

**Aloha Arborist Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**January 17, 2007**

Members Present: Steve Nimz, Carol Kwan, Gregory Severino, Chris Hudnall, Mark Leon, Dan Severino, Dudley Hulbert, Leon Marcus, Sergio Vasquez, Jon Perry, Val Aipperspach, Jackie Ralya, Randy Liu, Rodney Nakashima, Doug DeMoss

Guest: Teresa Trueman-Madriaga

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES**

- A) President Gregory Severino called the meeting to order at 6:48 p.m. The November minutes were approved as written.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

A) 2007 ISA Conference & Trade Show

i) ITCC/Field Day

- (a) Leon reported that UH doesn't have a tree with good tie in points at 50' to compete for the world record. There are two options: 1) hold Day 2 at a different venue for the head-to-head competition or 2) set up a crane in a tree at UH and compete that way. Holding Day 2 at Royal Hawaiian in a big banyan looks to be the most likely assuming Sheraton is agreeable. This means that Day 2 will not have vendors, though ISA is considering offering them highboy tables around the pool at the opening ceremony so they can network with people at that event. Steve suggested that Randy submit something in writing to his superiors supporting having Day 2 at Royal Hawaiian.

ii) Fundraising

- (a) WCISA needs to raise money to cover things like flowers, etc. that ISA will not cover. Its fundraising goal is \$30K. The local chairs need to establish a good budget to identify all of the extra things that WCISA will need to fund.
- (b) For flowers, the following were suggested as potential donors/lenders: Stan Oka (DUF), Pat Oka, ONGA, Kualoa Ranch (Brian Groelsma). Randy noted that Sheraton has its own nursery with many palms that it can lend or donate for the stage.
- (c) Randy noted that Sheraton may also be able to help with other donations. A donation letter should be addressed to Jason Ito, General Manager of Support Services. He's in charge of donations. The letter should specifically identify a requested amount and/or items.

iii) SCA

- (a) Steve passed out the *ISA International 2007 Oahu Conference Society of Commercial Arboriculture Proposed Schedule Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007*, a copy of which is attached to the minutes. He requested input and support. The first portion involves lectures in the morning, followed by a walking or bus tour of Waikiki. The intent is

to divide into groups of about 20-25 people with a volunteer to lead each group. The groups would then tour various points of interest, such as the rat tree (banyan by Duke Kahanamoku statue that was infested with rats), the Moana banyan, etc. Each leader would have a sheet with blurbs for each tree so that each group would cover the same information. There would be tags on trees plus group participants would receive handouts. The groups would converge around the Natatorium and divide into three groups that would go around to various stations viewing different aspects of coconuts – pruning, methods of climbing, dissections, tasting, etc. Steve noted that Stan has some coconuts that need to be removed, so people could sample coconut heart as well. The intent is to spend 15-20 minutes at each area for one hour total. Others would be invited to go on the tour too, not just commercial arborists. Lunch would be provided near the Natatorium, probably plate lunches and sodas. There will be about an hour for lunch. Participants will have the option to continue on the tour or leave for personal time after lunch. The afternoon tour will be of the Moanalua Gardens. There will also be an opportunity to join the SMA tour at Foster Botanical Gardens. Everyone should be back to Waikiki by 4:30-5 p.m.

- (b) Val offered to help with the tours. Sergio offered to provide ripe coconuts. Dudley suggested getting coconuts from Kualoa Ranch as well and volunteered to man one of the coconut stations. He is also willing to talk to Tim Johns regarding Moanalua Gardens. Greg offered for PLMI to provide a lift plus he has Tongan and Samoan employees who could help with the cultural aspects of coconuts. Mark suggested swinging from one coconut to another. Carol volunteered to help with arranging for trolleys.
- (c) Steve noted that there are a lot of great ideas but we have limited time so we won't be able to do everything. If there are any other ideas or suggestions, please e-mail them to Carol (ckwan@hawaii.rr.com) and she will forward them to Steve.
- (d) AAA agreed to sponsor the SCA tour. There will be a sign-up sheet to volunteer for specific tasks at the February 21<sup>st</sup> AAA meeting.

