



ALOHA ARBORIST ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES – 06/21/2017 – Approved
Lyon Arboretum, Honolulu, HI

Members in Attendance: J Zambo, Jamilee Kempton, Steve Connolly, Carol Kwan, Angela Liu

- 1) Call to Order & Approval of the Meeting Minutes of 05/17/17- The meeting was called to order by J Zambo around 7:00pm. The meeting lacked quorum, and confirmation of board approval of the minutes via asynchronous meeting will be postponed (See AAA email 06/07/2017).
- 2) Guest Speaker – Darcy Oishi was called away on urgent business. His presentation will be postponed to a later date.
- 3) Old Business
 - a) Research Committee (Chair: Dudley Hulbert) – Tabled.
 - b) Queen Emma’s Summer Palace Volunteer Workday & Barbecue 07/15/2017 (Carol Kwan) – Steve Connolly is coordinating equipment and crews from various tree services for this event. They will meet onsite one week in advance to plan the work to be done.
 - c) Chainsaw Workshops, Beginner Level (J Zambo) – AAA will be looking for volunteer trainers lead the event. The suggestion was made and discussed to hold the event at the Urban Garden Center, and also to open the event to members of the public. The group then discussed opportunities to market the event and get the word out.
 - d) WCISA / AAA Hawaii Regional Workshop 2017 with John Ball, 6/27 to 6/30/2017 (Angela Liu) – John is scheduled to arrive on Sunday 06/25/17. J will host John with help from Steve Connolly, providing John with transportation and other activities as needed. The caterer will handle all food for the event, including both morning refreshments and lunch. It will cost more than previous events, but also is expected to be better quality. Following the event, AAA will compare the cost with previous events and consider the additional value provided.
 - e) Tree Appraisal Workshop Part 2 by James Komen (Angela Liu) – A Save-the-Date email will go out to AAA’s general subscriber list on 07/03/17. The official announcement will go out by email one month before the event.
 - f) WCISA Annual Conference 2019 (Carol Kwan) – The event will be held at the Sheraton Waikiki on Oahu in late April 2019, and Elaine Malina will be the conference chair.
 - g) Rapid ‘Ōhi‘a Death Outreach Program (Angela Liu) – AAA helped the ROD Outreach Program get the word out for their 6/17/17 “Forest Roots” event with a post on our Facebook page. The Outreach Program continues to develop their decontamination certification program, which will also have CEU’s through WCISA.
 - h) Monthly Meeting location (Angela Liu) – Additional venues for the AAA meeting are still needed. We will be considering locations in areas between Pearl Harbor and Kaka‘ako. A separate room is ideal, though not likely to be found.
 - i) Hawaii Renewable Energy (J Zambo) – J has contacted Sid Higa to discuss how AAA may carry out a survey. It was recommended that AAA conduct a more general survey regarding a variety of local tree industry practices. Respondents would remain anonymous. The survey would solicit information about tree services’ green waste management needs, including where they would like to see locations for dropping off material. The survey should reach out to a larger group of tree

services than AAA's current contact list; there was a discussion about how to reach a larger portion of the tree industry.

4) New Business

- a) A300 Part 1 Pruning 2017 (Carol Kwan) – AAA ordered 30 copies and announced their availability to AAA members via email. All purchases must be made in advance, especially if they are to be picked up at John Ball's workshop, since no transactions are allowed at McCoy Pavilion during the workshop.
- b) Proposal to add as authorized check writers – J Zambo, Desiree Page, Carol Kwan, Steve Nimz (Desiree Page) – No new news was reported.
- c) PO Box for AAA (Desiree Page) – Tabled.
- d) OSHA / safety talk by HEMIC representatives (Angela Liu)– There was overall agreement to ask HEMIC's Stephen Stout or Warren Ando to write an article to be shared to our member list.

5) Announcements

- a) ISA Annual Conference – 07/28 to 08/02, 2017 in Washington, DC.
- b) TreeCircus Kaulunani Grant (Angela Liu) – AAA helped Western Chapter ISA (WCISA) submit an application for Kaulunani grant funding. If awarded, the grant would be used to provide educational materials to schools and community groups who participate in TreeCircus Arbor Day shows on Maui. AAA has in past years provided volunteers as in-kind matching resources for the Kaulunani funding / TreeCircus events.

c) *Please join us on:*

July 19th, 2017, 6:30pm – Monthly Meeting – Location TBD

6) Adjournment – The meeting adjourned around 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Liu