

## **ICTA General Meeting—Saturday July 23, 2016—Hermann, Missouri**

Minutes of the January corporate meeting were not available.

June 24, 2017 was set as the date for the ICTA Summer Field Day at Timber Lane Christmas Tree Farm, Fulton, IL, thanks to Bill Holesinger's generous offer

Treasurer Robert Grady reported a balance on hand in checking of \$7,954.24. The share from the MACT 2015 Summer Conference was \$6,435.13, and \$70.00 was paid at the conference.

Discussion of the amenities ICTA can offer to our members, as well as other topics, included the following suggestions:

1. ICTA should encourage member to attend the Indiana Winter Meeting.
2. Should we re-subscribe to Christmas Trees Magazine for our members?
3. The new grower's manual, on sale at the conference by the author [Cackler], or Christmas Trees: Seed to Sale should be provided to new members.
4. Scholarship contributions could be donated to schools of forestry/horticulture.

The items of business were concluded as follows:

1. Carol Richardson volunteered to encourage conference attendance through email.
2. Dave Hoover moved to leave our subscription to publications as standing. Motion was seconded and carried.
3. David Daniken moved to purchase 5 copies of the new grower's manual on sale at the conference. Motion was seconded and carried.
4. Bill Holesinger moved to send \$500.00 each to the University of Illinois and to Southern Illinois University Carbondale for scholarships in the fields of forestry or horticulture. Motions seconded and carried.

Wendy Richardson is still Illinois director for NCTA. She sent a written report with President Bob Richardson. There is nothing particularly new. Marsha Gray is (formerly Michigan executive director) is now with the group administering the NCTA. The new management company is in New York. The marketing team is based out of New York City. "It's Christmas, keep it real." is the new slogan.

Peichowski asked if we will have to file reports with our Christmas Tree check-off? Reports need to be filed only if a grower sells more than 500 trees. The form is very brief.

Aug. 1 is State Fair deadline.

Joey Daniken recommended we tell members to let us know if they are Not getting Great Lakes Magazine

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by Emily Grady