

# Horticulture Inspection Society - Western Chapter

## Annual Business Meeting Minutes

**Thursday, October 11, 2018, 7:17pm PST, Tucson Arizona**

**Attending:** Dina Stoner – Vice-President; Cheryl Smith – Secretary; Beth Eiring – Treasurer; Nick Bieser- Website/Facebook Editor; Ruben Arias - Advisory Committee Chair; Special guest – John Caravetta; see **Attached** for total membership in attendance.

### **President's Report –**

1. Not present. No report.

### **Secretary's Report-**

1. Minutes from Thursday, Oct. 12, 2017 Annual Business meeting, Richland, WA. M/S/P – Travis Elder/ Nick Bieser.

### **Treasurer's Report –**

1. Treasurer's report submitted for all 3 accounts. **Attached.**
2. For later discussion – being able to take credit card payments and doing that on the website
3. Yearly audit was not done.

### **Facebook/Website/Newsletter –**

1. No report.

### **WHIS 2018 Conference/Vice President report –**

1. SANC update from John Caravetta.
2. New board on the Western Plant Board – President-Helmuth Rogg.

**Old Business – I am leaving our discussion with Helmuth Rogg in Old Business since this is pretty much the same discussion we had with John Caravetta during the Business meeting.**

1. We have received a request from the Western Plant Board to join them in San Diego May 2019 for a joint meeting to celebrate the 100th year anniversary (the CAPS program as well). Due to the prior lack of interest in our organization up to now, Pres. John responded to Mr. Helmuth Rogg's (SPRO ODA) email with many questions and Mr. Rogg also responded back. Mr. Rogg was invited to join our conference call on 9/11/18.

- a. Mr. Rogg – would like to have a change in the way the Western States have operated 2 separate meetings-WPB and WHIS, to more like how the EPB and EHIS hold their meetings together. Southern is talking about trying it as well.
- b. \*Time of year – May is a very busy time of year for inspectors and supervisors and either can't or shouldn't be away at that time. This is why WHIS meetings are in the fall. Would WPB consider changing to a fall meeting? John and Cheryl asked about changing the meeting to April or June respectively.
- c. \*We have already scheduled our 2018 annual meeting which is only 1 month away and Idaho just committed to 2019. The May meeting would be an additional meeting. Will the SPRO's pay for this? I believe the general feeling is that we would love to give this a try but will the states be able to fund an additional meeting within six months. Mr. Rogg is due to have a conference call with the WPB at the end of Sept. and this will be discussed.
- d. If we were to change to a joint meeting every year, would we feel the need to do like the Eastern HIS where there is an additional interstate inspection workshop, this also becomes multiple meetings and will the SPRO's pay for this? Travel is a greater distance for the western states than the other regions.
- e. Can a joint meeting still encompass the basis for WHIS which is sharing inspection training? The meeting schedule will have separate meeting days for WPB, WHIS and CAPS and also have a joint field trip day and joint evening events.
- f. Registration cost seems very high. Higher than per diem. Registration is going to be aprox. \$450 and would include all of the meeting rooms, joint tours and banquets. Additional costs for travel and hotel room and probably what WHIS decides to do on our own. \$1000/member is paid to the WPB and \$75/member is paid to the NPB to help fund their meetings.

### **New Business –**

1. Motion: For WHIS to hold their next Annual meeting with the WPB in San Diego in May 2019. We will then decide to continue with the joint meeting or go back to our own separate meeting in the fall: Beth Eiring/Cheryl Smith – M/S/P
2. Election of Officers:
  - a. President – retain Dina Stoner: Beth Eiring/Cheryl Smith– M/S/P
  - b. Vice-President – 1 nomination - Travis Elder: ?/? – M/S/P
  - c. Treasurer – 1 nomination – Layla Dunlap: Travis Elder/Dina Stoner – M/S/P
  - d. Secretary – retain Cheryl Smith: Beth Eiring/Anthony Dahlan – M/S/P
  - e. Editor – 1 nomination – Sarah Hoglund: Dina Stoner/Beth Eiring – M/S/P

- f. Webmaster – retain Nick Bieser: Cheryl Smith/Melissa Lujan – M/S/P
- 3. Election of Honorary Members. Beth Eiring has advanced to an Administrative position and Ruben Arias is retiring at the end of 2018. According to the By-Laws of WHIS they can no longer be members or serve on the Executive Committee. Both have been invaluable members for a lot of years and would like to stay involved with WHIS.
- 4. Motion: Elect Beth Eiring and Ruben Arias as Honorary members:  
Cheryl Smith/Travis Elder – M/S/P

**Next Meeting – ?**

**Meeting adjourned:** Motion to adjourn; - Cheryl Smith/Travis Elder M/S/P 8:27pm PST

Respectfully submitted on October 26, 2018 by Cheryl Smith.