

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

## **ELECTION NIGHT & ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING**

Program: "Open Forum Night/State of the Industry Discussion"

Pietro's Restaurant, St. Louis, MO

### **BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA**

- 1) Meeting called to order at 7:26PM. Roll call (via attendance sign-in sheet)  
(Craig Pisarkiewicz)
- 2) Welcome/Opening Comments (Craig Pisarkiewicz)
- 3) Membership voted to suspend the "Robert's Rules of Order" requirement for this meeting (Craig Pisarkiewicz)
- 4) Membership voted to waive the "Order of Business" outlined in Bylaws (Craig Pisarkiewicz)
- 5) Secretary Report (Lance Dauw)
  - a. There were no comments reported 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
  - c. Second Readings of applications for membership
    1. Active: **Creveling Gardens & The Healthy Planet** (Landscape Designer/Garden Writer/Public Speaker), St. Louis, MO (Linda Wiggenkraft)
    2. Active: **Terrill Landscape Contracting** (Landscape Construction/Professional Land & Turfgrass Care), Wildwood, MO (Zachary Terrill)
  - d. Membership voted to accept 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Applicants as members.
- 6) **Nomination Committee (Sandi McDonald)**
  - a. There were no open floor nominations for Officers and Board Members
- 7) **Election of Officers and Board Members (Craig Pisarkiewicz)**
  - a. Results from Election:
    1. Josh Hetley (Greenleaf Nursery), President Elect (Becomes President in 2012)
    2. Barry Ritter (Ritter Perennials LLC), Vice-President
    3. Lance Dauw (Tomasovic Greenhouses & Nursery), Secretary
    4. Bill Ruppert (National Nursery Products - St. Louis), Treasurer
    5. Don Field (Hummert International, Inc.), Board Member (2011-2013)
    6. Roland Lenzenhuber (Forest Lawn Nursery, LLC), Board Member (2011-2013)
  - b. The entire Board for 2011 are:
    1. **Jennifer Schamber**, *Greenscape Gardens*, President
    2. **Josh Hetley**, *Greenleaf Nursery*, President Elect & Board Member (2009-2011)
    3. **Barry Ritter**, *Ritter Perennials LLC*, Vice-President & Board Member (2010-2012)
    4. **Lance Dauw**, *Tomasovic Greenhouses & Nursery, Inc.*, Secretary
    5. **Bill Ruppert**, *National Nursery Products - St. Louis*, Treasurer
    6. **Craig Pizarkiewicz**, *MPR Supply Company*, Past President
    7. **Chris Becker**, *GardenWorks!*, Board Member (2009-2011)
    8. **Tonya O'Connell**, *T&T Gardens*, Board Member (2010-2012)
    9. **Don Field**, *Hummert International, Inc.*, Board Member (2011-2013)
    10. **Roland Lenzenhuber**, *Forest Lawn Nursery, LLC*, Board Member (2011-2013)

**8) Bylaws Committee (Lance Dauw)**

- a. Review of Proposed Amendment to Bylaws.

**9) Membership voted to accept Proposed Amendment to Bylaws**

**10) Treasurer Report (Bill Ruppert)**

- a. \$500.00 designated for student guest evening meals was unspent for 2010. It was proposed that the unspent \$500.00 amount from the 2010 budget and the \$500.00 allocated for 2011 budget, for a combined amount of \$1,000.00, be allocated towards funding a lunch for University of Missouri students at the National Green Centre in January.
- b. Membership voted to accept the proposal.
- c. Deadline for Membership Renewals for 2011 is Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.

**11) Program Committee (Jennifer Schamber)**

- a. The Hort Co-op Holiday Gathering will be held on Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> (see below for details).
- b. The "Spring 2011 St. Louis Garden Blitz: The Edible Revolution" will be held on Saturday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> (see below for details). The Hort Co-op is currently looking for sponsors. Dr. Peter Wyse Jackson, the New President of the Missouri Botanical Garden, will be in attendance for the Industry Night, held that evening. This will be the first formal contact of the Hort Co-op with the new president.

**12) Finance and Audit Committee (Craig Pisarkiewicz) – no report.**

**13) Membership Committee (Jennifer Schamber) – no report.**

**14) Scholarship and Education Committee (Jamie Granger)**

- a. Applications for the John L. Masek Ornamental Horticulture Scholarship will be available until Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. Applications are available on the website. The winner will be announced at the St. Louis Garden Blitz on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>.

