

Inland Empire Bonsai Society

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2007

I. Call to order

Wendy Peden called to order the regular quarterly Board of Directors meeting of the Inland Empire Bonsai Society at 7:00 PM on April 9, 2007 in the Manito Park Meeting Room.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Wendy Peden, Roger Snipes, Virginia Czechowski, Marty Weiser, Hal Alert, and John Kittel.

III. Open issues

- a) **Workshop with Walter Pall:** We have scheduled a workshop on June 24 with Walter Pall. The Manito meeting room is not available; we will look for another space. The workshop will be limited to 10 people. We have several signed up. The workshop information and availability will continue to be presented to the members at the monthly meetings.
- b) **Workshop with Hans van Meer:** The board of directors discussed the possibility of holding a workshop with Hans van Meer, of Holland, some time in the summer or fall. It was decided not to explore this opportunity further because of the already full schedule and limited interest of members for another workshop during this time.
- c) **Japan Order:** IEBS has found a new supplier of bonsai pots and tools in Japan. We have submitted our previously assembled order from IEBS and other northwest bonsai clubs members.
- d) **Japan Week:** Spokane's 13th annual Japan Week celebration occurs this year April 17 – 25. IEBS is presenting a bonsai exhibit April 23 at Spokane Community College. IEBS members will again be requested to submit trees for the exhibit.

IV. New business

- a) **Weyerhaeuser Photo Exhibit:** The Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection at the Weyerhaeuser Company is holding another Best of the U.S. bonsai photo exhibit. The IEBS board of directors discussed the possibility of submitting entries, and will extend this discussion to the club membership at the next monthly meeting. High-resolution digital images must be submitted by May 15. If we have members with suitable trees to enter, we will pursue a means of obtaining the required images.
- b) **ABS convention:** IEBS has been contacted by the American Bonsai Society, ABS, regarding the possibility of hosting the 2012 ABS Convention. After discussion, the IEBS board has decided that we can not make this

commitment at this time, due to uncertainties about the availability and resources of our organization at such a distant future date. We will send a letter to ABS informing them of our decision and offering to reconsider the question in spring of 2009.

- c) **Bonsai postage stamp:** The United Stage Postal Service is considering the production of a series of postage stamps featuring images of bonsai. They require evidence of sufficient public interest in order to proceed. IEBS has received a request to circulate a petition among members; we will do so at a future club meeting.
- d) **First Night 2007:** The organizers of Spokane's First Night celebration have offered for IEBS to participate again in 2007. The application needs to be submitted in June. The question of whether to participate this year will be put to the members at the April 15 meeting and if 10 to 12 people are able to volunteer to help then we will go forward with the application process.
- e) **IEBS name tags:** The committee assigned to produce new nametags for IEBS members reported that production of the nametags is nearly complete.

V. Adjournment

Wendy Peden, IEBS President, adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by: John Kittel, IEBS Secretary.