

Inland Empire Bonsai Society
2008 Board Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2008

I. Call to order

Wendy Peden called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

II. Roll Call

The following members were present: Wendy Peden, Hal Allert, Dennis Cowley, Cass Johnson, Doug Mayhew, Roger Snipes, and Marty Weiser.

III. Open Issues

- a. Hal suggested that the Treasurer position be extended beyond the 2-year limit to provide continuity. Dennis pointed out that the change would result in the Treasurer being the only permanent Board member. Wendy added that it is a problem when only one person knows how to keep books. After much discussion, it was decided not to change the by-laws to extend the Treasurer's term beyond the 2-year limit.
- b. We need to form a committee to make a Program Schedule for 2009. There will be a call for volunteers to be on the committee and a date will be set at the business meeting Sunday for the Program Committee to meet. Hal suggested we consider the schedule Dave de Groot mentioned at the convention so that fall won't be a "winding down" period, but instead be the preparation time for the next year's activities.
- c. Roger mentioned that now is a good time to look for "end of season" sales. We need to announce the Japan order for pots and wire. Roger also suggested we go in with other bonsai clubs to get bulk orders of pots and other materials.
- d. There was discussion about providing tools to new members. Dennis and Marty suggested helping new members find less expensive alternatives rather than buy bonsai tools for beginners or ask them to purchase bonsai tools.
- e. Workshop funding and presenters for future workshops was the next item. Roger suggested Dennis Makishima as a guest artist. The first week of April was mentioned as a possible time for the first workshop and a time in early September for the other. Marty suggested waiting to see how many participants show up for the spring workshop before we commit to offering another one. Cheryl Manning was also suggested as a guest artist. An in-house spring workshop using the leftover convention trees for those who volunteered at the convention was suggested.
- f. Roger reminded us that we need volunteers for the First Night event.
- g. Dennis Cowley gave an overview of his education program for new members. It includes a history of the club, a list of websites that offer bonsai instruction, meetings and special events, a bibliography of recommended reading and a list of materials for beginning, intermediate and advanced students of bonsai, including Merle's Toolbox, the Japan order and other useful information.

IV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Minutes submitted by Doug Mayhew