

**Aloha Arborist Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2013**

Members Present: Steve Connolly, Jamilee Kempton, Amy Nichols, Steve Nimz, Dudley Hulbert, Carol Kwan, Sergio Vasquez, Jon Perry, Andrew Kendall, Gregory Severino

Guests: Bob and Wendy Connolly, Nicole Brodie, Austin Braaten, Garrett Housley, Karen and Ava Perry, Chad Toth

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 16, 2013, THE FEBRUARY 27, 2013, AND THE MARCH 20, 2013, MEETING MINUTES

A) President Steve Connolly called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. The January 16, 2013, February 27, 2013, and March 20, 2013 meeting minutes were approved as is.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A) Training Workshops

i) Tree Biology Workshops (WCISA Regional Meetings)

(a) We should have the final accounting by May. Carol estimated that AAA will make around one thousand dollars from the workshops.

ii) Trees and Law - 2013

(a) Dennis Kucinich will be the speaker coming in from California with a target date in September. Carol checked with Pali Golf Course and it would cost \$2,000 to hold the workshop there, with food costs additional. McCoy Pavilion will be under construction so it won't be available. Stan Oka is checking with the Ala Wai Golf Course on our behalf. Steve Nimz will check with Dennis on his availability in early to mid September.

iii) John Ball Workshop 2014 (WCISA Regional Meeting)

(a) Carol contacted John Ball and he is interested in coming, target February-April 2014. It depends upon when McCoy Pavilion will be available again after the construction project. We might set it up where he does one workshop for AAA/WCISA and one day with the City. We might also hold workshops on Maui and Big Island if there is enough interest. We want to make it worth his while for the trip. WCISA might possibly get a grant to help fund the costs and keep the registration fees reasonable.

iv) Don Coffey Workshop

(a) Don Coffey CTSP is writing the Single Rope Technique (SRT) manual that ISA will be publishing. He is a safety-minded guy and he might be coming to Hawaii. John Maddich connected with Don first and sent him some info. Steve Connolly will check with Don to see what his requirements will be. We could also put on a good hands-on workshop like this with local speakers like we've done in the past. Perhaps the format could be a mock Tree Climbing Competition (TCC) where we set up a course, demonstrate how each event is done, score participants, and then run the

course again. This would be for skills improvement with no winner. Chad suggested calling it Structured Skills Course. It could be held at Moanalua Gardens like a regular TCC.

B) Agriculture and Environmental Awareness Day (March 8 & 9, 2013)

- i) This went well but we need more bells and whistles for the kids. Perhaps we could have a climbing demonstration next time. Jayme is willing to put our booth by an appropriate tree if we decide to do this. We also need more Hawaii specific games for the kids.

C) Research Committee

- (a) Tabled

D) 2013 LICH Conference

- i) Steve Nimz reported that the LICH conference program is being finalized. About 90% of the topics will be about native plants. There will be great speakers with a small arborist track combined with pest control. There are a few openings still in speaker topics if anyone wants to volunteer. It should be a good conference for earning CEUs.
- ii) There are booths available for the LICH trade show in conjunction with the conference. Carol will post the info on AAA's website and forward the link to AAA members.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A) Pest of the Month – Boron Deficiency of Palms in Hawai'i

- i) Hosts: Palms
- ii) Symptoms:
 - (a) Twists or bends in the stems, failure of apical meristems to fully open and expand, and leaf wrinkling or crumpling known as "accordion leaf"
 - (b) There may be chlorosis in young leaves, shortening of terminal internodes, or "scorched" leaf tips.
 - (c) Fruits may abort prematurely due to functional failure of pollen tubes.
 - (d) In certain species, transverse, translucent streaking
 - (e) In some cases, necrotic truncation of leaves may result in an inverted "V" shape
- iii) Diagnosis through observation of symptoms
- iv) Prevention

- (a) Apply fertilizer twice a year with specially formulated palm fertilizers that include minor elements
 - (b) Irrigate fertilized plants, particularly in low rainfall areas
 - (c) Recognize that boron deficiency is more common in very wet or very dry conditions and apply fertilizer accordingly
- v) Treatment
- (a) Apply a boron drench to the root symptoms. Don't apply too much – too much boron will severely damage or kill a plant. Follow the product instructions.
- vi) Austin mentioned that there is a block of ten palms on Kuhio Avenue that have taken a nosedive. From looking at the photos, this might be due to boron deficiency.

B) Elections

- i) The elections for the 2013-2014 Board of Directors was held with the following persons elected by acclamation:
 - (a) President – Steve Connolly (one year extension)
 - (b) Vice President – Andrew Kendall (one year term with the intent to move into the presidency in 2014)
 - (c) Treasurer – Steve Nimz
 - (d) Secretary – Jamilee Kempton
 - (e) Director – Sergio Vasquez
 - (f) Director – Carol Kwan
- ii) In addition, Amy Nichols was voted in as the administrative support person to take over from Carol Kwan.

C) New Meeting Venue

- i) Steve Connolly asked for any suggestions for a new meeting venue. He would like something in town so it is more centrally located to all of our members around the island. Whole Foods in Kailua is not an ideal location. Chad suggested Aloha Brewing Company. They do separate checks and the beer is good. It's not too far from Aloha Tower Market Place. Gordon Biersch has good food, but it's too loud and too open. Wahoo's was also suggested but it might have live music too. A place with a sectioned off area would work better.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A) Welcome to guests Bob and Wendy Connolly (Steve's parents), Ava and Karen Perry, Garrett Housley, Austin Braaten, Nicci Brodie, and Chad Toth.
- B) Carol Kwan was elected as a Director for the WCISA Board.

- 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) The Western Chapter TCC will be held on June 15th and 16th in Los Angeles.
- F) Congratulations to Andrew Kendall on the birth of his new daughter, Brooklyn Grace Kendall
- G) Carol will be on KITV's Morning News at 7:40 a.m. on Saturday, April 20, 2013, doing a three-minute spot on how to plant trees in honor of Earth Day.

ADJOURNMENT

- A) The meeting was adjourned by President Steve Connolly at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Kwan

PLEASE JOIN US!

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 15, 2013, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., at Wahoo's, 940 Auahi St.



Attachments:

1. 2013 AAA Membership Application
2. Pest of the Month – Boron Deficiency in Palms

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*:

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, 333 Lala Place, Kailua, HI 96734 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/ and send us this form via email (info@alohaarborist.com).

Mahalo for your support!