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MINUTES FOR INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONFERENCE CALL

Tuesday, June 13, 2023 – 4:00 p.m. Eastern USA Time

ATTENDANCE

	Delegate		**Alternate**	
Australia	Tony Van der Staay	√	Bruce Higgs	√
Eastern Region NA	David Sanford	√	Keith Osborne	√
Europe	Richard McKenna		Tim Lawrance-Owen[1]	√
Japan	Peter Waugh		Hiroaki Ohashi	
New Zealand	Antony Toledo	√	Lisa Burton	
Southern Region NA	Laura Miller	√	Brie Arthur	√
Southern Africa	Jason Myburgh	√	Elsa du Toit	√
Western Region NA	Jim McConnell	√	Gayle Suttle	√
Regional Developmt	Dharam Sharma			
Staff	Bob Geneve[3]	√	Katie McDavid[4]	√
President; VP	Tom Saunders		Elsa du Toit	
[1]Chair	[2]Treasurer	[3]Intl Editor	[4]Intl Director	

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM by Tim Lawrance-Owen.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from March 7, 2023 conference call meeting was made by Tim Lawrance-Owen and seconded by Tony Van der Staay.

Action Items will be discussed later during International Office Report and Committee Reports.

III. International Office Report

The International Office discussed the work time over the past year. Below are the hours for 2021 and 2022 and 2023.

Month	2023	2022	2021
January	31.42	18	16.75
February	11.17	22	13
March	16.75	23.5	21
Quarter Total	**59.34**	**63.5**	**50.75**
April	6.75	13.5	7
May	12.5	18.5	10
June		31.33	15
Quarter Total		**63.33**	**32**
July		2.5	6.5
August		4	7
September		20.75	25
Quarter Total		**27.25**	**38.5**
October		14.66	14.25
November		5.5	8.5
December		24.75	12
Quarter Total		**44.91**	**34.75**
Yearly Total		**198.99**	**156**

The Office reported on membership numbers for the regions. Below is the respective information with a comparison to last year. Total membership is up to 1,170.

					Change from 2021	
Region	**Members**	**Students**	**2021 Members**	**2021 Students**	**Member**	**Students**
Southern	227	67	224	18	-1.79%	272.22%
Australian	138	2	105	3	14.29%	-33.33%
Eastern	284	605	185	715	53.51%	-15.38%
European	65	6	70	8	-5.71%	-12.50%
Japan	34	0	37	0	-8.11%	0.0%
New Zealand	185	22	170	26	6.47%	-15.38%
Southern Africa	92	2	90	1	2.22%	100.0%
Western NA	173	31	120	17	44.17%	82.35%

The calendar of regional events for 2023 was presented.

- Western Region of NA: January 24 – 27, 2023
- Southern Africa Region: February 28 – March 3, 2023
- New Zealand Region: April 20 – 23, 2023
- Australia Region: May 24 – 27, 2023
- Eastern Region of NA: September 26 – 29, 2023
- Europe Region: October 11 – 13, 2023
- Japan Region: October 14 – 15, 2023
- Southern Region of NA: October 28 – November 1, 2023

Future International Tour Dates were presented:

2023 Southern Region of North America
2024 Southern Africa
2025 New Zealand
2026 Eastern Region of North America
2027 Australia
2028 Western Region of North America
2029 Europe
2030 Japan (if still a region, if not, add India here if a formal region by this time, if not, move back to SRNA and list above)

A new website committee was formed and will include Brie Arthur, David Sanford, and Antony Toledo, along with the Executive Director. This committee will assist the Executive Director with small decisions and issues with the website and present proposals for Board approval for larger projects with the website.

IV. Southern Africa International Tour

A PowerPoint presentation was sent out for the Tour and information will be uploaded by South Africa to the website soon. All board members were invited to the conference, especially to present new technology, techniques to run large nurseries, etc.

V. Treasurer's Report

The Investment Committee voted to move extra money from the checking account into the Vanguard Investments, which allowed us to reach over $300,000 in the accounts. The committee will rebalance the percentages for holdings soon.

One sponsor chose not to re-sponsor this year but may join back in next year. All other sponsorships have remained the same and checks have been received and dispersed.

