

ALOHA ARBORIST ASSOCIATION
March 16th, 2016
MEETING MINUTES
Location: The Old Spaghetti Factory, Ward Warehouse

Members in attendance: J Zambo, Steve Connolly, Steve Nimz, Desiree Page, Carol Kwan, Jamilee Kempton, Sergio Vasquez, Andrew Kendall, Garrett Webb, Jolie Wanger. Guest: Phoebe Kwan

1) Call to Order & Approval of Minutes

Meeting called to order by President J Zambo at 7:05 p.m.

The 2/17/2015 Minutes were approved with corrections to the date.

2) Old Business

a) Training

- i) WCISA/AAA Tree Fungi in Hawaii workshop – Carol reported that as of yesterday, 65 people are registered. The break even point is 70 but we are hoping to get some walk-ins as well. We need people to bag and bring samples for the hands on portion like diseases. Steve can bring some *phytopthera* specimens.
- ii) Hands On Training at Lyon Arboretum (Steve Connolly) – tabled
- iii) Tree Appraisals Workshop – James is handling everything for the training including registration and marketing. Carol will be the volunteer. The consensus is that we will stick with James. Confirmed for Sept. 1.
- iv) Proposed Wood Decay – Resistograph Training. Tabled
- v) Urban Garden Center Outreach – regular month. Tabled

b) Research Committee -

- i) Meeting with CTAHR Dean 2/19. The meeting was held with typical UH responses received. Just after the meeting we found out from Roxanne Adams and Andy Kaufman that the Dean is leaving in June. We'll need to start again with a new Dean.
- ii) Forested rain garden project in Kailua. Jolie - Smart Trees Pacific just completed the installation and dedication of a rain garden project in Kailua at American Savings Bank. The project is designed to demonstrate the use of native plants and trees in the treatment of stormwater. The next phase will be testing the relative effectiveness of rain gardens with trees and with no trees. The design includes a complicated system to enable collection of pre and post treatment samples for three rain gardens. They will come back to present findings next year.

c) Hawaii TCC 2015 – J delivered the signed donation letter right after the last meeting.

3) New Business

a) Pest of the Month – *Pycnoporus cinnabarinus* and *P. sanguineus*

- i) Distribution: *P. cinnabarinus* is typically found in cooler, temperate regions of North America and Europe. *P. sanguineus* is usually found in warmer, tropical regions of South America, North America and Asia. *P. cinnabarinus* has been found in Hawaii.
- ii) Damage: Decay fungi that causes white rot on dead wood, typically found on hardwoods, but also on conifers and coconut palms
- iii) Identification: by its brilliant red-orange color and by the thickness of its pileus
- iv) Resources:

<http://starrenvironmental.com/images/search/?q=with+pycnoporus+cinnabarinus+mushroom&o=plants>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pycnoporus>.

- b) Possible Site for Felling Workshops – Amy Tsuneyoshi forwarded a request from a lessee who wants help pruning large albizzia trees near an area they want to use for children's gardens.

- AAA can potentially forward email to membership.
- c) LICH - Employment & Training Fund (ETF) - Garrett Webb, President LICH, reported that LICH has been approved as an ETF trainer. AAA's LICH membership benefits include access to LICH's ETF for workshops/training. Employer sends employees and the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) will pay half of the training fee. The employer just needs to fill out the application three weeks before. Self-employed people who do hands on work qualify as well. LICH has decided that for the first year it won't charge an administrative fee. If AAA wants to hold a class, it can do it under LICH so that ½ of the fee is covered by DLIR. More info is on the LICH website training page. This should make workshops more affordable. AAA can also tap into LICH's liability insurance. Steve Nimz - thinks LICH should start from the get go charging an admin fee to make sure expenses are covered. Garrett- not sure what the admin burden is yet.
 - d) Legislation –
 - i) Resolution for State DOT and City Department of Transportation Services to plant more trees in their rights-of-way for beautification of our roadways and supporting Green Clean and Beautiful Brand and Image as key economic driver of Hawaii's economy. Carol- Lester Inouye, got Senator and Rep to introduce. Passed with 100% from committee. One person testified that it has to be native plants. We need to explain why we can't use native everywhere because they won't survive. Carol worded personal testimony to "include non-invasive and native where appropriate". Garrett- new State DOT labor requirements (Union) don't include requirement for certified professionals. If there is an observed deterioration we can make the case to reinstate old language.
 - ii) Testimony has been submitted on other bills as well.
 - e) Rapid Ohia Death: Carol passed on info from Erin Bishop of Oahu Invasive Species Committee (OISC) that OISC staff is now trained to respond to Rapid Ohia Death. Will take GPS coordinates & samples of dead or declining ohia for processing. Call: 266-7994/ 266-7995
- 4) Announcements
- a) Western Chapter TCC – 3/19-20/2016 at Santa Barbara, CA. Jon Perry, Justin Donahue going
 - b) ITCC – 4/1-3/2016, San Antonio, TX – Steve Connolly & Jamilee going
 - c) WCISA Annual Conference – Magic in our Urban Forests, 5/2-5/2016, Anaheim, CA (Disneyland) Carol is presenting.
 - d) ISA Annual Conference – 8/13-17, 2016, Fort Worth, TX –
 - e) Tree Worker/Climber Apprentice ISA Certification Program- J is on the Commercial Arborist Committee. ISA got money to develop an apprentice program. H.S. graduates, veterans, unemployed. Opportunity to be on the forefront to develop our craft. Jamilee- maybe we won't lose our Windward program. Carol- Do we have a professor willing to lead it? J will keep us posted.
 - f) Steve Nimz- Certified Tree Worker/ Certified Arborist exams - April 9th. Need skills judges. This is the last WCISA exam in Hawaii and then the program goes to ISA. Carol will be Proctor in October and will need AAA volunteers.
 - g) Steve Connolly- Greg Severino crowdfunding campaign. Sounds like Greg will be done with treatment after this week. Might not have to go through chemo. So far in one day the campaign raised over \$1,500. Best deal Steve could find where the most money goes to the intended recipient. Would LICH be willing to send it out to members? Garrett said they should be able to, but he needs to check with the Board first. Greg is happy to put the info out there because he wants to make others aware of smoking and cancer risks.

Adjourned at 8:14pm by J Zambo

The next meeting is the ANNUAL MEETING scheduled for April 20th, 2016, 6:30pm, Location GORDON BIRSCH.