



Trustee Meeting Minutes

Date & time of meeting: December 5, 2019 1:00pm at ISA Atlanta, Georgia

Attending: Chair Steven Geist, Chair-Elect Beau Brodbeck, Vice Chair Tom Wolf, Treasurer Ray Henning. Trustees: Paul Fletcher, Brett Heinrich, George Hudler, Sharon Jean-Philippe, Dave Krause, Sharon Lilly, Mundy Wilson Piper, James Urban, President and CEO Russell King

Absent: Jacques Brunswick, Randall Miller, Will Nutter

Meeting call to order: Chairman Geist called the meeting to order at 12:53pm.

Consent Agenda:

Chairman Geist asked the Trustees whether they had any items they would like pulled from the Consent Agenda; none were requested. Motion was made by Trustee Krause to accept the Consent Agenda; seconded by Trustee Lilly. No discussion. Motion carried.

- Consent Agenda items:
 - Minutes from November 12 Trustee meeting
 - President and CEO's Report
 - Executive and Governance Committee Report
 - Treasurer's Report
 - October 2019 Balance Sheet and P&L
 - Development Committee Report
 - Communications Committee Report
 - Research and Education Committee Report
 - Liaison Committee Report
 - Council of Representatives Report
 - Due Diligence Review

Chair Summaries of Committee Highlights: Committee Chairs reviewed key committee developments. Details may be found in Committee Chair Reports.

Research Committee Grant Award Recommendations:

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

- John Z. Duling Grant to Brian Kane at University of Massachusetts-Amherst for "Comparing the efficacy of pull tests versus expert opinion when assessing decay and likelihood of tree failure" for \$25,000.
- Jack Kimmel International Grants to Andrew Millward at Ryerson University for "Advancing non-invasive tree root detection by creating a training data set of GPR tree root signatures" for \$10,000 and Fahad Rasheed at University of Agriculture Faisalabad, Pakistan for "Contributing for a breathable future: Characterizing the efficiency of local tree species for controlling particulate matter in Faisalabad district" for \$9,967.
- Safe Arborist Techniques Fund Grant to Matt Follett at University of Quebec at Montreal for "Evaluation of load distribution in removal operations: a comparison of techniques and equipment" for \$14,404



- Bob Skiera Memorial Building Bridges Grant to Jason Gordon at University of Georgia Research Foundation, Inc. for “Engaging underserved populations in community tree management activities” for \$27,076

No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Election of Officers, Trustees, Confirm Committee Chair Appointments:

Motion was made by Treasurer Chair Geist and seconded by Trustee Lilly to accept the following:

- Trustee renewals (two-year terms) beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2021:
 - Beau Brodbeck (2nd)
 - Brett Heinrich (2nd)
 - Ray Henning (3rd)
 - George Hudler (3rd)
 - Will Nutter (3rd)
 - Jim Urban (3rd)

No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion was made by Chair Geist and seconded by Trustee Wilson Piper to accept the slate of officers (one-year terms) beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020:
 - Chair – Beau Brodbeck
 - Chair Elect – Sharon Jean-Philippe
 - Vice Chair – Dave Krause
 - Treasurer – Ray Henning

Discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion was made by Chair Geist and seconded by Trustee Lilly to accept the following Committee Chairs (one year terms):
 - Ray Henning, Audit and Finance Committee
 - Dave Krause, Communications Committee
 - Paul Fletcher, Development Committee
 - Beau Brodbeck, Executive and Governance Committee
 - George Hudler, Research and Education Committee
 - Al West, ISA CoR, Ray Henning will fill in if needed
 - Liaison Committee will elect their Committee Chair and Vice Chair on December 6, 2019

No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business: none

New Business:

- Trustees Mundy Wilson Piper and Vice Chair Wolf were recognized for their service on the Board of Trustees and presented plaques.
- Strategic Plan update 2022 – Ad hoc committee will convene in Spring 2020 to draft 2022 update to Strategic Plan



- 2020 Trustee Meeting dates and locations:
 - May 18 at TCIA offices, Manchester, New Hampshire
 - September 23 at 1pm Central Time via Zoom
 - December 7 and 8 Trustee and Liaison Meetings at University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Annual Appeal and Partnership Updates: President and CEO King updated the Trustees on the annual appeal communications.

Executive session commenced at 4:15pm Eastern Time and ended at 4:52pm Eastern Time.

Trustee Meeting reconvened at 8:04am December 6, 2019. Motion was made by Chair Geist to accept Jeff Edgar as Trustee effective January 1, 2020 with term ending December 31, 2021. Motion seconded by Vice Chair Wolf. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:05am.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Duke.