

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10th, 2008

ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING/ELECTION NIGHT BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

- 1) Meeting called to order at 8:45 P.M. Roll call (via attendance sign-in sheet) (Mike Rood)
- 2) Membership voted to suspend the "Robert's Rules of Order" requirement for this meeting (Mike Rood)
- 3) Welcome/Opening Comments (Mike Rood)
- 4) Bylaws Committee Report (Gary Hinegardner)
 - a. Discussion/Voted on proposed amendment to Article I of Constitution. Passed 17-3.
 - b. Discussion/Voted on proposed amendment to Article III of Constitution. Passed 18-2.
 - c. Discussion/Voted on proposed amendment to Article VI of Constitution. Passed 20-0.
 - d. Discussion/Voted on proposed amendment to Article I – Section 5 of Bylaws. Passed 18-1.
 - e. Discussion/Voted on proposed amendment to Article IV – Section 1 of Bylaws. Passed 18-1.
 - f. Discussion/Voted on proposed amendment to Article V – Section 3 of Bylaws. Passed 20-0.
 - g. Discussion/Voted on proposed amendment to Article VI - Section 1 of Bylaws. Passed 18-1.
 - h. Discussion/Voted on proposed amendment to Article VIII – Section 1 of Bylaws. Passed 19-1.
 - i. Amended constitution will be made available on the website.
 - j. Voting Results tabulated and presented (see above).
- 5) Election of Officers and Board Members (Mike Rood)
 - a. Membership voted to do a blanket vote on all members nominated for Board positions.
 - b. Voting Results tabulated and presented. The results are as follows:
President Elect: Craig Pisarkiewicz (*MPR Supply Company*)
Vice President: Jennifer Schamber (*Greenscape Gardens*)
Secretary: Lance Dauw (*Tomasovic Greenhouses & Nursery*)
Treasurer: Bill Ruppert (*National Nursery Products – St. Louis*)
Board Member (term: 2009-2011) Chris Becker (*GardenWorks!*)
Board Member (term: 2009-2011) Josh Hetley (*Greenleaf Nursery*)
- 6) Secretary Report (Lance Dauw)
 - a. There were no comments reported by the membership regarding the minutes from the October meeting. The website contains the minutes from the previous meeting.
 - b. Minutes from the Board Meeting held prior to this meeting will be available on the website.
 - c. First Readings of Applications for membership:
 - 1) Active: **Schmittel's Nursery** (Retail/Wholesale Nursery), Maryland Heights, MO (Scott R. Igelhoff)
 - 2) Active: **T&T Gardens** (Landscape Designer), Florissant, MO (Tonya O'Connell & Tim Boeddeker)
 - 3) Allied: **Shield Systems, Inc.**, St. Louis, MO (Tom Suter)

- d. Committee participation was requested for 2009. Sign up sheets were made available. Members can visit the Horticulture Co-op of Metro St. Louis website to review officer and committee descriptions.

7) Treasurer Report (Bill Ruppert)

- a. The current budget and financial status may be found on the website.
b. There were a number of unspent expense reports due to the association waiting to make the logo change (due to pending association name change). The Board will discuss this at their January Board meeting.

8) Finance Committee Report (Mike Rood) – none.

9) Program Committee Report (Sandi Hillermann-McDonald)

- a. The next LNAGSL event is the Hort Coop Holiday Gathering.

10) Membership Committee Report (Sandi Hillermann-McDonald) – none.

11) Scholarship and Education Committee Report (Angela Jackson)

- a. Jamie Granger will be the new committee chair in 2009.
b. The scholarship application will be available in January.

12) Public Relations and Marketing Committee Report (Bill Ruppert) – none.

13) Community Enhancement Committee Report (Jennifer Schamber) – none.

14) History Committee Report – none.

15) Horticulture Co-op Representation Report (Jennifer Schamber)

- a. Look for updates on the Spring 2009 St. Louis Garden Symposium.

16) New Business

- a. Looking forward to good attendance at the 2009 Perennial Plant Symposium. (Bill Ruppert)

17) Industry Events

- a. **Spring 2009 St. Louis Garden Symposium**, March 7th, 2009, St. Louis Community College at Meramec, Kirkwood, MO
b. **2009 Perennial Plant Symposium**, July 19th-24th, 2009, St. Louis Union Station Mariott, St. Louis, MO
c. Members can visit the Horticulture Co-op website for a list of industry trade shows this winter.
d. The Missouri Landscape and Nursery Association will be having its 2009 Business Meeting at the **2009 Western Annual Meeting and Trade Show**, January 4th-6th 2009, in Overland Park, KS, followed by Missouri's Green Industry Hospitality Reception, hosted by the MLNA, Hort Coop of Metro St. Louis, and The HortNetWork of the Kansas City Metropolitan Region. All Green Industry Professionals are welcomed.

- 18) Next event: 4th Annual Horticulture Co-op Holiday Gathering, Monday, December 8th.** At Orlando Gardens Banquet Center in Webster Groves, MO. From 6-9 P.M. Look for details on the Hort Co-op website. All LNAGSL members, spouses and potential new member prospects are invited. RSVP on or before Monday, Dec. 1st. All reservations must be prepaid.

19) Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.