

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15th, 2011

ELECTION NIGHT & ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING

Pietro's Restaurant
3801 Watson Road
St. Louis, MO 63109
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BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Program: "Hot Topics Round Table Discussion & Open Forum"

* Special Feature Presentation: "Issues concerning 'Sustainable Plants' and the Roles of Natives, Selection of Natives and Non-Invasive Plant Introductions" by Bill Ruppert of National Nursery Products, St. Louis.

- 1) Meeting called to order at 7:40 P.M. (Jennifer Schamber)
- 2) Welcome/Opening Comments (Jennifer Schamber)
- 3) Membership voted to suspend the "Robert's Rules of Order" requirement for this meeting (Jennifer Schamber)
- 4) Membership voted to waive the "Order of Business" outlined in Bylaws (Jennifer Schamber)
- 5) Secretary Report (Lance Dauw)
 - a. There were no comments by the membership regarding the minutes from the October meeting. Members can visit the website for the minutes from the previous meeting.
 - b. There were no first Readings of applications for membership (applications available upon request)
 - c. Second Readings of applications for membership (applications available upon request):
 1. Active: **Fleur de Lis Landscape Design & Garden Management** (Contact: Evelyn Presley), (Retail Garden Center & Florist/Landscape Designer/Professional Lawn Care/Hort. Consultant/Garden Writer/Speaker/Wholesale Greenhouse Production)
 2. Honorary: **Southeast Missouri State University – Department of Agriculture** (Contact: Sven E. Svenson, PhD)
 - d. Membership voted to accept 2nd Reading Applicants as members.
- 6) Bylaws Committee (Lance Dauw)
 - a. Review of proposed amendment to constitution.
 - b. Membership voted to accept proposed amendment.
- 7) Nomination Committee (Craig Pisarkiewicz/Sandi McDonald)
 - a. Open floor nominations for Officers and Board Members were requested.

8) Election of Officers and Board Members (Jennifer Schamber)

- a. The membership voted and the results were as follows:
- Jennifer Schamber (Greenscape Gardens), President (2nd Term)
 - Pete Laufersweiler (Kirkwood Parks & Recreation), President Elect (Becomes President in 2013)
 - Tonya O'Connell (T & T Gardens), Vice-President
 - Lance Dauw (Tomasovic Greenhouses & Nursery), Secretary
 - Bill Ruppert (National Nursery Products - St. Louis), Treasurer
 - Craig Pisarkiewicz (MPR Supply Company), Past President (2nd Term)
 - Susan Ehlenbeck (Missouri Department of Agriculture), Board Member
 - Adam Linnemann (Linneman Lawn Care & Landscaping), Board Member
 - Tim Boeddeker (T & T Gardens), Horticulture Co-Op Committee Delegate

9) Program Committee (Jennifer Schamber)

- a. Members are encouraged to give any program suggestions for next year's meetings to the Board before the next Board meeting in January. The Board will be looking for ways to collaborate with the other Hort Co-op member associations next year.

10) Treasurer Report (Bill Ruppert)

- a. Due renewals are coming in now.

11) Finance and Audit Committee (Jennifer Schamber) – No Report.

12) Membership Committee (Jennifer Schamber) – No Report.

13) Scholarship and Education Committee (Tonya O'Connell)

- a. Don Field volunteered to join the committee to review applicants for the scholarship, awarded at the Holiday Gathering in December.

14) Public Relations and Marketing Committee (Bill Ruppert) – No Report.

15) Community Enhancement Committee (Jennifer Schamber) – No Report.

16) History Committee (Bill Ruppert/Robert Weaver) – No Report.

17) Horticulture Co-op Representation Report (Jennifer Schamber/Craig Pisarkiewicz/Roy Gross)

- a. The Short Course will be held on Sept. 26th at St. Louis Community College at Meramec. Any educational ideas/suggestions are requested.

18) New Business

- a. The MLNA and University of Missouri – College of Agriculture are looking to join turf and ornamental regional associations across the state into one main statewide organization.

19) Industry Events

- a. **2011 Missouri Green Industry Conference**, Dec. 6th, St. Charles Convention Center, St. Charles, MO
- b. **2012 National Green Centre – The Leader in Education and Trade**, Jan. 8th-9th, Overland Park, KS
- c. **2012 MID-AM Horticultural Trade Show**, Jan. 18th-20th, Chicago, IL
- d. **2012 CENTS Show**, Jan 23rd-25th, Columbus, OH
- e. **MPR Supply Conference and Trade Show**, Jan. 25th, Graphics Communications Ctr, Maryland Heights, MO 63043
- f. **2012 Gateway Green Industry Conference & Trade Show**, Feb. 21st-22nd, Collinsville, IL
- g. **Spring 2012 St. Louis Garden Blitz**, Mar. 3rd



1328 Forest Avenue Kirkwood, MO 63122

20) Next Meeting/Program

- a. **The 6th Annual Hort Co-op of Metro St. Louis Holiday Gathering**, Monday, Dec. 5th, 6:30 PM to 9:00PM. At Kirkwood Station Brewing Company, 105 E. Jefferson, Kirkwood, MO 63122. Cost is \$35.00 which includes a buffet feast and one complimentary beverage from the cash bar. Entertainment: Jazz by the Carol Eder Jazz Trio.

21) Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 P.M. (Jennifer Schamber)