iv) Rake Master/Beach Olympics

- (a) The Rake Master will not be held for 2007 ISA. Whether or not Beach Olympics is held is up to us given our other commitments to help with 2007 ISA. Steve noted that the Hilton Head Beach Olympics was a lot of fun. People divided into teams by chapter and had t-shirts for uniforms. Contests included boogie boards, tug-o-war, four people on an air mattress, and all sorts of beach type things. The competition was chapter vs. chapter with 10 people on each team. The hotel coordinated most of it since they regularly held these sorts of competitions. If we were going to do it, Sunday during the finals would probably work best. We could send letters out to all of the chapters asking them to put together a team, bring t-shirts for uniforms, and bring their own banners. It takes people to direct participants and spectators on where to go and we'd need tools like shovels for sand. It is a lot of work. Trying to rope off Waikiki Beach would be a challenge too. Teresa will talk to Rose to see if WCISA wants to do this or not. Randy pointed out that Sheraton has a large open lawn area by the pool. It could be called the Makahiki Hawaiian games and held on the lawn

instead of the beach. We could do tug-of-war and maybe have a competition swimming to the buoy. Throwing spears was suggested but ruled out due to liability concerns. Teresa, Jackie, Randy and Steve will follow up on this and coordinate with Rose. We should have a decision regarding whether or not to do this by February 2007.

v) Volunteers

- (a) The following AAA members are willing to volunteer in some capacity for 2007 ISA: Val Aipperspach, Sergio Vasquez, Jon Perry, Mark Leon, Randy Liu, Rodney Nakashima, Dudley Hulbert, Chris Hudnall, Gregory Severino (helping Leon with ITCC), Dan Severino, and Brian Groelsma.
- (b) Carol will forward names and contact information to Mary Steiner, who is in charge of volunteers.
- (c) Teresa asked volunteers to keep timesheets, at least estimated, for the time spent on 2007 ISA. She thinks the efforts of volunteers may be worth over \$100K. Also if anyone (especially companies) can contribute money to help with 2007 ISA, it would be greatly appreciated.
- (d) Steve noted that AAA is a small group and we need to contact others outside of AAA. Val suggested setting up a list of what we're doing, signing up for the things that we want to do ourselves, and then putting out the word to others in the green industry for what we still need help on. Carol can send it out to AAA's training list.

vi) WCISA Board Meeting/Kaulunani Awards

- (a) The WCISA Board Meeting and Kaulunani Awards will be held on Tuesday night (7/31) in the Monarch Room. Please submit nominations for the awards. Contact Teresa for more information, [ttm@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:ttm@hawaii.rr.com).

vii) Opening Reception

- (a) Suggested displays and demonstrations include
  - (i) Hawaiian weaponry
  - (ii) Polynesian chain saw carving
  - (iii) Local woodworking products/woods
  - (iv) Hawaiian made products (general, not necessarily wood)
  - (v) Educational exhibit
- (b) Jackie asked for volunteers to help with an educational exhibit at the hotel. Teresa suggested writing up something detailed based on suggestions so far and then passing it around to the various committees. Some of the ideas may be more appropriate for the Trade Show and others for the hotel exhibits.

viii) AAA T-shirts

(a) Dudley provided sample t-shirt designs courtesy of Doug Behrens for review. See attachment.

(b) Comments on the t-shirt:

(i) Needs to say "Aloha Arborist Association". The current design looks more like an ISA t-shirt than an AAA t-shirt.

(ii) Needs to say "Hawaii" and be something that buyers couldn't get anywhere else.

(iii) Locals would buy the t-shirt with the proposed designs.

