

Landscape and Nurserymen's Association of Greater St. Louis

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MEETING MINUTES November 12th 2007 – Pietro's Restaurant

1. Program – Green Industry Trends in Plant Procurement...2008 and Beyond Presentation by Dan Simmons, Managing Partner, Plantright, LLC, Horticultural Consultants – Plant Procurement Specialists

2. Business Meeting called to order at 8:00PM. Guests were introduced. – Gary Hinegardner

A) Secretary Report (Lance Dauw)

1. There were no comments/questions in regards to the minutes from the October meeting.
2. 1st Reading for Membership:
(Associate) Sharon Ward Student in Horticulture Program at St. Louis Community College at Meramec
3. 2nd Reading, Voted into Membership:
(Honorary) Missouri Landscape & Nursery Association Mary Ann Fink

B) Treasurer Report (Bill Ruppert)

1. The association has utilized the budgeted funds for 2007 (\$13,000 in total revenue).
2. A working 2008 budget has been drafted from the 2007 budget status.
3. Interest from the CD will be realized and incorporated into the scholarship fund in December.
4. Revenue from membership renewals was higher than budgeted for in 2007. This offsets the loss of expected revenue from the decrease in new membership dues.

C) Elections (Gary Hinegardner/Lance Dauw) for Officers and two open Board of Director positions were held. Gary opened the floor for nominations. Voting was done by anonymous ballot from Voting Members. The results are as follows:

President Elect: **Sandi Hillermann-McDonald** (*Hillermann Nursery and Florist, Inc*)

Vice President: **Ellen Barredo** (*Bowood Farms, Inc.*)

Secretary: **Lance Dauw** (*Tomasovic Greenhouses & Nursery, Inc.*)

Treasurer: **Bill Ruppert** (*National Nursery Products-St. Louis*)

Board Member (term: 2008-2010): **Jamie Granger** (*Hillermann Nursery and Florist, Inc.*)

Board Member (term: 2008-2010): **Jennifer Schamber** (*Greenscape Gardens*)

The new President of the Landscape and Nurserymen's Association of Greater St. Louis for 2008 will be:

Mike Rood (*Pea Ridge Forest*)

D) Program Committee (Mike Rood)

1. Angela Jackson suggested that the membership email any program suggestions.

E) Finance Committee (Gary Hinegardner) Nothing to Report

F) Membership Committee (Bill Ruppert)

1. Gary Hinegardner suggested having dual membership costs, reflecting how members want meeting notices sent (either by mail or email). There was a discussion.

G) Scholarship/Education Committee (Angela Jackson) Nothing to Report

H) Public Relations and Marketing Committee (Website) (Bill Ruppert) Nothing to Report

I) Community Enhancement Committee

1. Bill Ruppert reviewed the success of the St. Louis Planter at Kiener Plaza this past year, citing this was just a start for the Hort Co-op organizations. He talked about the prospects of landscaping around the Scottrade Center.

2. Bill wanted to discuss ways to promote the companies that were involved with the designing, planning and labor involved with the planters at Kiefer Plaza and other future projects. He wished to thank Bowood Farms, Garden Heights Nursery, Hillermann Nursery and Florist, and Effinger Garden Center for their contributions at the St. Louis Planter at Kiener Plaza.

J) History Committee Nothing to Report

K) Horticulture Co-op Representation Nothing to Report

L) Industry Events

1. Mary Ann Fink announced that the Missouri Landscape & Nursery Association is working on profiles of members and a grower showcase. Please contact Mary Ann to provide information.

2. Bill Ruppert suggested forming a tribute to the late Frank Frisella, a true nurseryman. Bill asked for discussion about how we can pay tribute to him. The membership voted that Mary Ann Fink pursue options for a donation from the association to the Missouri Botanical Garden as a tribute to Frank.

3. Carlos Flores read a letter from his church, regarding the educational donation from Home Nursery. He also discussed the effects of illegal immigration in regards to the Green Industry.

**Next Event: Hort Co-op Annual Holiday Gathering
Dec. 3rd Concordia Seminary**

Business Meeting Adjourned at 9:30PM - Gary Hinegardner