

Ohio Chapter ISA Annual Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2016

Kalahari Convention Center, Sandusky, OH

Invocation was given by Alan Siewert. 71 members and 3 guests were recorded as present. The meeting was called to order at 7:51 am.

Opening Remarks

President Shirley Vaughn thanked everyone for attending. She thanked the OTCC exhibitors, sponsors and committee members for their outstanding support and recognized and thanked the 2015 Board of Directors and liaisons.

Necrology

Tommy Williams passed away on November 22; Alan Cook on January 23 and M.D. Burt on December 6. Their influence and support of the Chapter will be missed.

Awards

The following awards were presented:

Award of Merit	Dave Bienemann
Award of Achievement	City of Cleveland
President's Award	Thomas Munn
Safety Award	Josè Fernandez
Special Award	OARDC/Secrest/ATI

ISA International Update

de Gourèt Litchfield, President of the International Society of Arboriculture, provided the ISA update acknowledging the Ohio Chapter for its many leadership qualities and contributing many "firsts" to the profession. He also presented the ISA Gold Leaf Award to the City of Hudson for its Tree City USA activities.

TREE Fund

Eric Smith, President & CEO of the Tree Research and Education Endowment Fund (TREE Fund) reviewed their 2016 goals which included research priorities, more funding, and the development of new programs and revenue sources. He acknowledged the Ohio Chapter for its outstanding contributions to the Fund.

Chapter Scholarships

2015 Scholarship recipients were recognized:

Certified Arborist \$750 Scholarship

- Michael Huxsoll
- Otis Gordon
- Nicholas Rataiczak
- Marcus Tackatt

Traditional Student \$1,000 Scholarship

- Nathan Smith
- Jason Douglas

Professional Development \$500 Scholarship

- Anthony Carelly
- Kodi Stebner
- Katelyn Johnson

Chapter Business Meeting

The Chapter business meeting was conducted by President Vaughn. Copies of the 2015 annual meeting minutes and the 2015-2016 Annual Report including a financial update were available at each table.

There was a motion and a second to **accept the 2015 annual meeting minutes** as presented. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer Thomas Munn provided the financial report noting that the Chapter has completed its commitment to fund the Ohio Endowment Grant managed by the TREE Fund. He noted that the Chapter has \$292,800 in assets and the investment performance is reflected in the annual report.

The 2016 Board of Directors were announced as Richard Rathjens (President), Ernie Brinker (Vice President), Tom Munn (Treasurer); Directors Danny Bagwell, Jim Jenkins, Brad McBride, Jennifer Milbrandt, Samantha Simmons and Tyler Stevenson.

Dixie Russell was recognized as the executive director with new administrative support by Epicenter Management.

Rathjens presented Vaughn with the outgoing president's plaque and thanked her for her years of service.

Adjournment

No further business being heard, President Rathjens adjourned the meeting at 9:01 am.

Dixie J. Russell, CAE, CMP
Executive Director and Secretary