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

- a. The website is helping to promote the membership, based on feedback.
- b. Visit the green industry calendar for updates.

**16) Community Enhancement Committee (Jennifer Schamber)**

- a. The "St. Louis" team, led by Mike Basile of Basile Landscaping & Lawn Care, won the contest on the TV program "Turf War". The episode aired on the DIY network on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

**17) History Committee (Bill Ruppert) – no report.**

**18) Horticulture Co-op Representation Report – no report.**

**19) New Business**

- a. Grow Native! is ending their association with the Missouri Department of Conservation and the Missouri Department of Agriculture in June 2012. Grow Native! is currently looking for entities to take the program to the next level of their association.
- b. With the announcement of the Michal Van Valkenburgh Associates of New York winning the Gateway Arch Design Competition, there is a debate on the replacement of the ash trees on the Arch Grounds, highly susceptible to the emerald ash borer, with another monoculture of a select tree species.
- c. The National Park Service came up with 8 trees, in which one will be chosen to replace the ash trees on the Arch Grounds.

- d. The LNAGSL had feedback on the original decision for planting a monoculture of ashes on the Arch Grounds in the 1970's. The Hort Co-op wants to give feedback from its professional membership again for which tree(s) should replace the ashes. The Hort Co-op has assembled an Editorial Committee, which will announce to the public its decision on what tree(s) should replace the monoculture of ashes at the end of the year (2010).
- e. The membership voted to make a decision to either endorse or not endorse the National Park Service's final tree selection for use as a monoculture planting on the Arch Grounds.
- f. The 2010 Kirkwood Greentree Festival was held on Sept. 17-19<sup>th</sup>, 2010. This was their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. One of the main themes was to raise awareness of planting trees to replace the dying elms in Kirkwood. 7 trees were planted at the Festival. Kathy Paulson of Kirkwood Green and Nancy Luetzow were involved in promoting this effort. Jost Greenhouses supplied the trees. 5 different landscaping companies helped deliver and plant the trees. These included LNAGSL members: Frisella Nursery, Sundown Landscape Contracting, Greenscape Gardens, Trees, Forests, and Landscapes, Inc. and Endres Horticultural Service, Inc. Rolling racks were supplied by Bohn's Farm and Greenhouses, Inc. Ritter Perennials helped load the racks. Missouri Mulch supplied mulch.
- g. Marsha Haefner, For the Garden by Haefner's, won the state election. She is serving as the Republican representative for the Missouri House of Representatives in the 100<sup>th</sup> district. She will be supporting our industry and small businesses.
- h. Program ideas for the Association for next year are requested.

## 20) Industry Events

- a. **2010 Missouri Green Industry Conference**, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, St. Charles Convention Center, St. Charles, MO
- b. **2011 National Green Centre-The Leader In Education and Trade (formerly The WESTERN)**, January 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, America's Center, St. Louis, MO
- c. **MIZZOU Green Industry Alumni Gathering**, January 10<sup>th</sup>, Kirkwood, MO
- d. **2011 Tropical Plant Industry Exhibition (TPIE)**, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- e. **2011 MID-AM Horticultural Trade Show**, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, Chicago, IL
- f. **2011 CENTS Show**, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, Columbus, OH
- g. **2011 ISA Midwest Chapter Annual Conference and Trade Show**, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, La Vista, Nebraska
- h. **2011 ANLA Management Clinic**, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>-Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>, Louisville, KY
- i. **2011 MNLA Nuts & Bolts and MSFA Growers School**, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Columbia, MO
- j. **Spring 2011 St. Louis Garden Blitz: The Edible Revolution**, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis, MO
- k. **2011 Gateway Green Industry Conference & Trade Show (formerly Southern Illinois Grounds Maintenance)**, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, Gateway Conference Center, Collinsville, IL



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**21) Next Program/Meeting**

- a. The 2010 Hort Co-op Holiday Gathering will be held on Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 p.m. until 9 p.m, at the Highland Restaurant and Brewing Company, in downtown Kirkwood, MO. There will be a Hors D'oeuvres Buffet and Cash Bar. Cost is \$30.00, which includes the buffet and two complimentary beverages from the bar. "Last Minute", the Jerry Pence family band, will be the featured entertainment. All Hort Co-op members, their spouses and new member prospects are invited. See website for more details and to register.

**22) Meeting Adjourned at 8:30PM (Craig Pisarkiewicz)**