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MINUTES OF THE 42ND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HORTICULTURAL INSPECTION SOCIETY EASTERN CHAPTER

Held April 5-7, 2016 in St. Michaels, Maryland

Tuesday April 5, 2016

Call to Order

President Mark Taylor, MD called the meeting to order. Members were welcomed to the 42nd annual meeting of the Horticultural Inspection Society, Eastern Chapter.

Roll Call of States and Member Introduction

- Present: (9 States)
 - Connecticut- Peter Trenchard, Steve Sandrey, Tia Blevins, Jeff Fengler
 - Delaware- Stephen Hauss, Lianmarie Colon, Jeff Brothers
 - Maine- Carole Neil, Sarah Scally
 - Maryland- Deborah Hayes, Bob Tatman, Robert B Trumbule, Jaime Tsambikos, Steven Bell, Mark Taylor
 - New Hampshire- Douglas Cygan, Morgan Dube
 - New Jersey- Ryan Rieder
 - New York- Jim Schmitt
 - Pennsylvania- Tina Stimmler
 - West Virginia- Mike Arnold
- Absent: (3 States)
 - Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Vermont

Guest State- None

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Stephen Hauss, presented the treasurer's report of which a detailed copy is attached to these minutes.

Treasurer's Report Summary:

- Balance Starting April 2015: \$3,379.24
- Income: \$5,521.61
- Expenses: \$5,004.20
- Balance Ending March 2016: \$3,896.65
 - \$826.19 is left over SANC funds to be used this year
 - \$2,903.76 is actually HIS money

Stephen then excused himself from our HIS meetings to take part in the CAPS meetings as he is now employed as Delaware's State Survey Coordinator. He will also be resigning from his position as HIS treasurer.

Secretary's Report

Morgan Dube reported that the 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes were emailed by Carole Neil to the membership and also posted on the website prior to the 2016 meeting for review to save time instead of reading them out loud at this meeting. No comments came back or edits needed.

A motion to accept minutes was made by Peter Trenchard, CT, seconded by Mike Arnold, WV and approved by the membership.

President's Report

Mark Taylor presented the president's report to discuss the past year and some of the changes occurring in the near future. Items discussed included:

- Tina Stimmler was presented with a TUC Award (Taking of Undeserved Crap) for receiving an unprecedented amount of rude comments through email regarding changes needed to be made in scheduling for the 2015 Interstate Inspection in PA. Tina was recognized for her efforts in coordinating and organizing a great annual interstate inspection.
- Peter Trenchard, CT and Steve Sandrey, CT will be retiring.
- Galen Ettinger, NJ received a promotion and was undergoing a medical procedure so was unable to present at this meeting.

Items not mentioned in president's report but that should be noted were:

- Mark attended our chapter's interstate inspection in Coatesville, PA,
- Mark and Morgan Dube, NH, sent thank you letters to each host at the University of New Hampshire for their time and efforts showing us their facilities.
- Worked on the SANC budget

Archivist's Report

Archivist, Stephen Sandrey, CT, presented the 2016 archivist's report. Archives from 2007 to 2016 were present, archives from the older dated meetings and proceeding were not. State reports missing from the 2015 Portsmouth, NH meeting were from MA, RI, and VT. For the current 2016 St. Michael, MD meeting, state reports had already been collected from CT, DE, ME, MD, NH, NJ, NY, PA, WV. A list of the meeting locations from the years 1974 to 2016 are available. The agenda, preprogram assessment, and evaluation forms from the HIS EC Interstate Inspection held in Coatesville, PA and the 2015 Newsletter have been added to the archive. Local flavor pamphlets, brochures, menus, etc. are being collected to add to the archive file.

A motion to accept the Archivist's report was made by Carole Neil, ME, seconded by Peter Trenchard, CT and approved by the membership.

Newsletter

Newsletter Editor, Peter Trenchard presented the newsletter report. Pete indicated that between him being very busy this year and states were not submitting a yearly contribution that was agreed to many meetings ago the newsletter was not a priority. Submissions could include articles, pictures, comics, etc. for newsletter editions. He agreed to put together 1-2 more newsletters if contributions were made. Any size article is welcome and photos should come with a brief caption, HIS and/or member related. Morgan Dube, NH, agreed to send out quarterly reminders to the group for submissions. Peter agreed to send out an email address he will use once retired.

Membership Incentive Distribution-

HIS President, Mark Taylor, MD, thanks the officers for their reports. Incentive mason jars (and lids) with the HIS logo etched in the glass were distributed to attending members. Morgan Dube, NH, and Carole Neil, ME mentioned that the incentive items were kept inexpensive in order to save funds for purchasing the New England Greenhouse Floraculture Guide for members at the 2017 EPB meeting. A brief inventory was taken of previous promotional items still in HIS possession; messenger bags and mugs (for sale for \$5-8). Future HIS incentive ideas are always welcome.

