



Trustee Meeting Minutes

Date & time of meeting: May 17, 2021, Noon Central Time via Zoom

Attending: Chair Will Nutter, Chair-Elect Brett Heinrich; Vice Chair Sharon Jean-Philippe, Treasurer Ray Henning. Trustees: Rachel Barker, Beau Brodbeck, Jacques Brunswick, Jeff Edgar, Patrick Franklin, Steve Geist, Dan Herms, George Hudler, Randall Miller, President and CEO Russell King

Meeting call to order: Chair Nutter called the meeting to order at 12:02pm Central Time.

Consent Agenda:

Trustee Edgar made a motion to accept the December 7, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Vice Chair Jean-Philippe. No discussion. Motion carried.

Trustees approved the Consent Agenda as presented.

- Consent Agenda:
 - Minutes from December 7, 2020 meeting
 - President and CEO's Report
 - Executive and Governance Committee Report
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Development Committee Report
 - Communications Committee Report
 - Research and Education Committee Report
 - Liaison Committee Report
 - Council of Representatives Report

Chair Summaries of Committee Highlights (December 2020 to May 2021): Committee Chairs reviewed key committee developments since the last board meeting. Chairman Nutter, President/CEO King, Jeff Edgar and Patrick Franklin will meet regarding combining Communications and Development Committees. Trustees will vote via email whether to offer a \$10,000 Tree and Soil Research Grant in the Fall cycle.

Independent Financial Audit Report Summary: Sassetti LLC presented a clean audit with no findings.

Research and Education Committee Grant Award Recommendations:

Motion was made by Trustee Hudler and seconded by Trustee Miller to award the following:

- Hyland Johns Grant for \$24,967 to Richard J. Hauer, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, "Tree Health Implications of Long-term Strategies to Treat Emerald Ash Borer: Long-term Effects on Tree Injections and Tree Tissue"
- UARF Grant for \$50,000 to John Goodfellow and Dr. John Ball, BioCompliance Consulting, Inc., "Developing a Utility Vegetation Management Educational Baseline: An Understanding of Training, Gaps, and Curricular Linkages"
- Ohio Chapter ISA Education Grant for \$5,000 to Akron Parks Collaborative for their program "Youth Corps to turn vacation lots into urban forests"



- Robert Felix Memorial Scholarship for \$5,000 to Alexander Martin, University of British Columbia
- John Wright Memorial Scholarship for \$5,000 to Matthew Le, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
- Bonnie Appleton Memorial Scholarship for \$5,000 to Ignacio Moreno, Cal Poly Pomona
- Fran Ward Women in Arboriculture Scholarship for \$5,000 to Joanne Kim, Pennsylvania College of Technology

No discussion. Motion carried.

Trustee Geist noted that the Felix Fund has ample funds to either increase scholarship amounts or increase number of awards. This suggestion was also recommended by auditor.

Motion was made by Trustee Hudler to approve State Game Lands Grant renewal; seconded by Treasurer Henning. No discussion. Motion carried.

Executive and Governance Committee:

- New Trustee Recruitment – trustees were asked to respond to Chair Nutter with potential trustee candidates. Audit and Finance Committee Chair and Research and Education Chair will need to be filled in 2022.
- Strategic Plan Ratification – Chairman Nutter made a motion to ratify the Strategic Plan dated April 2021 as presented; motion seconded by Trustee Geist. No discussion. Motion carried.

Future Meeting Planning:

- Fall Meeting: via Zoom. Doodle poll will be sent for date in September/October.
- December meeting to be scheduled at Bartlett Labs, Charlotte, NC. Dates to be determined.

Old Business:

- Hyland Johns estate gift paperwork has been filed with Vanguard. Information on new account at Vanguard forthcoming. Other investment opportunities to be investigated. Task Force to be formed. Policy to be created.
- Tour des Trees (virtual and live) has been launched.

New Business:

- Exploring move to virtual office. Synopsis of advantages and disadvantages to be submitted.
- Committee structure will be addressed at September Trustee Meeting

Motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Henning and seconded by Trustee Brodbeck. Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm Central Time.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Duke.