Discussion regarding whether International should assist regions in the case of an International Tour being cancelled due to pandemics, wars, natural disasters, etc. International has a sufficient monetary reserve that the Board has stated during the meeting that they are willing to provide support if an International Tour has to be cancelled due to extreme circumstances after deposits were submitted. Each would be decided on a case by case basis.

The International Office explained that International by-laws state that International will pay for airfare for the International Delegate for the International Tour. Tony Van der Staay proposed that we only pay International Delegate for coach airfare. Seconded by David Sanford. Unanimously approved.

VI. Editor's Report

The editor reported there were more papers and regions represented than previously with a total of 56 papers, 397 pages compared to 35 papers and 241 pages in 2022.

Each region needs an editor who submits papers within two months of their Annual Conference. Encourage regions to submit for the International Editor to edit and return for author confirmation.

The Board needs to decide whether to continue with Curran Publishing, whether to pay for DOI through Curran, and how to make our Proceedings papers more visible through online searches.

Action Item: Curran Publishing contract; DOI through Curran (or other options through our website company)

VII. Regional Directors Reports

All documents listed below in the Minutes.

VIII. Committee Reports

a. Education Committee

The Education Committee met to discuss the best way for International to support regions who are hosting the International Tour in regards to the exchange recipients.

The committee proposed that International pay for the short-tour for the respective exchange student each year. This amount who change each year but is potentially easier than reimbursing receipts and can be budgeted for by International.

Laura Miller motioned that International pay for the short tour for the International Tour for the respective exchange participant each year. Seconded by Jason Myburgh. Motion unanimously approved.

IX. Other Reports

Southern Region of North America is going to have a strategic planning session and membership drive for 2024. Several other regions have been working on strategic planning and/or membership drives.

China and India discussion showed that there is still potential but neither has moved forward at this point or has willing representation on the Board yet.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM. The next meeting will be in person in October during the International Tour.

October Meeting – In Person
December 5, 2023 at 4:30 PM Eastern Time

Reports for June Board Meetings

Australia Regional Report

IPPS International - Regional Report

Date: may 31st 2023	**Region: australia**	
REGIONAL OFFICERS		
Position	**Name**	**e-mail**
International Director	Tony vander staay	tvanders@westlandnurseries.com.au
President	Bruce higgs	Bruce.higgs@bigpond.com
Secretary	Pam berryman	Secretary.australia@ipps.org
Treasurer	James burnett	Jab34200@gmail.com
Editor	Ranjith Pathirana	Ranjith.panhirana@adeliade.edu.au
Alternate Int Director	Bruce Higgs	
MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS		
Type	**Current Year**	**Previous Year**
Basic individual	125	105
Student	2	3
First time		
Retired	8	
Honorary	5	3
Multiple membership		
Primary member		
1st additional		
2nd additional		
3rd additional		
4th additional		
Comments:		
EVENTS		
Field trips, workshops, seminars, area meetings		
Date	**Event Name**	**Attendance**
November 22	Natural area nursery western australia	50
Feb 23	**Westland nurseries, Tasmania**	**120**
Feb 23	**Tafe college, adeliade, sth. Australia**	**50**
These field days where the result of a strategy meeting held in July 22, Which was attend by the board with some invited members for in put. The meeting was held at the goldcoast on the queensland border. It is hoped that more area meetings will be held in different areas over the next few months		
Annual Conferences		
Main organizer	Clive Larkman, Dermot Molloy	
Date	24th/27th may 23	
Venue	Novotel, geelong victoria	
Attendance	Total	127
	Members	64

	Non-members	29
	Speakers, members	3
	Speakers, non-members	5
Number of papers		8
No. of proceeding papers		
Tours	Pre-tour	26
	Conference tour	56
	Post-tour	
Comments: We had a great range of members from around Australia, with 4 from New Caledonia, 1 from China, what was really good the number of new faces and younger people attending for the first time, hopefully we maintain the initiative.		
Next conference	Date	May 22-24, 2024
	Venue	RSL club, Ballina New South Wales
	Pre-tour	Yes to be arranged
	Conference tour	
	Post-tour	
Comments:		
COMMUNICATION		
Item	**Comments**	
Newsletters	Quarterly , electronic and hard copy Dan Austin is our magazine editor	
Website	Looking into recreating own region site	
Facebook	820 spread equally between m/f	
LinkedIn		
Twitter/instagram	100	
Comments: At this conference we confirmed that Zoe Williams will become our facebook/Instagram Face, she is young and very enthusiastic .		
AWARDS		
Item	**Comments**	
Rod Tallis award	Elliot Akintolia	
Honorary life memberships	Peter Waugh Peter Ollerenshaw	
Award of Honour	Ray Doherty	
Comments:		
EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES / SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS		
Item	**Comments**	
South African exchange	We hosted Sizwe Ndabeni from south African region, and we sent Stephania Hastie to South africa	
Comments:		
General		

As a region we are slowly rebuilding our following, and feel quite encourage by the positive attendance at Geelong.