Committee Assignments:

- Resolutions - Mark Taylor, Mike Arnold, Bob Trumbule
- Constitution - Mike Arnold, Peter Trenchard
- Audit - Jeff Brothers, Tia Blevins
- Awards - Chair Mark Taylor, Carole Neil, Sarah Scally
- Newsletter - Peter Trenchard, Morgan Dube
- Program - Chair Mike Arnold, Mark Taylor, Jeff Brothers, Tia Blevins, Sarah Scally

- Nominations - Chair Lianmarie Colon, Steve Sandrey
- Membership - Chair Morgan Dube, Mark Taylor, Deborah Hayes
- Interstate Inspection - Chair Morgan Dube, Sarah Scally, Bob Trumbule

*We will need to find a new archivist for 2017.

Website Update

The website report was presented by Mike Arnold. All available state reports are on the website. Last year's minutes (2015) are on the website. Mike Arnold can put anything on the website if we want to submit things to him, any state specific links, websites, etc. Executive Committee has a dropbox file. This is a good way to share updated membership lists, etc. Peter Trenchard also said that the Boxwood Blight BMPs are getting put on the website.

Wednesday, April 6, 2016

Old Business

Logo Setup with LL Bean-

The membership was reminded that the HIS EC embroidered logo has been set up with LL Bean to apply to products if you wish to purchase them. Instructions for how to order are posted on the website.

New Business

Spending SANC Funds- Jeff got confirmation that we will have \$5,000 from NPB for SANC related meetings at our Interstate Inspection Workshop. It was suggested that because NH has a grower in the USCGCP that NH might be a good location to have the 2016 HIS Interstate Inspection.

Aurelio Posadas, National Plant Board, Executive Secretary presented an update on SANC and some future plans for SANC Phase II.

Thursday, April 7, 2016

Committee Reports

Resolutions committee-

Resolutions adopted by the Horticultural Inspection Society, Eastern Chapter, April 7, 2016, St. Michaels, Maryland. See appendix.

Constitution Committee-

Chair Mike Arnold stated that there were no changes to the constitution.

Audit Committee-

Audit Committee member Tia Blevins, CT said the audit committee reviewed the checkbook and associated receipts, documents, etc. and found no discrepancies or oversights. Tia Blevins, CT made a motion was made to accept the Finance/Audit Committee Report by, seconded by__ and was accepted by the membership.

Awards Committee-

Steve Sandrey is presented with the Distinguished Service Award for his 35 years as an inspector and 14-15 years as the archivist for HIS and is many years of quiet leadership.

Mike Arnold was presented with the Carl E. Carlson Award. He accepted this award with reservation.

Newsletter Committee-

Morgan has been given the outline and template for future newsletters. Pete will continue for the rest of the year and Morgan will send out reminders for members to submit interesting photos and articles. After May 1st Pete will send out his personal home email address for future contact.

Program Committee-

Appointing West Virginia's Mike Arnold as chair pending WV holding the meeting.

Membership Committee-

The New England Greenhouse Flora Culture Guide may be online so we will wait till we get more details on that before we discuss purchasing the item for next year's HIS incentive. We should keep thinking of other incentive ideas. Other discussion and decisions depend on the location of the next Interstate Inspection.

Nominations-

Chair Pete Trenchard reported that there are two open officer positions. Lianmarie Colon, Delaware was nominated to finish Stephen Hauss's term as treasurer. There were no other nominations. Secretary Morgan Dube cast one vote for Lianmarie Colon.

Tia Blevins has agreed to take over the open archivist position from Steve Sandrey. This position is appointed and needs no vote to be cast.

Website-

Pete will send Mike the latest Boxwood Blight BMPS to be put on the website. Each state can submit items to Mike Arnold to have put on the website under their state link.

Sarah Scally made a motion to accept all committee reports, seconded by Morgan Dube, and was approved by the membership.

Interstate Inspection-

NH cannot decide before the end of the meeting whether or not it will be held there. Next host state does not have to have a nursery in the SANC program. SANC methods, practices, and concepts just need to be discussed for a portion of it. Road side inspections were suggested as well as facilities that aren't in SANC but may be of interest to the inspectors. NJ brought up that when they hosted an interstate inspection they focused on nurseries that didn't quite fit into the SANC mold as we have interpreted it so far. Keeping those "odd" industries in mind would be good.

HIS is receiving the \$5,000 from the NPB to assist in expenses of an interstate inspection.