(c) Teresa suggested using one of the proposed designs for volunteers' shirts. Volunteers could wear kukui nut leis too. That would make them easy to spot. She also noted that at 2006 ISA, Minneapolis Chapter sold a polo type shirt and ended up giving most of them away at the end.

(d) Once we have decided what we want to do, we need to discuss it with WCISA/ISA prior to proceeding with purchasing the shirts.

B) AAA New Website

i) The website is still under construction with a lot of new things being added.

C) Volunteer Work Day – Koa Ridge

i) Tabled.

D) Research Committee

i) Dudley has sent the list of proposed research topics to Dr. Paull. Leon noted that UH is hiring a silviculture professor whose focus will be on trees. That may help our efforts for tree research.

E) Hawaii Shigo Memorial Fund

i) The focus for the Shigo Memorial Fund will be annual training for tree care workers in Hawaii. Carol suggested that AAA contribute the net proceeds from its 2007 ISA t-shirt sales to the Shigo Memorial Fund rather than having a separate fundraising effort. Steve noted that we could add a sticker on each shirt stating that the proceeds go to the Hawaii Shigo Memorial Fund. That may sell more shirts.

### III. NEW BUSINESS

#### A) AAA Elections

- i) Carol was unanimously elected AAA Secretary.

#### B) City Street Tree Committee

- i) Stan Oka has requested two AAA representatives to serve as advisors on a committee to update the City's Street Tree list. Carol and Jackie volunteered.

#### C) Journals of Arboriculture

- i) The University of Hawaii Hamilton Library has returned duplicate Journals of Arboriculture that were donated as part of the Hawaii Public Education Campaign. Carol requested suggestions on organizations that might be interested in having them. One suggestion was giving them to horticultural students. Most copies were donated by DUF and she will be checking to see if they would like them back as well.

#### D) Pro Bowl

- i) Teresa asked if AAA would be willing to sponsor a Pro Bowl tree planting to be held at several schools on Oahu on February 8 and 9, 2007. Greg offered to help.

### IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### A) 2007 AAA Meeting Dates

(1)	1/17/07	(7)	7/18/07
(2)	2/21/07	(8)	8/15/07
(3)	3/21/07	(9)	9/19/07
(4)	4/18/07	(10)	10/17/07
(5)	5/16/07	(11)	11/14/07 (moved to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday to
(6)	6/20/07		avoid Wednesday before Thanksgiving)

- B) The WCISA Tree Climbing Championship will be held on May 19 & 20, 2007, in Superior, Arizona. They are looking for climbers, judges, tech support and other volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Jose Mercado at Mercadojmh@aol.com.

#### C) Membership Renewals 2007

- 1. If you have not renewed your AAA membership for 2007, please do so. A membership form is attached to the minutes.

The meeting was adjourned by President Severino at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Kwan

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

*The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 21, 2007, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Cattle Company Restaurant – Stuart Anderson's at 98-1262 Kaahumanu, Pearl City.*

Attachments:

1. ISA International 2007 Oahu Conference Society of Commercial Arboriculture Proposed Schedule Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007
2. AAA Proposed T-shirt Designs
3. 2007 AAA Membership application

**ISA International 2007**  
**Oahu Conference**  
**Society of Commercial Arboriculture**  
Proposed schedule  
Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007

This will be a way to introduce our ISA members to a different world of trees and palms, which can be fun and interesting. Most members have little knowledge of these tropical trees and palms.

The challenges of moving people from place to place can be a nightmare. On behalf of our local Aloha Arborist Association, we would be delighted to assume that responsibility.

The order and time frame is flexible. The proposed schedule could be mapped out like this:

1) **LECTURE SECTION**: Starting early in the a.m. (7:30- 10:00), talks with the speakers on Tree Preservation and Protection. This would encompass two-three speakers.

