

# 2013 Ohio Chapter ISA Annual Meeting Minutes

Dayton Convention Center • Dayton, Ohio

February 12, 2013

Invocation was given by Katrina Schnobrich during breakfast.

Meeting called to order at 7:55 am by Chapter President Katrina Schnobrich.

## **Opening Remarks**

Schnobrich thanked everyone for attending. She noted that attendance this year was up and that she has been hearing several positive comments about moving OTCC to Dayton.

Schnobrich recognized and thanked the 2012 Board of Directors and liaisons. She also thanked the 2013 OTCC sponsors, committee members, volunteer moderators, and exhibitors for their support.

## **Necrology**

Schnobrich reported that Herbert Dotson passed away April 19, 2012. He retired from Nelson Tree Service in 1996.

## **Awards**

Schnobrich presented the following awards:

Award of Merit	Chris Ahlum
Award of Achievement	Beth Buchanan
President's Award	Al Shauck
Safety Award	City of Bexley Tree Crew
Special Awards	Bill Fitch, Dan Herms, Ryan Lewis, Stephanie Miller and Charles Owen

Schnobrich also recognized Ohio members honored at the Portland conference:

Tom Mugridge	Honorary Life Membership
Lauren Lanphear	Award of Achievement
Tim Kastining	True Professional Award
Tour des Trees Team Ohio	

## **ISA International Update**

Schnobrich introduced ISA Executive Director Jim Skiera. Skiera reported that the ISA 2012 Gold Leaf Award was awarded to Mary Maloney, Director of the Chadwick Arboretum. Skiera presented the ISA update and noted how well the industry is building bridges with other like-minded organizations and groups. He briefly reviewed the launch of the ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualification program, the release of several new ISA publications and additional educational resources available to members.

## **TREE Fund**

Liaison Beth Buchanan presented an update on the TREE Fund activities and encouraged attendees to visit the Silent Auction in the trade show. She recognized Mark Hoenigman for his years of service to the TREE Fund and the Ohio Chapter. Buchanan provided an update and reviewed how the TREE Fund mission aligns with the Ohio Chapter ISA mission and vision. Courtney Schumm presented a slideshow from the 2012 Tour des Trees.

## **Ohio Endowment Grant**

2012 recipient Ken Cochran with the Ohio State University's Secest Arboretum was recognized. Schnobrich reminded attendees that the deadline for 2013 applications is April 1.

## **Chapter Scholarships**

Schnobrich recognized the 2012 scholarship winners John Siefer III and Debbie Palmisano. She reminded attendees that the 2013 deadline for applications is August 1.

## **Chapter Business Meeting**

The Chapter business meeting was conducted by Schnobrich. Copies of the 2012 annual meeting minutes and a 2012 Annual Report were available at each table.

Lola Lewis moved to accept the February 28, 2012 annual meeting minutes as presented. There was a second. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Schnobrich reported that the financial status was included in the Annual Report along with a copy of the 2012-2013 Chapter budget. Members were encouraged to view the website for any additional information including the Policies & Procedures Manual.

Schnobrich thanked all of the Chapter committee members for their support and dedication. She noted that the Chapter has a heavy agenda set for 2013 and is always in need of volunteers.

Schnobrich introduced the 2013 Board of Directors as Jerry Western (President), Joe Russell (Vice President), Fred Dotson (Treasurer); Directors Joe Boggs, Ernie Brinker, Eric Davis, Alan Klonowski, Richard Rathjens and Shirley Vaughn.

### **Passing of the Gavel**

Schnobrich passed the gavel to incoming President Western who presented Schnobrich with a plaque and thanked her for her service. Western reviewed the 2013 calendar of events, announced that tree biometrics will be returning to Ohio this year and an iTree training workshop will be held in August.

### **Adjournment**

The annual meeting adjourned at 8:50 am.

Respectfully submitted by  
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Executive Director & Secretary