Date: June 8, 2023	**Region: Eastern Region, North America**	
REGIONAL OFFICERS		
Position	**Name**	**e-mail**
International Director	David Sanford	dls30@psu.edu
President	Liz Dunham	liz@knighthollownursery.com
Secretary	Savanah Tanner	ippseasternregion@gmail.com
Treasurer	Savanah Tanner	ippseasternregion@gmail.com
Editor	Charles Heuser *Retiring 6/30/2023	Cwh2@psu.edu
Alternate Int Director	Keith Osborne	KOsborne@walkerind.com
MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS		
Type	**Current Year**	**Previous Year**
Basic individual	284	181
Student	605	715
First time	NA	NA
Retired	NA	NA
Honorary	NA	NA
Multiple membership		
Primary member	NA	NA
1st additional		
2nd additional		
3rd additional		
4th additional		
Comments: The Eastern Region will begin using the recurring payment system for the 2024 Membership year.		
EVENTS		
Field trips, workshops, seminars, area meetings		
Date	**Event Name**	**Attendance**
7/24/2023	Area Meeting: hosted by Jeff Kurtz and Spring Meadow	45 expected, capacity for 80
TBA	microMeetings will return this summer, date TBA	Expected: 20-25
Comments: Area meeting to be hosted by Spring Meadows in July 2023. microMeetings to resume in summer, TBA.		
Annual Conferences		
Main organizer	Mark Bridgen and Liz Dunham	
Date	September 26-30, 2022	
Venue	Hyatt Regency Long Island	
Attendance	Total	128
	Members	112
	Non-members	16
	Speakers, members	3
	Speakers, non-members	8

Number of papers		0
No. of proceeding papers		0
Tours	Pre-tour	Attendees enjoyed in person visits to: Untermyer Gardens and Conservancy, Wave Hill Gardens, New York Botanical Gardens
	Conference tour	**Wednesday afternoon:** Eastern Long Island (Landcraft Environments, Half Hollow Nursery, Long Island Horticultural Research and Extension Center (LLIHREC) **Thursday afternoon:** Long Island Conference Tour West End (Planting Fields Arboretum, Old Westbury Gardens
	Post-tour	None
Comments: Mark Bridgen was the local site committee chair for the 2022 program. Liz Dunham was the Programming Chair.		
Next conference	Date	Sept. 26-29, 2023
	Venue	Sheraton Hamilton: 116 King St W, Hamilton, ON L8P 4V3, Canada
	Pre-tour	Two in-person pre-tours planned: Botany Tour: Whistling Gardens Winkelmolen Nurseries Lunch Royal Botanical Gardens Gage Park Greenhouses Grower Tour: Hillen Nurseries Canadale Nurseries Lunch Pieper Nurseries Norview Gardens
	Conference tour	Wednesday afternoon: Connon Nurseries Verbinnen Nurseries NVK Nurseries Thursday afternoon: Westbrook Greenhouse Systems Maple Leaf Nurseries J. C. Bakker Nurseries
	Post-tour	None
Comments:		

Keith Osborne and Todd Baker are the local site committee chair for the 2023 program. Matt Palmiere is the Programming Chair. Full details can be found on the IPPS ER website. Registration opened May 2023.

