

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009

## NOVEMBER MEETING & PROGRAM

Program: "Open Forum Night"

Pietro's Restaurant

St. Louis, MO

### BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

- 1) Meeting called to order at 7:35PM. Roll call (via attendance sign-in sheet)  
(Sandi McDonald)
- 2) Welcome/Opening Comments (Sandi McDonald)
- 3) Membership voted to suspend the "Robert's Rules of Order" requirement for this meeting (Sandi McDonald)
- 4) Membership voted to waive the "Order of Business" outlined in Bylaws (Sandi McDonald)
- 5) Nomination Committee (Jennifer Schamber/Gary Hinegardner)
  - a. Open Floor Nominations for Officers and Board Members
- 6) Election of Officers and Board Members (Sandi McDonald)
  - a. Membership voted by verbal acclamation to elect all nominees on the ballot into their respective nominated offices.
  - b. The election results are as follows:
    1. Jennifer Schamber (Greenscape Gardens), President Elect (2010)
    2. Josh Hetley (Greenleaf Nursery), Vice-President (2010)
    3. Lance Dauw (Tomasovic Greenhouses & Nursery), Secretary (2010)
    4. Bill Ruppert (National Nursery Products - St. Louis), Treasurer (2010)
    5. Tonya O'Connell (T&T Gardens), Board Member (2010-2012)
    6. Barry Ritter (Ritter Perennials LLC), Board Member (2010-2012)
  - c. The entire Board for 2010 are as follows:

**Craig Pizarkiewicz**, *MPR Supply Company*, President (2010)  
**Jennifer Schamber**, *Greenscape Gardens*, President Elect (2010) & Board Member (2008-2010)  
**Josh Hetley**, *Greenleaf Nursery*, Vice-President (2010) & Board Member (2009-2011)  
**Lance Dauw**, *Tomasovic Greenhouses & Nursery, Inc.*, Secretary (2010)  
**Bill Ruppert**, *National Nursery Products - St. Louis*, Treasurer (2010)  
**Sandi McDonald**, *Hillermann Nursery and Florist, Inc.*, Past President (2010)  
**Jamie Granger**, *Back to Nature Farms*, Board Member (2008-2010)  
**Chris Becker**, *GardenWorks!*, Board Member (2009-2011)  
**Tonya O'Connell**, *T&T Gardens*, Board Member (2010-2012)  
**Barry Ritter**, *Ritter Perennials LLC*, Board Member (2010-2012)
- 7) Secretary Report (Lance Dauw)
  - a. There were no comments reported by the membership regarding the minutes from the October meeting. Members can visit the web site for the minutes from the previous meeting.
  - b. First Readings of application for membership (applications available upon request):
    1. Active: **Anna Nursery** (Production Nursery (Wholesale)), Cobden, IL (Sandy Anderson)

2. Active: **Linnemann Lawn Care & Landscaping, Inc.** (Landscaping/Lawn Care), Columbia, IL (Adam Linnemann)
  - c. Second Readings of applications for membership (applications available upon request):
    1. Active: **Landscape St. Louis, Inc.** (Landscape Designer/Construction & Horticulture Consultant), St. Louis, MO (Ron Goedeker)
    2. Active: **Richard's Lawn & Garden** (Professional Lawn Care), Fenton, MO (Richard Jackson)
  - d. Membership voted to accept 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Applicants as members.
- 8) Treasurer Report (Bill Ruppert)**
- a. Member dues fell \$45.00 short of the new member goal for 2009 (there were 9 total new active/allied members).
- 9) Program Committee (Craig Pisarkiewicz)**
- a. The 2010 program schedule will be decided at the Board Meeting in January. Members are asked to contact a Board Member with any program suggestions.
  - b. There has been a decline in membership in recent history. Members are asked to offer any suggestions on how to promote new membership.
- 10) Finance and Audit Committee (Sandi McDonald) – no report.**
- 11) Membership Committee (Craig Pisarkiewicz)**
- a. The Hort Co-op will have a booth at the 2010 Gateway Green Industry Conference & Trade Show in February.
- 12) Scholarship and Education Committee (Sandi McDonald) – no report.**
- 13) Public Relations and Marketing Committee (Bill Ruppert)**
- a. The Association currently advertises in The Gateway Gardener Magazine. We should look at more additional ways to promote/market our website, the Association, and the Hort Co-op. There was discussion regarding this.
- 14) Community Enhancement Committee (Jennifer Schamber)**
- a. The Community Connections Surveys passed out at the meeting earlier this year have been collected. If you have anything else to add, please contact Jennifer. There will be a presentation of the results of these surveys.
- 15) History Committee (Bill Ruppert/Robert Weaver) – no report.**
- 16) Horticulture Co-op Representation Report (Jennifer Schamber)**
- a. Visit the Hort Co-op website for information regarding the Hort Co-op Holiday Gathering. Invitations were passed out to members present.
- 17) New Business – none.**
- 18) Industry Events**
- a. **St. Louis Earth Day 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium** "Eco-Nomics: Ecology and Economy Converge" November 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, St. Louis, MO
  - b. **2009 Missouri Green Industry Conference** December 8<sup>th</sup>, St. Charles, MO
  - c. **2010 THE WESTERN Annual Meeting and Trade Show** January 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>, Overland Park, KS
  - d. **2010 Mid-States Horticultural Expo** January 12<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>, Louisville, KY
  - e. **2010 Tropical Plant Industry Exhibition (TPIE)** January 14<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup>, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

f. **2010 MID-AM Horticultural Trade Show**

January 20<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup>, Chicago, IL

g. **2010 CENTS Show**

January 25<sup>th</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup>, Columbus, OH

h. **2010 New England Grows!**

February 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>, Boston, MA

i. **2010 Gateway Green Industry Conference & Trade Show**

February 16<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup>, Collinsville, IL

The Hort Co-op is a partnering organization of the conference.

**19) Next Meeting/Program**

- a. The 2009 Hort Co-op Holiday Gathering will be held on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Jewell Box in Forest Park, from 6:30-9:00 p.m. There will be live music. Seating will be limited, so please visit the website for more details and to RSVP.

**20) Meeting Adjourned at 7:55PM.** (Sandi McDonald)