



Trustee Meeting Minutes

Date & time of meeting: December 8, 2022, at 1pm Eastern Time at ISA Headquarters, Atlanta, GA
Attending: Chair Steve Geist, Chair-Elect Beau Brodbeck, Vice Chair Patrick Franklin, Treasurer Jacques Brunswick. Trustees: Rachel Barker, Lori Brockelbank, Jeff Edgar, David Gorden, Dan Herms, Sharon Jean-Philippe; Gordon Mann, Kathy Wolf (via Zoom). Heath Hupke, TREE Fund

Meeting call to order: Chair Geist called the meeting to order at 1:21pm Eastern Time.

Consent Agenda:

Chair Geist asked trustees whether any item should be removed from the Consent Agenda. None were requested. Motion was made by Trustee Mann to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Trustee Barker. No discussion. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes from September 20 meeting
- Executive and Governance Committee Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Research and Education Committee Report
- Development and Communications Committee Report
- Liaison Committee Report

Chair Summaries of Committee Highlights (September through December 2022): Committee Chairs reviewed key committee developments since the last board meeting.

2023 Budget Presentation and Vote: Treasurer Brunswick asked all Trustees to donate to the annual appeal. Motion was made by Trustee Edgar to approve the 2023 budget as presented. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jean-Philippe. No discussion. Motion carried.

Research Grants: Motion was made by Trustee Mann to approve the grants listed below; seconded by Trustee Barker. No discussion. Motion carried.

John Z. Duling Grant: Darrel Murray, Tarleton State University, "Urban ecosystem regeneration by increasing stand and genetic diversity" for \$22,950

Jack Kimmel International Grant: Huade Guan, Flinders University, Australia "A pumping-test analogue for characterizing root-zone and plant integrated hydraulic systems based on above-ground measurements" for \$10,000

Bob Skiera Memorial Fund Building Bridges Initiative Grant: Richard Hauer, CN Utility Consulting (CNUC) & University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point (UWSP) "Connecting and Creating Municipal Forestry Bridges to Build Urban Forest Resources" for \$30,000



Larry R. Hall Memorial Scholarship: Motion was made by Trustee Gorden to activate the Larry R. Hall Memorial Scholarship in the 2023 Spring grant cycle. Motion was seconded by Chair-Elect Brodbeck. No discussion. Motion carried.

Election of Trustees, Officers, Confirm Committee Chair Appointments:

Motion was made by Chair Elect Brodbeck to accept the trustee term renewals below for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2023; motion was seconded by Trustee Mann. No discussion. Motion carried.

- Rachel Barker
- Jacques Brunswick
- Patrick Franklin
- Dan Herms

Motion was made by Treasurer Brunswick and seconded by Vice Chair Franklin to extend the following for one-year term per special circumstances. No discussion. Motion carried.

- Steve Geist
- Sharon Jean-Philippe

Chair Geist noted that we have three trustee candidates to be considered in the first quarter of 2023.

Motion was made by Trustee Mann to accept the slate of officers below for a one-year term beginning January 1, 2023. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jean-Philippe. No discussion. Motion carried.

- Chair: Beau Brodbeck
- Chair Elect: Patrick Franklin
- Vice Chair: Rachel Barker
- Treasurer: Jacques Brunswick

Motion was made by Trustee Barker to accept the following one-year Committee Chair appointments for 2023. Motion was seconded by Trustee Mann. No discussion. Motion carried.

- Audit and Finance Committee: Jacques Brunswick
- Executive and Governance Committee: Beau Brodbeck
- Research and Education Committee: Dan Herms
- Development and Communications Committee: to be determined
- ISA Council of Representatives: Beau Brodbeck

Tour des Trees Strategic Planning: Chair Geist will bring ideas to Tour Planning Committee

Old Business:

- Strategic Plan review: tabled
- Scholarship payments: tabled for first Quarter 2023



New Business:

- Vote on Hyland Johns Grant offering 2023: Motion was made by Trustee Jean-Philippe to move the Hyland Johns Grant to fall cycle beginning in 2023 and permanently thereafter. Motion was seconded by Trustee Mann. No discussion. Motion carried.
- Ottman Volunteer of the Year Award for 2022 went to Sam VanMaanen

2023 Meeting Dates:

- May 9-10 at Bartlett Labs in Charlotte, NC
- September 19 from 10am-1pm Central Time via Zoom
- December 7-8. Location to be determined.

Annual Appeal Update: Heath Hupke noted that the appeal was mailed to ~ 3,200 constituents before Thanksgiving. Online gifts received to date \$2,000; via checks in mail \$3,200.

Meeting went into Executive Session at 3:37pm Eastern Time and adjourned at 4:55pm Eastern Time. There was general discussion. J. Eric Smith's contract was approved by a consensus vote.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara A. Duke