

**Aloha Arborist Association  
Meeting Minutes  
February 27, 2013**

Members Present: Steve Connolly, Carol Kwan, Jamilee Kempton, Amy Nichols, Andrew Kendall, Sergio Vasquez

Guest: Gary Weller

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 16, 2013, MEETING MINUTES**

- A) President Steve Connolly called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The approval of the January 16, 2013, meeting minutes was deferred because most members had not received Carol's email with the minutes.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

**A) Training Workshops**

i) Trees and Biology Workshops (WCISA Regional Meetings)

- (a) The feedback has been positive both about the speaker and the workshop. Statewide we had around 100 people register (~70 Honolulu, ~30 Kona).

ii) Trees and Law - 2013

- (a) We need to find a different venue than McCoy Pavilion because of construction. Pali Golf Course has been suggested. Carol will check with Sean DeMello there. He used to work for Nusi. Thanks for Gary Weller for providing the contact's name.

iii) John Ball Workshop 2014

- (a) Carol emailed him but did not receive a reply. She'll try again once her email issue is resolved. The target date is February 2014. It might be good to have an OSHA speaker there as well to give John a break.

**B) Public Outreach**

i) Trees from the Ground Down, March 9, 2013

- (a) The time has been set for 10-11 a.m. at the Urban Garden Center. Steve Connolly confirmed for a 20 minute speaking slot. Carol will send him the brochure for reference. Carol and Dudley will also be speaking. Steve Nimz has not been confirmed yet.

**C) Research Committee**

- (a) Tabled

D) 2013 HTCC

- i) Steve said that there's work that we agreed to do for a volunteer work day, we just need to schedule it. It involves crown cleaning a couple of mangos by the hula mound. He's going to leave it with Dudley to schedule with J.P. It's not a huge job. A dozen people or less should be able to complete it easily in a day.
- ii) We're considering pushing the next TCC to early March 2014 to get it more in line with the WC TCC and ITCC schedule. We usually have a lot going on in September/October, so it would be good to move it to a different time of the year.

E) Chinese Stem Gall Wasp

- i) Sergio asked what is the best way to treat the Chinese banyan for stem gall wasp. Andrew said he's had success at controlling it with a systemic injection plus nutribooster synthetic fertilizer. He mulched the tree once, treated it three times, and got lots of new growth. It's looking much better. He's been using root injections.

F) Lobate Lac Scale

- i) Steve reported that it's all over Kaneohe already. He'll let HDOA know.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A) Pest of the Month – Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer (*Euwallacea* sp.) and Fusarium Dieback (*Fusarium* sp.) (PEST ALERT)

- i) Distribution: Southern California. Widespread in Los Angeles and Orange Counties. Believed to have originated in Southeast Asia or Africa. This species appears to be a new, unnamed species so not much is known. It has also been found in Israel where it has done severe damage to avocado groves.
- ii) Hosts: Avocado, castor bean, others. Attacks a wide range of California native species, ornamental, and horticultural trees.
- iii) Damage:
  - (1) Depends on the species attacked. Some repel the beetle. In some species, the beetle bores and the fungus is transmitted but no offspring are produced. In the most susceptible species (considered true hosts), the beetle drills into the tree, the fungus infects the tree, and the beetle produces offspring in the tree (~8% of the species attacked in California). Avocado is considered a true host as is the invasive species castor bean. Some trees have mild symptoms like branch dieback. Others are killed outright. The beetles produce a precise, perfectly round hole (>0.1 inches diameter) in most trees. In avocados, a "sugar volcano" forms around the entry hole.

iv) Control

- (1) Don't move infected wood.
- (2) Keep trees in optimal health.
- (3) Systemics don't work well. Prophylactic spraying of tree bark may protect uninfected trees.
- (4) Sterilize pruning tools to avoid spreading the fungus.

B) CTAHR's Agriculture & Environmental Awareness Day 3/8 & 3/9/2013

- i) Jayme Grzebik invited us to have a booth at CTAHR's Agriculture & Environmental Awareness Day. Carol will be the lead volunteer on Friday, March 8, 2013, when ~600 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be attending. Amy will be the lead volunteer on Saturday, March 9, 2013, since Carol is one of the speakers for Trees from the Ground Down. Sergio agreed to help on Saturday. Greg Severino and Jackie Ralya have agreed to help on Friday.

C) Outdated ANSI Standards

- i) Carol reported that we have some ANSI A300 Standards for Transplanting and Construction Management in our book inventory that were superseded in 2012. She tried to sell them for half price (\$7.50/ea.) at the Tree Biology workshop but there were no buyers. It was agreed that these ANSIs would be donated to Hawaii State Public Library System.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A) The WCISA Board Elections close March 1, 2013.
- B) Ernie Rezens asked for AAA Members input on the Maui County Planting Plan revision. It's posted on AAA's website. Comments are due to Ernie at [ernie@maui-arborist.com](mailto:ernie@maui-arborist.com) by March 31, 2013.
- C) The WCISA Conference will be held May 7-10, 2013, at Indian Wells, CA (Palm Springs).
- D) The ISA Conference will be in Toronto, Canada August 3-7, 2013.
- E) Carol will be on vacation in California March 23 – April 1, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

- A) The meeting was adjourned by President Steve Connolly at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Kwan

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

*The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 20, 2013, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., at Whole Foods Kailua (street side of the building).*

Attachments:

1. 2013 AAA Membership Application
2. Pest of the Month – Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer (*Euwallacea* sp.) and Fusarium Dieback (*Fusarium* sp.) (PEST ALERT)

**2013 Aloha Arborist Association  
Membership Application**

Please process my membership with Aloha Arborist Association for calendar year 2013.

Membership:  \$10 Student     \$25 Government Employee     \$50 Individual

\$150 Company     \$1,000 Lifetime Member    Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

If Company Membership, please designate 3 company representatives for voting purposes\*:

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

You may publish this information on the AAA website:  Yes     No

*\*Company members may send any of their employees to workshops at AAA member rates*

Please send this completed form to Aloha Arborist Association, P.O. Box 893953, Mililani, HI 96789-0953 with a check made payable to Aloha Arborist Association. If you prefer, you can pay online with a credit card at [alohaarborist.com/index.php/become-a-member/](http://alohaarborist.com/index.php/become-a-member/) and send us this form via email ([info@alohaarborist.com](mailto:info@alohaarborist.com)) or fax (808) 625-4287.

**Mahalo for your support!**