COMMUNICATION

Item	**Comments**
Newsletters	Monthly electronic newsletter
Website	Sec/Treas post news articles, events, job postings, etc.
Facebook	Sec/Treas posts to Facebook
LinkedIn	Sec/Treas manages
Twitter	Sec/Treas manages

Comments:

AWARDS

Item	**Comments**
2022 Award of Merit	Winston Dunwell
2022 Fellow Award	Shelby French
2023 Award of Merit	Will be announced September 2023
2023 Fellow Award	Will be announced September 2023

Comments:

EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES / SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS

Item	**Comments**
Student Conference Scholarships	The Membership Committee plans to offer Student Scholarships to the 2023 Annual Conference.
IPPS Eastern Region Foundation	The IPPS ER Foundation awarded $2,000 for the Research Grant to Jack Schaefer from University of Cincinnati. Hosting submissions for the Academic Scholarship due June 1, and Internships Funding for Workers and Students due July 1.
Poster Program	The Poster Program during the 2023 Annual Conference will include a contest for the best poster.

Comments:

General Comments:

Europe Regional Report

IPPS International - Regional Report

Date: 11.05.23	**Region: Europe**	
REGIONAL OFFICERS		
Position	**Name**	**e-mail**
International Director	Tim Lawrance-Owen	timlowenschi@gmail.com
President	Fokko zur Muhlen	Fokko@renke-zur-muehlen.de
Secretary	Pauline Sutton	Pauline.sutton@britishgrowers.org
Treasurer	Tim Lawrance-Owen	timlowenschi@gmail.com
Editor		
Alternate Int Director		
MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS		
Type	**Current Year**	**Previous Year**
Basic individual	39	47
Student	6	12
First time		
Retired	8	7
Honorary	1	1
Multiple membership		
Primary member	6	13
1st additional	6	13
2nd additional	4	9
3rd additional	1	1
4th additional		
Comments:		
EVENTS		
Field trips, workshops, seminars, area meetings		
Date	**Event Name**	**Attendance**
Comments:		
Annual Conferences		
Main organizer	Fokko zur Muhlen	
Date	12 & 13 October 2022	
Venue	Bad Zwischenahn, Germany	
Attendance	Total	48
	Members	35
	Non-members	13
	Speakers, members	16 – do not have split of members/non members
	Speakers, non-members	
Number of papers		
No. of proceeding papers	12	
Tours	Pre-tour	1
	Conference tour	2
	Post-tour	1
Comments:		
Next conference	Date	11-13 October 2023

	Venue	Denmark & Sweden
	Pre-tour	1
	Conference tour	3
	Post-tour	
Comments:		
COMMUNICATION		
Item	**Comments**	
Newsletters	Pauline Sutton	
Website	Rachel Kemp	
Facebook	Rachel Kemp	
LinkedIn	Rachel Kemp	
Twitter		
Comments:		
AWARDS		
Item	**Comments**	
Rose Bowl Award 2022	Awarded to Bent Jenson	
Comments:		
EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES / SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS		
Item	**Comments**	
Erika Ramos, J Berry Nursery	Erika visited from 5th to 19th October, with visits around Chichester,2 days then Nottinghamshire for 3 days before travelling to N. Germany for the conference and tours.	
Louise Heissel, VUB Advisors, N. Germany	Travelled straight from delivering a presentation to join Southern Region for her Exchange trip	
Comments:		
General Comments: The Region is still recovering from the lack of meeting during Covid, but now has a young committee keen to further their involvement with managing IPPS here.		

Japan Regional Report

IPPS International - Regional Report

Date: 8 May 2023	**Region: JAPAN**	
REGIONAL OFFICERS		
Position	**Name**	**e-mail**
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Secretary	Akemi Mizutani	a.mizutani@verde-agribio.co.jp
Treasurer	Akemi Mizutani	a.mizutani@verde-agribio.co.jp
Editor	Masanori Tomita	tomita@ippsjapan.org
Alternate Int Director	Hiroki Ohashi	ohashi@agr.ehime-u.ac.jp
MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS		

Type	Current Year	Previous Year
Basic individual	34	37
Student		
First time		
Retired		
Honorary		
Multiple membership		
Primary member		
1st additional		
2nd additional		
3rd additional		
4th additional		
Comments:		

EVENTS

Field trips, workshops, seminars, area meetings		
Date	**Event Name**	**Attendance**
Comments:		

Annual Conferences		
Main organizer	Masaki Ochiai	
Date	22-23 Oct. 2022	
Venue	Gifu City Culture Center	
Attendance	Total	21
	Members	16
	Non-members	5
	Speakers, members	7
	Speakers, non-members	5
Number of papers	7	
No. of proceeding papers	5	
Tours	Pre-tour	
	Conference tour	23 Oct. 2023
	Post-tour	
Comments:		
Next conference	Date	14. Oct. 2023
	Venue	Omihachiman City, Shiga Pref.
	Pre-tour	
	Conference tour	15 Oct. 2023
	Post-tour	
Comments:		

