



**ALOHA ARBORIST ASSOCIATION**  
**MEETING MINUTES –08/22/2018 - APPROVED**  
**Dixie Grill, Aiea, HI**

Members in Attendance: Desiree Page, Sergio Vasquez, Andrew Kendall, Angela Liu, Justin Donahue, Kainoa Holt

1. Call to Order and Approval of Meeting Minutes of 06/20/2018 and 07/18/18 - The meeting was called to order at 6:50 pm. Approval of the minutes was skipped.
2. Reports of Officers and Standing Committees
  - a) Treasurer's Report (Andrew Kendall)– Andrew is organizing AAA's accounting in advance of the annual business filing with Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. He is coordinating with Desiree to get historical bookkeeping data for AAA's checking and other financial accounts.
  - b) Research Committee (Chair: Dudley Hulbert) – Tabled.
  - c) Training Committee (Chair: Andrew Kendall)
    - i) Aerial Rescue Training (Justin Donahue) – The August aerial rescue training was cancelled due to low registration. AAA is interested in helping arborists to organize an aerial rescue training on Maui. An email will be sent to the Maui subset of AAA's General Subscriber List to determine the level of interest, and to find bucket trucks that can be used for the event. Justin is available January, March and April to conduct the training.
    - ii) Beginner Chainsaw Safety Workshop (Dudley Hulbert) – Tabled.
    - iii) UGC Abiotic Disorders, 09/02/18 (Dudley Hulbert) – Tabled.
    - iv) Proposed Fids and Fibers Rope Splicing Class (Angela Liu) – Angela reached out to Mark Przekurat for an update, however we didn't hear back from him before the meeting.
  - d) Tree Jamboree Committee (Chair: Andrew Kendall) – Hawaii Island, February 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Mike Kraus reported that he is not yet able to confirm the reservation of a state park facility for the event. He is also working on alternative event locations in case the state park facility doesn't work out.
3. Reports of Special Committees
  - a) Western Chapter Regional Conference in Hawai'i, August 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (Angela Liu) – The meetings on the four islands were successful. There were about 73 in attendance on Oahu, 38 on Maui, and about 25 each on Kauai and Hawaii Island, including volunteers and complimentary registration. The planning period was shorter than normal because the event dates, topic and speaker were determined later than normal. City and County of Honolulu employees accounted for about 28 of those who went to the event on Oahu. On Oahu, catering for morning refreshments was cancelled and AAA volunteers helped bring in morning refreshments instead, helping to save on expenses even though the amount of refreshments was overestimated. ANSI standards are a central part of modern-day tree industry operations, and it is hoped that this program helped everyone understand and use the recent updates.
  - b) LICH Annual Conference, Wed. October 10<sup>th</sup> 2018, Blaisdell Exhibition Hall – Request for Speakers (Sergio Vasquez) –Sergio helped LICH recruit speakers for the Arborist/Contractor track. Speakers will include Justin Donahue, Steve Nimz, Peter Bunn, Heidi Bornhorst, and Frank

Sekiya of Frankie's Nursery. There also are going to be two other tracks – Nursery and Design, and Pests and Pest Management – as well as vendor presentations and a tradeshow.

#### 4. Unfinished Business and General Orders

- a) Summer Volunteer Workday (Dudley Hulbert) – Tabled.
- b) ISA Certified Arborist / Tree Worker Exams, Saturday 04/14/2018 (Desiree Page) –ISA didn't have any feedback regarding the efficacy of AAA's aerial rescue training in preparing the exam takers. Ideally, AAA will continue to aim at holding aerial rescue training events about six weeks before applications to take the test are due.
- c) Proposed Changes to AAA Website (Desiree Page) – Desiree received one estimate for redesigning AAA's website. She requested that other board members let her know if they have additional web designers they could recommend.

#### 5. New Business

- a) Fundraising for Kauai and Big Island Flooding (Desiree Page) – Bobby Burritt's original suggestion was to hold an event to raise donations for victims of flooding from rainstorms earlier this year. This has evolved to include victims of volcanic eruptions on Hawaii Island, Hurricane Lane and other disasters that may arise in the coming months. Desiree will talk to Bobby to find out more details, for example where the funds would be sent.
- b) Windward Zero Waste Hui Chip Dump App project (Desiree Page) – Desiree provided a letter of support from AAA to WZW Hui for their grant proposal. If funded, the project will help develop an app that would help match groups who need wood chips with tree services that have them available. Urban Garden Center is also working with the WZW Hui to carry out this project. The need is especially great in the windward side of Oahu, where there is a shortage of places to take wood chips. The app may have a feature allowing both groups receiving chips, and companies dropping them off, to get rated by each other.
- c) Need for Proctored Testing on Outer Islands for Certification (Desiree Page) – Tree services on Hawaii Island and the other major islands at times are unable to meet public contract requirements for Certified Tree Workers. They cite financial hardship, due to the cost for sending their employees to Oahu to sit for the exam. Desiree is looking at how to have ISA testing take place on other islands besides Oahu. Currently, WCISA will send a proctor to any location if there are enough test takers. Desiree is planning to become a proctor, a process that will require some time to carry out. She also will look into how AAA can train evaluators for the CTW practical exam.
- d) Kaulunani Grant Application “Guidelines for Tree Care Near Manu-o-Kū (White Tern) Nesting Sites” (Angela Liu) – Angela worked with Desiree to get AAA's board approval to turn in the grant application to the Kaulunani program. The funding request was just under \$2,500, not including matching resources. AAA will be working with the DLNR, City & County of Honolulu's Division of Urban Forestry, Hui Manu-o-Kū, and other community stakeholders if the project is funded. Developing a set of tree care guidelines and BMPs for tree work near white terns will alleviate the confusion and uncertainty that tree services currently experience when working near white tern nest sites. DUF committed to help with \$750 of printing services for the proposed guidelines, in addition to participating in the development process.

d) Announcements

a) *Please join us on:*

*September 19th, 2018, 6:30pm – Monthly Meeting at Dixie Grill, Pearl City*

e) Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Liu