

MONDAY, JULY 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009

## JULY MEETING

Program: "Premiere of the LNAGSL Redesigned Web Site"

Presentation by Bill Ruppert, Treasurer and Chair of the Public Relations and Marketing Committee

Spazio Bistro  
St. Louis, MO

### BUSINESS MEETING Minutes

- 1) Meeting called to order at 7:20 P.M. Roll call (via attendance sign-in sheet)  
(Sandi McDonald)
- 2) Welcome/Opening Comments (Sandi McDonald)
- 3) Membership vote to suspend the "Robert's Rules of Order" requirement for this meeting (Sandi McDonald)
- 4) Membership vote to waive the "Order of Business" outlined in Bylaws (Sandi McDonald)
- 5) Secretary Report (Josh Hetley)
  - a. Comments reported by the membership regarding the minutes from the March meeting. Members can visit the website for the minutes from the previous meeting.
  - b. First Readings of applications for membership (applications available upon request):
    1. Allied: **Starscape Landscape Lighting** (Landscape Lighting/Design), Wildwood, MO (Kat Lampe)
    2. Allied: **Evergreen Seed** (Distributor Wholesale Seed), Stockton, MO
    3. Associate: **Gil Mohesky** (Riechers' Truck Body & Equipment Company), Washington, MO
    4. Active: **Cat's Gardens Nursery** (Retail Garden Center/Wholesale Production Nursery), St. Louis, MO (Catherine Ragland)
    5. Associate: **Dawn Friedrich** (Landscape Designer/Construction Services/Horticultural Consultant/Public Speaker), St. Louis, MO
    6. Honorary: **Illinois Green Industry Association** (Green Industry Association), Springfield, IL
  - c. Membership voted to accept 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading applicant as a member.
    1. Associate: **Jeff Boren** (Dec. '08 Missouri Graduate in Plant Science), St. Louis, MO
- 6) Treasurer Report (Bill Ruppert)
  - a. Overview of the current budget and financial status
  - b. Financial and budgetary information was removed from the website to protect the organization
- 7) Program Committee (Craig Pisarkiewicz)
  - a. Encouraged all members to come fourth with potential sites for future meetings and or tours.
- 8) Finance and Audit Committee (Sandi McDonald) - No Report
- 9) Membership Committee (Craig Pisarkiewicz) – No Report
- 10) Scholarship and Education Committee (Jamie Granger)
  - a. Recipient will be selected by the end of this week, there are three applicants

- b. Scholarship will be awarded on August 13<sup>th</sup> at the Missouri Botanical Gardens Annual Nursery Day

**11) Public Relations and Marketing Committee (Bill Ruppert)**

- a. The finished web site was presented.
- b. Members should contact Bill Ruppert to change their profile on the website.
- c. Each member can add up to nine photos on the profile and their company logo.

**12) Community Enhancement Committee (Sandi McDonald) – No report**

**13) History Committee (Bill Ruppert/Robert Weaver) – No report**

**14) Horticulture Co-op Representation Report (Ellen Barredo)**

- a. Next meeting set for 8/12/09.
- b. Christmas party has been planned.

**18) New Business – No report**

**19) Industry Events**

a. **2009 Perennial Plant Symposium**

July 19<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, Mariott St. Louis at Union Station, St. Louis, MO

b. **American Society for Horticultural Science Annual Conference**

July 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, Millennium Hotel, St. Louis, MO

c. **Kansas State University Bedding Plant Field Day**

July 28<sup>th</sup>, Kansas State University Horticulture Research Center, Olathe, KS

d. **Illinois Landscape Contractors Association Summer Field Day 2009**

August 5<sup>th</sup>, Mariani Nurseries, Garden Prairie, IL

e. **The Independent Garden Center Show**

August 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, Navy Pier, Chicago, IL

f. **2009 Farwest Show**

August 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, Oregon Convention Center, Portland, OR

**20) Next Meeting/Program**

Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> – ANNUAL NURSERY DAY, Missouri Botanical Garden/Kemper Center for Home Gardening. FREE to all members. The featured theme will be updates regarding stormwater management and rain garden initiatives that provide opportunities for the green industry professional. Representatives from St. Louis County Soil and Water Conservation District, Grow Native!, Shaw Nature Reserve, ASLA, MSD and others will be providing updates regarding the many facets of this quickly emerging aspect of the landscape. Register on the web site.

**21) Meeting Adjourned at 8:18 P.M. (Sandi McDonald)**