2) **LOCAL TREE WALKING/BUS TOUR** Then we would leave the hotel around 10:30 either by bus or on foot. During this time, there could be a 5 -10 minute talk/tour about the local trees en route. We will provide a written pictorial handout. (5-10 minutes)  
Moana Hotel Banyan, International Market Place, Waikiki Beach Ficus (Rat Tree), Honolulu Zoo, Exceptional Ironwood trees, Waikiki Bandstand, Kapiolani Park, Waikiki Aquarium, Natatorium, Diamond Head, ETC.

3) **INTERACTIVE STATIONS** Meet at the Natatorium/Aquarium on the beach and conduct an informative, interactive activities/stations on Coconut Palms. These activities could be set up in three stations with volunteers operating each area so that attendees could move through and experience each station simultaneously. (1 hour – 11:00-12:00; 15 – 20 minutes each station).

**I. PALM CLIMBING TECHNIQUES & VIVISECTION**

1. Demonstration of climbing technique
  - a) Aerial lift
  - b) Climbing spurs
  - c) Spike less tree bicycles
  - d) Barefoot (on belay)
2. Fallen palm vivisection – have a palm on the ground cut into sectional, horizontal and vertical pieces to demonstrate the physical make-up and compartmentalizing of the spike wounds
- 3) Royal Palm with decay from spike wounds
- 4) Other Palm examples
- 5)
- 6)

## II. THE TASTE OF COCONUTS

- 1). Have coconuts opened by cane knife to demonstrate husking techniques
- 2.) Everyone has opportunity to taste fresh coconut water, spoon meat, dry coconut, squeezing the coconut meat into milk.
- 3.) Tasting the heart of palm.
- 4.)
- 5.)
- 6.)

## III. POLYNESION & WESTERN USES OF THE COCONUT

- 1.) Demonstrations of the different utilities of the coconut palm
  - a) lumber, drums, carvings and eating utensils, canoes, etc,
- 2.) Weaving the leaves for roofs, mats, baskets, hats, cloths, ornaments and instruments.
- 3.) Displays of additional uses of the coconut: cooking oil, perfume, candy, lotions, etc.
- 4.)
- 5.)
- 6.)

**LUNCH** (12:00 – 1:00) Hawaiian Barbeque-style plate lunch – Teriyaki meat, chicken, rice, salad and Coconut dessert (Haupio Cake)

### 5) **OPTIONAL BUS TOUR** (4 hours)

1. *Moanalua Gardens, Honolulu large*, canopied Monkeypod trees, Banyans with 200 ft. crown spreads. Ancient Hawaiian traditions explored – land ownership, the *Ahu'pu'a'a* - from the mountains to the sea. Also at *Moanalua Gardens*, there is a Japanese temple, taro and koi ponds, a Hula performance area and many other native and endemic tree species.

2. *Foster Botanical Gardens, Honolulu* Guided tours provided on-site. Maps provided with noteworthy trees highlighted. Perfect for self-guided tours for the Arborist at heart!

I would like to include the Municipal Arborists in the lunch and Interactive Stations. Keep in mind, these are suggestions that are flexible and open for creative input. It looks great on paper ☺!

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Steve at (330-1878).

**2007 Aloha Arborist Association  
Individual Membership Application**

YES! Please process my individual membership with Aloha Arborist Association for calendar year 2007 for \$25.00 (\$10.00 for students).

I am a  New Member  Renewing Member. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

You may publish my information on the AAA website:

Please send this form to Aloha Arborist Association, P.O. Box 893953, Mililani, HI 96789-0953 with a \$25.00 check (\$10.00 for students) made payable to Aloha Arborist Association. Mahalo for your support!

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**2007 Aloha Arborist Association  
Company Membership Application**

YES! Please process our company membership with Aloha Arborist Association for calendar year 2006 for \$75.00. We understand this membership is valid for up to three designated company representatives to receive AAA minutes and for discounts for our employees on certain AAA training workshops.

New Member  Renewing Member. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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