

Landscape and Nurserymen's Association of Greater St. Louis

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MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday October 16th 2007 – STUDENT NIGHT Powder Valley Nature Center Kirkwood, MO

- 1) **Program - Business Trends in the Horticulture Industry. Presentation by Bill Spradley, Sandi Hillermann-McDonald, Vic Jost, John Marino and Mary Scott.**
- 2) **Business Meeting called to order at 8:40PM** – Gary Hinegardner
- 3) **Secretary Report** (Lance Dauw)
 - a) There were no comments/questions in regards to the minutes from the June meeting.
 - b) 1st Reading for Membership:
(Honorary) Missouri Landscape & Nursery Association Mary Ann Fink
- 4) **Finance Report** (Bill Ruppert)
 - a) The association is currently in good financial standing.
 - b) Bill will have the budget for review at the November meeting.
- 5) **Audit Committee** (Lance Dauw)
 - a) Rick Andrews and Lance Dauw met on July 5th and performed an internal financial review of the 2006 year. The accounting was found to be well recorded and in order.
- 6) **Program changes for 2007** - (Mike Rood)
 - a) **Meeting schedule** – Mike is currently working on a new presenter for the November meeting.
- 7) **Scholarship/Education Committee Report** (Angela Jackson)
 - a) The LNAGSL 2007 **John L. Masek Ornamental Horticulture Scholarship** was awarded to **Nick Guntli** of Hazelwood, MO. Mr. Guntli is an ornamental horticulture major in his second year at the University of Missouri – Columbia. Nick was awarded the scholarship at Nursery Day in August.
 - b) The 2008 scholarship application is available.
 - c) The SLCC – Continuing Education class is currently under review for the spring semester.
- 8) **Hort Co-op Report**
 - a) Nothing to report.
- 9) **Industry Events**
 - a) Jennifer Schamber of Greenscape Gardens was chosen as the 2007 Green Profit Young Retailer Award winner. She received this prestigious award in July.
 - b) Bill announced that 2008 was the 75th anniversary for the association. He suggested forming a committee to create goals for how we can celebrate the anniversary. Bill suggested focusing on women in leadership in the green industry as a theme for the anniversary.
 - c) Gary asked for program suggestions for 2008 LNAGSL meetings.

Next meeting (November 12th 6:30pm) Pietro's Restaurant Program: TBA

- 10) **Business Meeting Adjourned at 9:00PM** - Gary Hinegardner