There are 3 other HIS chapter meetings coming up.

- Central Chapter meeting is in Indiana in the fall.

- Southern Chapter meeting is in Athens Alabama in April. Focus is on Boxwood Blight. Deadline to apply was March 31st.

- Western Chapter meeting is in Albuquerque, NM on October 14th.

Other chapter meetings may not be in coordination with their corresponding Plant Board meetings. They are very receptive of visitors from other chapters. These meetings are a good way to see other state points of view, things they are battling and working on. Travel to one of these meetings is encouraged by HIS members who haven't yet travelled to another chapters meeting. A request needs to be made to the executive committee which should include a budget estimating travel costs. A report is submitted once the traveler returns and is usually published in the HIS newsletter.

Not having an HIS Interstate Inspection would supply funding for more representatives to attend other HIS chapter meetings. Historically, we get the biggest bang for our buck by hosting our own meeting and sending our own members.

Sarah Scally made a motion to suspend the business meeting.

Group photo organization before departure.

HIS report presented to EPB in group session.

Pete Trenchard reopened the business meeting.

Nomination made by Pete for Mike to be chair of the program committee. Seconded by Tia Blevins, CT, and was approved by the membership.

Carole Neil requested a copy of the presentation made to the EPB be sent to the executive committee.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Pete and Bob, seconded by Carole Neil, ME, and accepted by the membership.

Appendix Resolutions

**(1) RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HORTICULTURAL INSPECTION SOCIETY,
EASTERN CHAPTER, APRIL 7, 2016, St. Michael's, Maryland**

WHEREAS the Eastern Chapter of the Horticultural Inspection Society was established to promote education, cooperation and interaction among state horticultural inspection personnel,

WHEREAS the Eastern Chapter of the Horticultural Inspection Society values and appreciates the participation of inspectors from member states during the annual meeting,

WHEREAS the Eastern Plant Board has supported the attendance of state personnel,

WE RESOLVE THAT:

The Eastern Chapter of the Horticultural Inspection Society at its 42nd Annual Meeting recognizes the Eastern Plant Board for their continued support and the state of Maryland for hosting this meeting.

**(2) RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HORTICULTURAL INSPECTION SOCIETY,
EASTERN CHAPTER, APRIL 7, 2016, St. Michaels, Maryland**

WHEREAS the Horticultural Inspection Society, Eastern Chapter (HIS) recognizes the value of dedicated long term inspectors,

WHEREAS HIS realizes the value of horticultural knowledge accumulated from long term service and willingness to freely share their expertise with other inspectors,

WE RESOLVE THAT:

The Eastern Plant Board join HIS today and recognize Steve Sandrey and Peter Trenchard, upon their upcoming retirement for a combined 77 years of service to Connecticut through a combined professional dedication to safeguarding the environment by providing guidance and regulatory services to the nursery industry and the public.

**(3) RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HORTICULTURAL INSPECTION SOCIETY,
EASTERN CHAPTER, APRIL 7, 2016 St. Michaels, Maryland**

WHEREAS, there has been an increase of plant pest introductions in big box stores in recent years and

WHEREAS, there is a need for regulatory officials to understand the plant inventory procurement practices of the big box stores and

WHEREAS, there is a need for distribution to box stores of information regarding the existence of plant protection laws and their intent,

WE RESOLVE THAT:

The Horticultural Inspection Society, Eastern Chapter supports the Eastern Plant Boards effort to identify the individual responsible within the corporate structure who has the ability to make decisions regarding compliance with plant health regulations.

**(4) RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HORTICULTURAL INSPECTION SOCIETY,
EASTERN CHAPTER, APRIL 7, 2016 St. Michaels, Maryland**

WHEREAS Boxwood Blight, *Calonectria pseudonaviculata* (*syn. Cylindrocladium pseudonaviculatum*), has been increasingly detected in *Buxus* plants in retail and wholesale nurseries in the eastern region since 2011, and

WHEREAS it appears that *Buxus* plant material originates from contaminated sources outside of our region, and
WHEREAS nurseries responsible for shipping infected plant material are not effectively following best management practices for the control and elimination of boxwood blight,

WE RESOLVE THAT:

The Eastern Plant Board should promote a consistent regulatory response to boxwood blight detections within the Eastern region in order to encourage all member states of the National Plant Board to promote the use of best management practices in nurseries shipping boxwood.

WE ADDITIONALLY RESOLVE THAT

The Eastern Plant Board and HIS have greatly benefited through their supportive and active participation and dedication to the Horticultural Inspection Society Mission Statement with an emphasis to
“promote high standards of inspection work”.