COMMUNICATION

Item	**Comments**
Newsletters	No.70
Website	IPPS (ippsjapan.org)
Facebook	
LinkedIn	
Twitter	
Comments:	

AWARDS

Item	**Comments**

Comments:	
EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES / SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS	
Item	**Comments**
Comments:	
General Comments: The number of members continues to decline, and even if we hold an annual convention, neither people nor papers will gather. In 2025, we plan to close the region with a dissolution party instead of an annual meeting or general meeting.	

New Zealand Regional Report

IPPS International - Regional Report

Date: 12/05/23	**Region: New Zealand**	
REGIONAL OFFICERS		
Position	**Name**	**e-mail**
International Director	Antony Toledo	antony@multiflora.co.nz
President	Lisa Burton	lisab@op.ac.nz
Secretary	Katy Kerr	Katy332@gmail.com
Treasurer	Shirley Ogilvy	shirley@bruntwoodnurseries.co.nz
Editor	Jill Reader	jill@currantaffairs.com
Alternate Int Director	Lisa Burton	lisab@op.ac.nz
MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS		
Type	**Current Year**	**Previous Year**
Basic individual	181	197
Student	22	21
First time	13	
Retired		
Honorary	4	4
Multiple membership		
Primary member		
1st additional		
2nd additional		
3rd additional		
4th additional		
Comments:		
EVENTS		
Field trips, workshops, seminars, area meetings		
Date	**Event Name**	**Attendance**
17-19 of February 2023	Molesworth Station-Hamner Springs	Limited to 18 people
Date ? 2023	Catlin coast- Invercargill	
October 2023	Kimbolton/Palmerston North	

4th to 7th February 2024	Chatham Islands	
Comments:		
Annual Conferences		
Main organizer	Antony Toledo	
Date	April 20 to April 23, 2023	
Venue	Parnell Hotel & Conference Centre	
Attendance	Total	101
	Members	91
	Non-members	10
	Speakers, members	11
	Speakers, non-members	3
Number of papers		12
No. of proceeding papers		6-8 (to be confirmed)
Tours	Pre-tour	no
	Conference tour	Visiting 6 Nurseries
	Post-tour	no
Comments:		
Next conference	Date	April 4th -7th 2024
	Venue	Grosvenor Hotel
	Pre-tour	Yes, details to be advised
	Conference tour	Yes, details to be advised
	Post-tour	Yes, details to be advised
Comments: Location is Timaru, South Island		
COMMUNICATION		
Item	**Comments**	
Newsletters	Good open rates	
Website	Some good feedback	
Facebook		
LinkedIn		
Twitter		
Comments:		
AWARDS		
Item	**Comments**	
Award of Merit	Jack Hobbs	
John Follet Award of Recognition	Terry Hatch	
Comments:		
EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES / SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS		
Item	**Comments**	
Western Region & New Zealand exchange	International conferences 2024	
4 Pack Awards	Recipients, Clayton Hart, Jake Linklater, Allie McKay, Russell Elliot-O'Neil	

Comments: 4 Pack : Successful applicants have their conference registration, transport and accommodation provided for free plus they get to keep their four pack apparel and receive one year's membership to the IPPS New Zealand region
General Comments: All conferences/field trips well attended and enjoyed, registrations completed via google forms, this is a great time saver. Annual Conferences, 2024 – Timaru, as above 2025 – International Conference, Taranaki 8th – 11th May 2025 2026 – Hamner Springs 2027 – Bay of Islands

Southern Region of North America Regional Report

IPPS International - Regional Report

Date: 5/4/2023	**Region: Southern Region, NA**	
REGIONAL OFFICERS		
Position	**Name**	**e-mail**
International Director	Laura Miller	lmmiller@ag.tamu.edu
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Secretary	Donna Foster	scplant@bellsouth.net
Treasurer	Donna Foster	scplant@bellsouth.net
Editor	Dr. Fred Davies	f-davies@tamu.edu
Alternate Int Director	Mrs. Brie Arthur	brie@briegrows.com
MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS		
Type	**Current Year**	**Previous Year**
Basic individual	220	270
Student	67	19
First time	28	25
Retired	0	0
Honorary	7 (not included in 220)	7 (not included in 270)
Multiple membership		
Primary member		

