

**Minutes-Board Meeting
Horticulture Co-op of Metro St. Louis
October 26, 2010
Powder Valley Nature Center-MDC
11715 Cragwold Road, St. Louis, MO 63122**

Members Present:

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| Cindy Gilberg (President) | Bill Ruppert (Executive Director) |
| Jennifer Schamber (1 st Vice President) | Karen Koehneman (Executive Secretary) |
| Tammy Behm (2 nd Vice President) | |

GPHA:

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| Karen Nickel | Maggie Jackson |
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LNAGSL:

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| Simon Barker | Craig Pisarkiewicz |
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SLAA:

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| Lee Mueller | Bill Spradley |
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Jan Hermann

Opening Business/Announcements

Cindy would like to schedule four 2011 board meetings in January so that all board members could have these dates in their calendars to avoid short notice meetings.

Bill introduced 'Meeting Establishment, Preparation and Facilitation Protocol'.

Executive Committee

Executive Secretary-Karen Koehneman

Minutes from the Hort Co-op Board Meeting of July 28, 2010 were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report-Paul Roberts

Paul could not attend meeting.

Executive Director Report-Bill Ruppert

Suggested a proposal to eliminate the bookkeeper and add those duties to the executive secretary job description. After discussion, it was agreed that adding bookkeeping duties to the executive secretary would streamline the financial reporting process.

Bill introduced 'Bylaws Review and Amendment Recommendations'.

1. Board of Directors/Member Organization Representation
Clarifies member representation and staggers representative term.
2. Student Representation
Maggie voiced concern about what or who constitutes a student.

Student representative is a non-voting member.

University of Missouri has student representatives on Board of Curators.

3. Board of Directors Voting

Board favored the alternative tie-breaking method where by the president, president elect and vice president cast a vote on behalf of Hort Co-op.

4. Board of Directors

Clarifies the elected Executive Committee to encourage involvement

5. Board of Directors /Terms of Member Organization Delegates

After discussion, it was agreed that the wording is somewhat confusing and to be rewritten. The term of vice president will be decreased so that the overall time commitment will not be overwhelming for new recruits. The goal is to ensure continuity of leadership during transition periods.

6. Board of Directors/Nomination Process

Craig suggested that newly elected take office in October to ensure that experienced officers are in place for Hort Co-op events.

Bill spoke about the St. Louis Arch ash tree issue and the editorial committee being formed to create a response to the National Park Service insisting that another monoculture of trees be used to replace the ash trees on the Arch grounds. Suggestions for Arch ground include a press event at the Green Centre in January to show wide range support of the horticulture industry for replacement tree selection and how and when to replace the ash trees.

Tammy made a motion to form a public relation team for a press conference for the Arch grounds. Jennifer seconds the motion.

Holiday party will be held at Highland Brewing Company, \$30 includes hors d oeuvres and two drinks. Any proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund.

Bill has Public Relations team working on chicken speaker at Garden Blitz.

President/Vice President Report-Cindy Gilberg, Jennifer Schamber, Tammy Behm

Jennifer introduced the Garden Blitz agreement and how it was developed and emphasizing that duties, expenses and profits would be shared.

The cocktail party with Peter Wyse Jackson was discussed and it was suggested that \$75 should be charged because there is a limit of ninety people and as many as twenty would be complimentary.

Sponsorship was discussed and suggestion include:

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| Group of local garden centers | Hummert's |
| Stark Brothers (fruit trees) | Restaurants |
| Bison Farm | Organic producer |
| Blueberry grower | Local Harvest |

Hydroponic Herbs
Yellow Wood Farm
Weck Jar Company
Happy Apple

Forrest Keeling
Worm's Way
Eckhardt's

Cindy made a motion to vote on final agreement via e-mail to allow board members an opportunity to read the document.

Bill Spradley and Simon Barker second the motion.

Jan Hermann suggested that a lawyer review the document.

Academic and Professional scholarship forms were updated for 2010 by Paul and introduced. Lee Mueller made a motion to increase the scholarship to \$1000 each and Bill Spradley second the motion.

Scholarship winners will be announced at the Garden Blitz party on February 19, 2011