

**ISAT Board of Director
Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2008
College Station, TX**

Members Present

Jim Breaux
Jim Carse
John Giedraitis
David Vaughan
Pat Wentworth

Keith Brown
Nevic Donnelly
James Tuttle
Todd Watson

Members Absent

Courtney Blevins
Susan Henson

Jordy Hagen
Hans Williams

Others Present

Heather Brewer
Paul Johnson

James Houser

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Giadratis at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was declared.

II. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the May 2, Board Meeting; motion seconded; motion approved.

III. Reports

a) Treasurer: The Treasurer's report was made by Walterscheidt. A motion was made to approve the report; motion seconded; motion approved.

b) Editor: It was stated that the quality of the Newsletter has been good. There was not other report due to the absence of the Editor.

c) Liaison: No important happenings in ISA.

d) Executive Director: All seems to be going well in the office.

e) Committee Reports:

Convention 2008: Giedraitis reported the convention was a success and Made over \$17,000 profit.

Convention 2009: Carse reported on the progress and named the Committee chairs.

Tree Climbing Championship: Tuttle reported that it will be held On May 29 & 30 on the UT Campus in Austin.

Arbor Day: It will be held in Grand Prairie on April 24. All 4th Graders in the city will be bussed to the site.

Certification: Wentworth distributed a report. A motion was made To change the By-Laws to reflect that the Certification Liaison is a Member of the ISAT Board with a three-year term; motion seconded Motion Approved. This By-Law change will be voted on in the Jan. Meeting.

Membership: Walterscheidt reported that we now have 725 members

Educational Services Working Groups: Each of the groups chairs Made a report on their group.

Awards: Giedraitis reported the awards will be the same as last year.

Historian: Brewer plans to have a history article in each Newsletter.

Publicity: Breaux will get information to publications in the Green Industry. Carse will send the e-mail addresses.

Scholarships: No report

Research: Watson made a short report on the need to fund research.

IV. Old Business:

There was no old business.

V. New Business:

a) ISAT Merchandising: Nevic will come back in January with a more defined proposal to develop materials to sell.

b) Texas Supplement: Wentworth has a committee. However no action will be taken until the 10th Edition of the Guide is available.

c) ISAT Trailer: Nevic will update the logos. He will come up with a list of equipment to replace and will inventory the equipment for insurance purposes.

d) Austin PARD/ISAT Treaty Oak Workday: A motion was made to support Walter's and Don's request on how the workday will be conducted; motion Seconded; motion passed.

e) Annual Chapter Workdays: No definite commitment was made except that Nevic will organize one for the Austin area.

f) ISAT Sponsorships and Course Code Fee: A motion was made that if ISAT is a true sponsor that fees will be waved; motion seconded; motion passed. A motion was made the Certification Liaison and Chair of the Tree Climbing Championship have their ISA and ISAT dues while in that position; motion Seconded; motion passed.

g) Texas Oak Wilt Certification Policies: A motion was made that ISAT take over the vendors portion of the Certification and that \$100 will be charged to stay on the list, the money collected will be used for continuing education in oak wilt; motion seconded; motion passed. A motion was made to approve the Guidelines for Oak Wilt Certification; motion Seconded; motion passed.

h) TCIA Safety Program: A motion was made to table discussion of this until the Cost figures can be obtained; motion seconded; motion passed.

VI: Next Board Meeting: The next Board meeting will be held on January 30 at 10:00 a.m in Elgin.

VII: Adjourn: A motion was made to adjourn; motion seconded; motion approved. The Meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully

Michael J. Walterscheidt
Executive Director

