

**INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF ARBORICULTURE
AUSTRALIA CHAPTER (ISAA)
Meeting of the Executive Committee
December 7, 2000**

The 10th meeting of the Executive Committee of the ISAA for the year 2000, was a teleconference, held on December 7. The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm AEST.

Present: Lyndal **Plant** (Chair)
Jenny **Boyer**
Roy **Cody**
Roger **Greenwood**
Marcus **Lodge**
Tony **Lydon**
Rodney **Page**
Doug **Sharp**
Andre **Sneyers**
Clive **Sorrell** (Minutes)

Apologies: David **Balsamo**
Adam **Tom**

Observers: Nil

Secretary: Clive **Sorrell**

MINUTES

1. FORMAL MATTERS

1.1 Apologies.

Attendance and apologies as noted above.
The President, Lyndal Plant, accepted the apologies.
Seconded by Tony Lydon.

2. AGENDA ITEMS

2.1 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Committee accepted the Minutes of the previous meeting that was held on October 26, 2000.
Moved by Lyndal Plant.
Seconded by Rodney Page.

2.2 Matters Arising From the Minutes

2.2.1 Amendments

2.2.1.1 Jenny Boyer moved that Section 4.1 of the Minutes of October 26 meeting, be amended.

At the end of the section, there is the statement:

“Various members of the Executive Committee proposed that, in the interim, the ISAA should continue to finance and publish the chapter’s newsletter, ‘The Bark’.

The proposal was agreed to by all members of the Executive.”

Jenny Boyer did not agree to the proposal, explaining at the time that such a proposal contradicted Item 4.1.1.4 of the Minutes, which states:

“4.1.1.4 That the organisation is not to enter into any further arrangements of a nature which will incur financial liability until it receives the financial report;” Therefore, the Executive Committee reaffirms Item 4.1.1.4 — it stands, and publication of ‘The Bark’ will cease until the outcome of the audit is known.

Seconded by Clive Sorrell.

2.2.1.2 Tony Lydon moved that the following amendment be made to the Minutes of the October 26 meeting, because of omission:

The Executive Committee of the ISAA hereby grants authority for all ISAA mail to be redirected from the former office in Queensland and sent to the ISAA Head Office, 119 Toongabbie Road, Toongabbie, NSW 2146.

Seconded by Clive Sorrell.

2.2.1.3 Tony Lydon moved that the following amendment be made to the Minutes of the October 26 meeting, because of omission:

The Executive Committee of the ISAA hereby grants authority for disconnecting the ISAA telephone and facsimile numbers in Queensland, and that the ISAA telephone and facsimile numbers be established at the ISAA Head Office, 119 Toongabbie Road, Toongabbie, NSW 2146.

Seconded by Clive Sorrell.

2.2.1.4 Tony Lydon moved that the following amendment be made to the Minutes of the October 26 meeting, because of omission:

Adam Tom, a member of the ISAA Executive Committee, is to provide the committee with an itemised clarification of the costs arising from his travel to the USA, for which cheques were drawn on the ISAA finances. The costs incurred must be related to ISA and ISAA activities.

Seconded by Jenny Boyer.

2.3 Financial Report

Tony Lydon provided the committee with a verbal outline of the chapter's financial activities since the last meeting: requests for payment; expenses paid; and invoices received.

Because of the time constraint of teleconferencing, an itemised breakdown of these transactions will be e-mailed to the committee and included, as an amendment, in the Minutes of the next meeting.

2.3.1 Conference 2001

Roger Greenwood moved that the Budget Projection for the ISAA Conference 2001, the 'Oceania Congress', be accepted.
Seconded by Marcus Lodge.

2.4 Company Directorship of the ISAA

The Minutes of the previous meeting contain Resolutions regarding directorship of the ISAA company. Tony Lydon reported that, in response to one of the resolutions, an audit of the ISAA's financial situation is underway, and he is waiting for the auditor's report.

Tony Lydon, as Treasurer of the ISAA, announced that the ISAA Head Office is organising a new bank account for the company.

2.5 Student and General Membership Drive

At the next meeting of the Executive Committee, Roger Greenwood will present for discussion, criteria for determining which individuals are to be eligible for the ISAA membership category 'Student Member'.

Roger Greenwood is to organise a membership drive for the chapter. He proposes to initiate telephone contact with potential members. This

work will require volunteers from the current ISAA membership, who Roger will approach to request their assistance.

Roger proposed that a mail-out be organised to promote the next 'ISAA ArborCamp', that there is need for a revised Membership Application Form to be developed, and that the next issue of 'The Bark' should include promotional information that encourages membership of the chapter.

2.5 Conference 2001 & Tree Climbing Championships

Andre Sneyers has presented the Executive Committee with a Draft Plan for Conference 2001.

Andre requested ideas from the members of the Executive Committee, for a title for the conference, for a general theme, etc. The ideas are to be forwarded to Andre during January.

Clive Sorrell has already proposed 'Arboricultural Health', of trees, of workers, of equipment, of businesses, of...

Tentatively, the date set for the start of Conference 2001, is October 10. This date, and the venues for the conference and for the Australian Tree Climbing Championship, is to be determined during January.

2.6 ISAA Logo and Display Materials

It appears likely that, in the USA, the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), and the National Arborists' Association (NAA), will merge. Because of this scenario, a new logo will be forthcoming.

Clive Sorrell proposed that the ISAA purchase banners or signs that advertise the ISAA, and the stands that enable the signs to be readily displayed. Clive pointed out that the ISA and the ISAA lack advertising at climbing championships, seminars, and other events. A banner, a sign, and the necessary stands should be stored in each capital city that hosts arboricultural events.

Clive will determine the costs of such displays and inform the Executive Committee.

3. TABLED REPORT

3.1 Report from David Balsamo

David Balsamo, as Immediate Past President of the ISAA, tabled his report for the Executive Committee of the ISAA. His report had initially been distributed to members of the Executive Committee, via e-mail. In it, David outlines the following issues:

- 3.1.1 The ISA Board of Directors Meeting in the USA that dealt with matters surrounding the recently resigned Executive director, Bill Kruidenier;
- 3.1.2 Notification that David Balsamo is a newly-appointed member of the ISA Board of Directors;
- 3.1.3 Information about the ISA Research Trust;
- 3.1.4 Actions taken by David and others to establish sponsorship for various ISAA events (e.g., for the VTCC and the ATCC, for ArborCamp2001, for Conference2001).
- 3.1.5 Outlines of his involvement with, and progress of, various training committees and arboricultural industry groups (e.g., the RTCA, the Victorian ITAB, the Industry Standard for Amenity Tree Workers in Victoria); and
- 3.1.6 Correspondence received in which an enquiry is made about the dispersal of funds of the former Arboricultural Association of Australia, to The University of Melbourne's Department of Forestry.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

Clive Sorrell reminded the members of the Executive Committee that Section II, Parts 4, 5 & 6 of the Constitution of the Australia Chapter of the ISA, states:

“Any member of the Executive Committee who regularly fails to attend meetings, or who is absent from three (3) consecutive meetings without due explanation, will be deemed to have vacated their office.”; and

“Removal of a member of the Executive Committee may occur following a Motion during a meeting of the Executive, or during an Annual General Meeting.”

4. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Executive Committee of the ISAA will be held on Thursday, January 25, at 7.00 pm AEST.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm AEST.