

Inland Empire Bonsai Society

Monthly Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2007

I. Call to order

Wendy Peden, IEBS President, called to order the regular meeting of the Inland Empire Bonsai Society at 12:00 on Sunday, February 18, in the Manito Park Meeting Room.

II. Open issues

- a) **Upcoming Workshops:** Members were reminded about two workshops planned for this year. David DeGroot will visit on April 7th, and David Rowe on October 27th.
- b) **PNBSA Convention 2007, Portland:** IEBS members were reminded of the registration requirements for this year's PNBSA convention which is to be hosted by the Bonsai Society of Portland, Oregon.
- c) **PNBSA Convention 2008, Spokane:** The convention planning committee met on February 3rd. All subcommittees reported good progress on their assignments. A summary was presented to members attending the meeting.
- d) **Japan order:** We are very close to finalizing an order of bonsai supplies, pots, and tools, to be placed with our supplier in Japan. A few of the pots that were specified on our order are unavailable and we need to select substitutes. As soon as that is done, we will negotiate payment for the order and expect delivery in a few weeks.

III. New business

- a) **Weyerhaeuser Best of the U.S. Bonsai:** Weyerhaeuser Company, which houses the Pacific Rim Bonsai collection, will be presenting another Best of the U.S. bonsai photo exhibit. IEBS members discussed possibilities of submitting photos for consideration.
- b) **Guest Artists:** We have learned of the availability of Walter Pall and Hans van Meer to conduct workshops later this year in our area. We will continue discussions at meetings and via email to determine if we have sufficient interest and are able to make the necessary commitments and arrangements.

IV. Adjournment

The business portion of the meeting was concluded at 12:30 P.M. There followed a discussion of the aesthetics of bonsai exhibition. Several bonsai, kusamono, bonsai stands, and suiseki, were studied and discussed in various arrangements. A photographic slide show of the 2006 PNBSA convention exhibit was also viewed and critiqued. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Minutes submitted by: John Kittel, IEBS Secretary

Minutes approved by: Wendy Peden, IEBS President