

Ohio Chapter ISA Annual Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2014

Kalahari Convention Center, Sandusky, Ohio

Invocation was given by President Jerry Western during breakfast. There were 89 members and 8 guests present.

Meeting called to order at 7:45 am by Western.

Opening Remarks

Western thanked everyone for attending. He recognized and thanked the 2013 Board of Directors and liaisons. He also thanked the 2014 OTCC sponsors, committee members, volunteer moderators, and exhibitors for their support.

Necrology

Western reported that the following individuals have passed away since the last meeting: Charles Edwin Irish, President of The Charles F. Irish Landscaping Company; Jack Joy, former President & Chairman of Davey Tree Expert Company; Daryl Boe, Supervisor with Asplundh Tree Company in Columbus; and Bill Robinson, Manager for Asplundh in Cincinnati.

Awards

Western presented the following awards:

Award of Merit	Mark Hoenigman
Award of Achievement	Ward Peterson & John Goodfellow
President's Award	Katrina Schnobrich & Team OHISA (Offinger Management Company)
Safety Award	Roy Montan
Special Awards	1) Wess McCullough, Tod Miller, Stephan Carbonara (New Board Member Orientation)
	2) Fred Dotson (past treasurer)
	3) Lola Lewis & Carrie Paulus (scholarship and educational offerings)
	4) Alan Siewert, Jason Knowles, Stephanie Miller, Tom Rodhe (Tree Bio Mechanics Week)
	5) Barbara Chadwick & History Committee (Chapter History Book)

ISA International Update

Mark Hoenigman, the Chapter's Council of Representatives (COR Rep), provided the ISA update including information on the electronic membership directory, change in membership year, board election opportunities and more.

Hoenigman presented the ISA Gold Leaf Award to the Vermilion Tree Commission for their walk-about with community leaders. It was noted that this "one evening of service did more than 100 Arbor Day tree plantings to raise the awareness with community leaders." Vermilion representatives Margaret Wakefield Worcester and Mary Moes were present to accept the award.

TREE Fund

Janet Bornancin, President/CEO of the TREE Fund and Beth Buchanan, Chapter liaison, presented the TREE Fund update noting grant opportunities and deadlines, recognizing Ohio's 2013 fundraising efforts and pointed out the Chapter's 2014 fundraising expectations.

Ohio Endowment Grant

Dr. Dennis Taylor was recognized on behalf of the 2013 recipient Hiram College. Western reminded attendees that letters of intent for 2014 must be submitted by March 1 for consideration.

Chapter Scholarships

2013 Scholarship recipients were recognized:

Certified Arborist \$750 Scholarship

- James Hazelrigg
- John Hilkert
- John Hutt III
- Chris Zakrzewski

Traditional Student \$1,000 Scholarship

- William Suplit
- Kodi Stebner
- Kurtis Magnello

Western reminded attendees that the 2014 deadline for applications is August 1.

Chapter Business Meeting

The Chapter business meeting was conducted by Western. Copies of the 2013 annual meeting minutes, the 2012-2013 Annual Report, and a copy of the 2013-2014 budget were available at each table.

Lola Lewis moved to **accept the February 12, 2013 annual meeting minutes** as presented. There was a second. All voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer Tom Munn provided the financial report noting that a certified public accountant examined the financial records of the Chapter and reviewed all related statements in accordance with generally accredited accounting standards. Additionally, the IRS Form 990 and 990T have been submitted to the IRS for year ending September 30, 2013. Munn reminded the membership that the Finance Committee reviews the Offinger Management billing statement and general ledgers on a monthly basis.

Western thanked all of the Chapter committee members for their support and dedication. He introduced the 2014 Board of Directors as Joe Russell (President), Shirley Vaughn (Vice President), Tom Munn (Treasurer); Directors Joe Boggs, Ernie Brinker, Eric Davis, Richard Rathjens Craig Schaar and Samantha Simmons.

Passing of the Gavel

Western passed the gavel to incoming President Joe Russell who thanked Western for his years of service. Russell reminded attendees that Team Ohio's TREE Fund silent auction bidding will close this morning and encouraged everyone to support the 2014 Ohio Tree Climbing Championship.

Adjournment

The annual meeting adjourned at 8:39 am.

Dixie J. Russell, CMP
Executive Director & Secretary