

**Aloha Arborist Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
April 29, 2009**

Members Present: Carol Kwan, Dudley Hulbert, Gregory Severino, Dan Severino, Randy Liu, Steve Connolly, Wayne Hu, Misti Beirne, Brian Groelsma, Nusi Manufekai, Cory Bloomerick, Boyd Ready, Thomas J. Aceves, Maria Aceves, Maria Aceves (child), Ashlen Aquila, Steve Nimz, Val Aipperspach, Jon Perry, Don Bergan, Kevin Mulkern

I. CALL TO ORDER

A) Vice President Dudley Hulbert called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m.

II. ELECTION OF 2009 OFFICERS

A) Carol Kwan moved and Gregory Severino seconded that the proposed slate of officers be elected for 2009 by acclamation. The motion passed unanimously. The 2009 AAA officers are as follows:

President	Dudley Hulbert
Vice President	Steve Connolly
Treasurer	Randy Liu
Secretary	Carol Kwan
Past President	Doug DeMoss
Director	Steve Nimz
Director	Gregory Severino

III. FALL 2009 TRAINING

A) Since the March 18, 2009, meeting, the possibility of bringing James Urban to Hawaii to do his *Up by Roots* seminar arose. This would be in lieu of the *Tree Dissection* workshop which would be deferred until another time. The suggestion was made by Chris Dacus, ASLA Hawaii Chapter president, for the *Up by Roots* seminar to be sponsored jointly by AAA and ASLA. Carol checked with Rose Epperson of WCISA if she would be willing to have this be the WCISA Regional Meeting in lieu of *Tree Dissection*. Rose noted that *Up by Roots* was ISA's seminar and she would have to check with them, which she did. Both ISA and James Urban appeared open to the idea and this was acceptable to WCISA as well. Subsequently, James Urban was suggested as a LICH speaker with ASLA and AAA sponsoring him as a speaker by funding his trip and fees. After much discussion regarding the various options, it was decided to pursue having James Urban come to Hawaii to do his *Up by Roots* seminar, preferably as a WCISA Regional Meeting scheduled as a pre-conference seminar to the 2009 LICH Conference, and inviting James to be the plenary speaker the next day at the LICH Conference. Dudley will pursue this with Jay Deputy and Andy Kaufman and report back at our May 20, 2009, meeting.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A) Ashlen Aquila was recognized as the 2009 Hawaii Tree Climbing Champion. Congratulations! Second place finisher, Steve Connolly, and third place finisher, Jon Perry, were also recognized and congratulated.

- B) Welcome to Cory Bloomerick of Performance Landscapes, who was representing his boss, Matt Lyum.
- C) Welcome to AAA member and LICH president, Boyd Ready.
- D) Welcome back to AAA member, Brian Groelsma.
- E) On the Big Island, of the twenty people who took the Arborist Exam Prep Class, nineteen took the exam. It's great seeing so much interest there. Mahalo to Vic Paulson who spearheaded the effort to organize the class on behalf of HILA.
- F) Greg presented \$100 of his own money to help fund the grand prize for Hawaii's Tree Climbing Competition (TCC), a trip to California to compete in the WCISA TCC, as well as another \$100 from his employer, PLMI, matching his donation. He challenged other members to come forward as sponsors and match his donation as well. By the end of the meeting, \$610 had been raised. Mahalo to the following for their donations:

- Gregory Severino \$100
- PLMI \$100
- Nusi Manufekai \$200
- Dudley Hulbert \$100
- Steve Connolly \$ 50
- Carol Kwan \$ 20
- Randy Liu \$ 20
- Ashlen Aquila \$ 20

An email will be sent to all members to let them know about the fundraising effort to send our Hawaii Tree Climbing Champion to California.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by President Dudley Hulbert at 5:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Kwan

PLEASE JOIN US!

The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, May 20, 2009, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Cattle Company Pearl City.