

International Society of Arboriculture
Australia Chapter (ISAAC)

MINUTES
ISAAC Executive Committee Meeting
September 9, 2002

The seventh meeting of the ISAAC Executive Committee for the year 2002, was a teleconference, held on Monday, September 9. The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm Australian Eastern Time. The main aim of the meeting was to finalise matters pertaining to the Annual Conference and to the Australian Tree Climbing Championship.

Present: Galwey, David
Greenwood, Roger (Chair & Minutes)
Norris, Martin
Page, Rodney
Romanski, Jerry
Sharp, Dou
Taylor, Hugh

Guests: Balsamo, David
Hinton, Craig

Apologies: Hallam, Craig
Sorrell, Clive

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1. FORMAL MATTERS

1.1 Attendance and apologies.

Attendance and apologies as noted above.

Accepted by: Martin Norris.

Seconded by: David Galwey.

2. AGENDA ITEMS

2.1 Amendment to the previous Minutes.

Further to Item 2.8 of the August 22, 2002, Minutes, an ISAAC Award for Services to Australian Arboriculture will be presented to Mr Phil Kenyon during the Gala Dinner Awards Ceremony of the combined AIH/ISAAC/PLA 'Sport in the City' Conference 2002.

2.2 Minutes of the previous meeting.

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the ISAAC Executive Committee, of August 22, 2002, have been read by the members of the executive.

2.2.1 Motion

That the Executive Committee accept the Minutes of the previous meeting.

Moved by: Roger Greenwood.

Seconded by: David Galwey.

The Motion was carried.

2.3 Discussion of various issues.

2.3.1 Asplundh Australia sponsorship of ISAAC.

David Balsamo, a Director of ISAAC, and a guest at this meeting, announced that the company 'Asplundh Australia' had expressed an interest in sponsoring the Chapter. David suggested that the ISAAC could use the sponsorship provided by Asplundh Australia to fund a mail-out to potential members inviting them to join the Chapter. The mail-out would carry the company's logo, and a declaration of the company's support for the ISAAC.

The Chapter would gain a very useful mailing database for promoting membership and future events. For Asplundh Australia the benefit would be penetration into local governments and other markets of interest.

The ISAAC Executive Committee agreed that the sponsorship offer should be pursued, and David will report again to the executive after he has discussed the matter again with Asplundh Australia.

Action: David Balsamo.

2.3.2 Low number of ISAAC delegates for the combined AIH/ISAAC/PLA Conference.

David Balsamo mentioned that Parks & Leisure Australia were disappointed with the low number of ISAAC members registered to attend the combined AIH/ISAAC/PLA conference 'Sport in the City'. Only 30 ISAAC members had paid to attend at this stage. However, David assured the executive that no financial problem would occur as

a consequence because the pre- and post-conference workshops of Sharon Lilly and Dr Francis Schwarze are well-subscribed and that income from the workshops would cover the ISAAC's costs.

2.3.3 Communication between members of the ISAAC Executive Committee.

Craig Hinton, the ISAAC's Webmaster, expressed disappointment that the ISAAC Executive Committee was not making better use of web-based methods of communicating despite his attempts at encouraging the executive to do so.

Craig led a discussion on web-based communication methods available to the executive.

Roger Greenwood observed that, for those with an unreliable internet connection, utilising the web is frustrating.

Craig explained that the web hosting arrangement utilised by the chapter, is not ideal, and that the chapter loses a degree of functionality with the current website.

Roger asked Craig to compile a summary of the costs involved in having the chapter host its own website. Craig will provide the executive with details.

Action: Craig Hinton.

2.3.4 Australian Tree Climbing Championship (ATCC).

Rodney Page announced that he had distributed 150 invitations for the ATCC. This event will precede the annual conference.

Rodney outlined the arrangements that are in place for the ATCC and assured the executive that everything is organised.

Rodney stated that 21 competitors have registered for the event, and that a few officials and technicians are still needed.

Roger Greenwood provided Rodney with the contact details of Peter Clark who had been responsible for organising assistance for the recent Victorian Tree Climbing Championship.

2.3.5 ISAAC Administration.

Roger Greenwood reported, on behalf of Craig Hallam, that negotiations would proceed with the only organization that responded positively to the 'Expression of Interest in ISAAC Administration' document that had been distributed to various enterprises.

2.3.6 ISA Arborist Certification.

Martin Norris briefed the executive on the status of the proposed ISA Arborist Certification examination. Martin explained that, in spite of his best efforts, it would not be possible to offer an examination in time to coincide with the conference. However, he hopes to offer domain retakes in time for the conference period. Martin is waiting for

information from the ISA in the USA. He will provide the executive with more information when he has it.

Martin requested a meeting with Sharon Lilly, of the ISA, when she is present in Melbourne for the conference. Roger Greenwood will arrange the meeting when he joins Clive Sorrell at Melbourne Airport to greet Sharon.

2.3.7 Greeting the conference's international guests.

Roger Greenwood explained that Clive Sorrell would meet Sharon Lilly and Dr Francis Schwarze at Melbourne Airport and transport them to their hotels. Dr Schwarze will arrive from Germany this evening, hence Clive's absence from the teleconference. Sharon Lilly will arrive on Friday morning.

2.3.8 The ISAAC newsletter.

David Galwey reported that he intends producing an edition of 'The Bark' shortly after the conference.

2.3.9 Standards Australia.

A discussion occurred regarding future ISAAC involvement with Standards Australia.

Motion: That the International Society of Arboriculture – Australia Chapter, as an industry body, join Standards Australia.

Moved by: Roger Greenwood.

Seconded by: David Galwey.

The Motion was carried.

David Galwey offered to work in conjunction with Tony Lydon to investigate future opportunities and options for ISAAC involvement with Standards Australia.

Action: David Galwey & Tony Lydon.

3.0 NEXT MEETING OF THE ISAAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Two brief meetings of the ISAAC Executive Committee are scheduled for the conference period:

- Monday, September 16, at 9.00 am, adjacent to the Conference Registration Counter; and
- Wednesday, September 18, at 11.00 am, the venue to be announced.

4.0 CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.