1st additional		
2nd additional		
3rd additional		
4th additional		
Comments:		
EVENTS		
Field trips, workshops, seminars, area meetings		
Date	**Event Name**	**Attendance**
Comments:		
Annual Conferences		
Main organizer	Dr. Elizabeth Riley	
Date	October 28-Nov 1, 2023	
Venue	DoubleTree Hotel Raleigh-Durham Airport, Durham, NC	
Attendance	Total	TBA
	Members	
	Non-members	
	Speakers, members	
	Speakers, non-members	
Number of papers		TBA
No. of proceeding papers		TBA
Tours	Pre-tour	yes
	Conference tour	yes
	Post-tour	
Comments:		
Next conference	Date	October 26-30, 2024
	Venue	Hyatt Regency Tulsa, Tulsa, OK
	Pre-tour	yes
	Conference tour	yes

	Post-tour	
Comments:		
COMMUNICATION		
Item	**Comments**	
Newsletters	E-newsletter	
Website	yes	
Facebook	yes	
LinkedIn	no	
Twitter	no	
Comments:		
AWARDS		
Item	**Comments**	
Fellows	TBA for 2023	
Sydney B. Meadows Award of Merit	TBA for 2023	
Student Research Competition	TBA for 2023	
Comments:		
EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES / SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS		
Item	**Comments**	
Coach Vince Dooley Student Scholarship	TBA New for 2023	
Vivian Munday Young Horticulture Professional Scholarship Work Program	TBA for 2023	
Margie Jenkins SR-IPPS Industry Scholarship Award	TBA for 2023	
Exchange Program with European Region	TBA for 2023	
Comments:		
General Comments:		

Southern African Regional Report

Date: 31 May 2023		**Region: Southern Africa**
REGIONAL OFFICERS		
Position	**Name**	**e-mail**
International Director	Jason Myburgh	jason@atnursery.co.za
President	Dr.Miranda Deutschlander	deutsms@unisa.ac.za
Secretary	Callan Cyster	secretary.ippssa@gmail.com
Treasurer	Gaye Thorpe	treasurer.ippssa@gmail.com
Editor	Elsa du Toit	elsa.dutoit@up.ac.za
Alternate Int Director	Elsa du Toit	elsa.dutoit@up.ac.za
MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS		
Type	**Current Year**	**Previous Year**
Basic individual	37	35
Student	2	1
First time		
Retired		
Honorary		
Multiple membership		
Primary member	20	20
1st additional	20	20
2nd additional	11	10
3rd additional	4	4
4th additional		
Comments:		
EVENTS		
Field trips, workshops, seminars, area meetings		
Date	**Event Name**	**Attendance**
TBA	Winter Workshop	For IPPS Members
Comments: We are planning hosting a Winter Workshop in Cape Town for our IPPS Members, the date and Topics will be announce as soon as it is set.		
Annual Conferences		
Main organizer	Gaye Thorpe, Dr.Miranda Deutschlander	
Date	28th February 2023 to 3rd March 2023	
Venue	To Strand Resort Kwazulu-Natal	
Attendance	Total	43
Members	25	

Non-members	12	
Speakers, members	2	
Speakers, non-members	6	
Number of papers	6	
No. of proceeding papers		
Tours	Pre-tour	41
Conference tour	43	

Western Region of North America Regional Report

IPPS International - Regional Report

Date: 05/04/2023	**Region: Western Region of North America**	
REGIONAL OFFICERS		
Position	**Name**	**e-mail**
International Director	Jim McConnell	Jim.mcconnel@gmail.com
President	Tony Shireman	ashireman@gmail.com
ary	Alex Simmons	Alex@agamsi.com
Treasurer	Alex Simmons	Alex@agamsi.com
Editor	Ryan Stewart	Ryan.stewart@byu.edu
Alternate Int Director	Gayle Suttle	grlsuttle@gmail.com
MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS		
Type	**Current Year (2023)**	**Previous Year (2022)**
Basic individual	120	100
Student	31	23
First time		
Retired	5	3
Honorary		
Multiple membership		
Primary member	22	18
1st additional	26	18
2nd additional		
3rd additional		
4th additional		
Total	**204**	**162**
Comments: based on Paid Members		
EVENTS		
Field trips, workshops, seminars, area meetings		
Date	**Event Name**	**Attendance**
Comments:		
Annual Conferences –January 2023		

