

# ***Inland Empire Bonsai Society***

## ***Board of Directors Meeting Minutes***

January 13, 2006

### **I. Call to order**

Wendy Peden called to order the regular quarterly Board of Directors meeting of the Inland Empire Bonsai Society at 7:15 PM on January 13, 2006 in the Manito Park Meeting Room.

### **II. Roll call**

The following persons were present: Suzanne Rivers, Virginia Czechowski, Roger Snipes, John Kittel, Marty Weiser, Wendy Peden, and Ron Bauer.

### **III. Open issues**

- a) **2008 PNBCA Convention to be hosted by IEBS.** A wide ranging discussion was held. Notes will be forwarded to the convention committee.
- b) **Changes to Articles of Incorporation.** A change was approved in November 2005 to bring IEBS into compliance with 501c3 Non-profit corporation requirements. The change was regarding disposition of club assets if the club is dissolved. Previously the assets were to be distributed to club members. The change specifies that assets will be distributed to non-profit entities. Application was made to the State of Washington. We are waiting for approval.
- c) **Changes to IEBS bylaws.** Changes were made to the bylaws last year. The changes were primarily cosmetic. One significant change was the definition of a quorum. Previously a quorum was defined to be a percentage of the membership. When the bylaw changes are approved, a quorum will be 10 members, with two being IEBS officers. The change will be discussed at the general meeting, Sunday 1/15. A vote will be held at the February general meeting.
- d) **David DeGroot Workshop.** April 21 and 22. The sign-up sheet was full and payment was due, but 9 signed up members have not paid. Members need to be encouraged to pay by the general meeting on Sunday 1/15. Unpaid spaces will be open after Sunday. This will be discussed at the general meeting and IEBS secretary will send email notification to members.
- e) **David Rowe Workshop.** May 26 and 27. The sign-up sheet is full and payment is due by Sunday 1/15. Unpaid spaces will be open after that. Most have not paid. This will be discussed at the general meeting and IEBS secretary will send email notification to members.
- f) **IEBS annual dues.** Some members have not paid annual dues. Will be mentioned at general meeting, 1/15, and IEBS secretary will send out email notification.

- g) **Japan order.** Need order total of 600,000 yen (\$5,000 - \$6,000) minimum. Several orders have been received from other northwest area clubs and IEBS members. Discuss / encourage orders at general meeting, 1/15, and IEBS secretary will send email to members.
- h) **IEBS Global Credit Union bank account.** New officers Ron Bauer (President), Suzanne Rivers (Treasurer), and Wendy Peden (Vice President) are now authorized to sign for account transactions.

#### **IV. New business**

- a) **Walter Pall will be visiting Portland in June.** Roger Snipes has contacted the Bonsai Society of Portland to explore the possibility of Walter coming to Spokane contiguous with his Portland visit. We have not received a response yet. Roger will continue to investigate.
- b) **Japan Week, April 22 – 29.** We will set up our display on 4/23 at Spokane Community College. Exhibit is on 4/24. Take down on afternoon of 4/24. Roger will conduct demo in Manito Japanese Garden on Saturday 4/29. Discuss at general meeting 1/15; need trees, volunteers.

#### **V. Adjournment**

Ron Bauer, IEBS President adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by: John Kittel, IEBS Secretary

Minutes approved by: Ron Bauer, IEBS President