Zoom

**Attending:** Chair Steven Geist, Chair-Elect Arnold Brodbeck; Vice Chair Tom Wolf, Treasurer Ray Henning. Trustees: Jacques Brunswick, Paul Fletcher, Brett Heinrich, George Hudler, Sharon Jean-Philippe, Dave Krause, Sharon Lilly, Randall Miller, Will Nutter. President and CEO Russell King; past President and CEO J. Eric Smith. Chairman Emeritus and CoR Representative Al West

**Guest:** Jeff Edgar

**Absent:** Trustees Mundy Wilson Piper and Jim Urban

Meeting call to order: Chair Geist called the meeting to order at 9:00am Central Time and introduced new TREE Fund President and Chief Executive Officer, Russell King.

### Consent Agenda:

Chair Geist asked the Trustees whether they would like to pull any item from the Consent Agenda; none were requested. Motion was made by Trustee Hudler to accept the Consent Agenda; seconded by Chair-Elect Brodbeck. No discussion. Motion carried.

- Consent Agenda item:
  - Minutes from May 6, 2019 meeting

Chair Summaries of Committee Highlights (May to November 2019): Committee Chairs reviewed key committee developments since the last board meeting. Details may be found in Committee Meeting Minutes.

- Steve Geist, Executive and Governance Committee
- Ray Henning, Audit and Finance Committee
- Paul Fletcher, Development Committee
- Dave Krause, Communications Committee
- George Hudler, Research and Education Committee
- Randall Miller, Liaison Committee
- Al West, Council of Representatives
  - Summarized role of Council of Representatives
  - Next meeting is December 4
- J. Eric Smith, past President and CEO

### Next Trustee Meeting

- December meeting schedule at ISA Atlanta:
  - December 5: Trustee meeting afternoon, Joint Trustee and Liaison Dinner
  - December 6: Joint Trustee and Liaison Meeting morning; Liaison meeting afternoon

### Old Business

- Trustee and Committee Member Recruitment
  - Will present slate of officers at December 5 Trustee Meeting
- Strategic Plan Check-In



- Committees are current with Strategic Plan deliverables
- Tour des Trees 2020
  - 2020 Tour will be in Denver metro area, 5 day ride, the week prior to Labor Day
  - 2021 Tour target is Iowa with Des Moines as the hub (Wright Tree, Vermeer, Iowa State located there)
  - One year was added to Paul Wood's contract which now ends after 2022 Tour

#### New Business

- Chair Geist presented a gift to J. Eric Smith on behalf of the Board of Trustees acknowledging their appreciation for his tenure as President and CEO

Executive Session: Executive session commenced at 10:00am and ended at 10:13am Central Time.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Duke.