Main organizer	Tony Shireman	
Date	January 24th-27th, 2023	
Venue	Holiday Inn, Wilsonville, Oregon	
Attendance	Total	131
	Members	82
	Non-members	49
	Speakers, members	7
	Speakers, non-members	4
Number of papers		TBA
No. of proceeding papers		TBA
Tours	Pre-tour	Tuesday, January 24, 2023 Chemeketa Community College Alpha Nursery Peoria Gardens Smith Hort Farm
	Conference tour	January 26-27, 2023 North American Plants Robinson Nursery Monrovia Nursery Smith Gardens North Willamette Research Extension Center (NWREC) Little Prince Nursery
	Post-tour	N/A
Comments:		
Next conference	Date	Jan 22-26, 2024
	Venue	Pechanga Resort, Temecula, CA
	Pre-tour	TBD
	Conference tour	TBD
	Post-tour	N/A
Comments: Committee Chair: Glenn Enomoto, 1st VP		

COMMUNICATION

Item	**Comments**
Newsletters	Bi-monthly
Website	https://wna.ipps.org/
Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/ippswr
LinkedIn	https://www.linkedin.com/groups/3260989/
Twitter	https://twitter.com/Ippswr
Instagram	https://www.instagram.com/ipps_westernregion/

Comments:
Managed by Secretary-Treasurer, Alex Simmons.

AWARDS

Item	**Comments**
2023 President's Citation	Awarded to Gail Gredler by President Douglas Justice at the 2023 Banquet

Comments:

EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES / SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS	
Item	**Comments**
Bruce Briggs Memorial Scholarship (BBMS)	Five out of six students that were awarded BBMS scholarships accepted their 2023 prizes. One student was unable to attend the conference, citing a family emergency. Three recipients are from Oregon, one from New Mexico, and one from British Columbia.
Comments: The BBMS is being administered by grants chair Laurie Rogers-Roach.	
General Comments:	

Investment Committee Report

International Plant Propagator's Society Investment Committee Report

Date: June 8, 2023
Total Value of Investments on June 8, 2023 - $306,742.03

Committee: Chair Tom Saunders, Members- Alan Jones (2020-2023 second term), Todd Jones (2020-2023 second term), Bill Barnes (2020-2023 first term) David Cliff (2022-2025 first term)

Date of Next Scheduled Committee Meeting: September 12, 2023

Investment Allocation: The committee makes allocation adjustments as needed to maintain Investment Policy recommendations. On May 31, 2023, the profile was apportioned with 70% invested in three growth and income-producing equity index funds: Vanguard Growth & Income Fund, Vanguard Total Stock Mkt. Index and Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund, and two fixed asset funds with 13.2% in Bonds and 16.8% in Short Term Reserves.

Performance:
Vanguard Growth & Income Fund YTD -6.40%
Vanguard Total Stock Mkt. Index Fund YTD + 2.13%
Vanguard Total INTL Stock Index Admiral YTD -1.14%
Vanguard Total Bond Mkt. Index Fund YTD - 4.20%
Vanguard Federal Money Mkt. Fund YTD + .09%
S&P 500 Index YTD +11.15%

Dividends received YTD $1746.11

Committee Actions and Evaluations:
Executive Director Katie McDavid reported during the February 16th Zoom meeting that there were no large upcoming expenditures that would require a withdrawal of funds from the Investment account. Katie also reported that the funds in the checking account were greater than the anticipated needs of the Society for the coming year. During the May 9 th meeting the committee agreed to transfer $44,000 from the bank checking account into the Vanguard investment account. The committee will balance the portfolio's targeted allocations at our next meeting. It was also noted that the committee does not make investment decisions based on actual or anticipated short-term market fluctuations, reaffirming a three-to-five-year focus in making investment decisions.

Committee recommendations:
With the appointment of David Cliff following last year's June 2022 board meeting, the committee is now composed of members with staggered terms, which will help assure stability as longer serving members rotate off. However, it should be noted that two current committee members are serving in their second term, so new committee members need to be recruited.