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MINUTES FOR INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONFERENCE CALL
Tuesday, December 7, 2021 – 4:00 p.m. Eastern USA Time

ATTENDANCE

	Delegate		Alternate	
Australia	John Messina		Tony Van der Staay	√
Eastern Region NA	Bill Barnes	√	Steve Castorani	√
Europe	Tim Lawrance-Owen ¹	√	Ben Gregory	
Japan	Peter Waugh	√	Hiroaki Ohashi	
New Zealand	Richard Beaumont	√	Antony Toledo	√
Southern Region NA	Tom Saunders ²	√	Laura Miller	√
Southern Africa	Elsa du Toit	√	Jason Myburgh	
Western Region NA	Dharam Sharma	√	Jim McConnell	√
Staff	Bob Geneve ³	√	Katie McDavid ⁴	√
President; VP	Douglas Justice	√	Akemi Mizutani	√

¹Chair

²Treasurer

³Intl Editor

⁴Intl Director

I. **Welcome and Call to Order**

Tim Lawrance-Owen

Meeting was called to order at 4:05PM by Tim Lawrance-Owen. Apologizes for absence were received prior to the meeting from John Messina. Brie Arthur was also in attendance. She will begin as alternate for Southern Region of NA in 2022.

II. **Approval of Minutes**

Tim Lawrance-Owen

Motion to approve minutes from September 14, 2021 conference call meeting was made by Douglas Justice and seconded by Tony Van der Staay.

Action Items will be discussed later during the International Office Report, long-range planning committee report and position updates.

Action Items

- i. Website Items – Katie McDavid
 1. In-Memoriam
 2. “Front Matter” of Proceedings
 3. Links for “home page” to “regional home”
- ii. IPPS formal documents address change – Katie McDavid
- iii. Committee updates – Katie McDavid
- iv. Long-range planning to consider financial assistance, if necessary, due to cancellations or issues arising for International Tours
- v. President and Vice President motion to update positions to those hosting the upcoming International Tours

III. **International Office Report**

Katie McDavid

Katie McDavid started with action items. The In-Memoriam for 2021 has been added to the website under the “About” tab. She will be working to improve it with photos and past years’ in-memoriam pages.

The “front matter” of the Proceedings will be added for 2022 and then working backwards (it will take a while to retype all of the old Proceedings front matter files as no one has them digitalized).

Action Item: “Front Matter” from Proceedings to be added to website

The link for the home page and regional home are still on our to-do list for the developer.

Action Item: Home Page vs Regional Home Page link changes on website

The lawyer has been hired to change the official addresses from Pennsylvania to Connecticut.

The committee attachment is below. Dates were updated for meetings and presenting to the board.

Insurance for 2022 increased small amount from \$1,719 in 2021 to \$1,765.64 in 2022 (same \$1 million in limits and \$5,000 deductible). Request approval to renew insurance. Motioned by Tom, seconded by Douglas, approved unanimously.

A vote was also taken on the 2022 International Award of Honor. As there will once again be no International Tour, an at-large request for nominations will be asked. Tony Van der Staay thinks we should by-pass this year. Bob Geneve disagrees and thinks we should take all opportunities to celebrate the people in our society. Richard Beaumont agrees we should still award one. Douglas Justice believes that the regional Award of Honor is potentially an advantage of having the region gets to celebrate and nominate the person (agreed by Elsa du Toit). Bill Barnes commented that Alan Jones received the award from Eastern Region in 2021 so Eastern Region should abstain from a nomination to give other regions opportunity. Tom Saunders suggested the same for Southern Region due to their awardee in 2023. Motion by Peter Waugh to ask for nominations at-large from all regions specifically for 2022 and seconded by Laura Miller. Approved by all except Tony Van der Staay.

Action Item: Katie to Request nominations from all regions; Vote in March for 2022 Recipient

Katie started a discussion regarding regional virtual videos and whether they should be available for all for free, available to members, etc. For example, Eastern Region of NA held their Annual Conference both online and in-person. Fees were charged for both. All presentations will be available in the Proceedings in paper form as in the past. The question is whether a region should immediately release any virtual content (paid or free) to the International membership.

International may need to create recommendations regarding worldwide membership access to any digital content. A balanced approach should be considered that encourages regions to create virtual content (even if it comes at a physical cost) while also respecting those who pay to attend a virtual event (and allowing a region to recoup their investment) and their expectations to have a reasonable amount of time to view the content before it is free to all IPPS membership. All worldwide membership should have access to the videos.

Brie stated that she does a lot of similar videos where each presentation costs \$10 for access for 30 days. Bob Geneve thinks it should be submitted to the International website and get formatted similar to the NA Summit and be available for all members.

Douglas Justice stated that the cost of production for videos needs to be factored in as a new added cost.

The discussion has been tabled for a sub-committee at a future, yet undetermined, date.

IV. Editor's Report

Bob Geneve

Eastern and Southern have had meetings, 14 - 16 papers in Eastern, 18 in Southern, 3 from New Zealand.

Bill Barnes reminded everyone that anyone can submit a paper from a region even if they did not have a meeting.

Tim Lawrance-Owen stated that there will not be written papers from European Nursery Tours and Bob commented that the European video tours should be presented in the Proceedings.

V. Regional Directors Reports

Peter Waugh stated that Japan is still preparing and hoping for a conference next year. Peter stated everything has been remaining consistent for the past few months in the region.

No other regional comments were made.

VI. Treasurer's Report & Finance/Investment Committee & Sponsorship Committee

Tom Saunders

Regarding investments, Tom stated that nothing has raised a red flag to the Finance Committee. Speaking in regard to the budget, insurance did increase but nothing else has changed much. Sponsorship income for International should be around \$9,000 for 2022.

In regards to sponsorship, NA sponsors paid \$8,500 in 2020 with \$1,000 of it going to International and the remaining \$7,500 split equally (\$2,500) between Eastern, Southern, and Western Regions of NA. This will remain the same. As a note, no companies renewed sponsorship in 2021 due to Covid limiting IPPS activities and therefore sponsorship exposure.

Originally, it was suggested that International sponsors contribute \$10,000 direct to International. However, the concern is that if an existing North American sponsor

increases their sponsorship to the International level, the three NA regions would lose \$2,500 per company in sponsorship money since many large companies were already sponsoring regions at some level. Tom has suggested we change the International sponsorship to be split equally between the three NA regions and International (each receiving \$2,500) to keep sponsor income to the NA regions similar to the past. A new IPPS sponsor would still send their \$10,000 to International.

VII. Committee Reports

a. Communications and Marketing Committee

Katie McDavid

- i. **Website Updates – discussed earlier**
- ii. **Zoom Webinar License**
Renew International Webinar License

Katie stated that the European Region utilized the webinar license once while Eastern Region utilized it for their microMEETINGS and Annual Conference. For almost \$1,500, International must decide whether they will continue paying for the license. The license expires in June 2022.

Bob Geneve commented that if we expect regions to share all virtual content with all membership, it may be beneficial that International assist in paying for the license.

Action Item: Vote on Zoom Webinar License renewal at next meeting

Revenue Sharing and Virtual Meetings

This will be revisited in March when a decision will be made regarding renewing the International webinar license.

iii. Privacy Policy Updates

Katie McDavid

Comments were requested for the Privacy Policy sent last year and again before this meeting. The updated policy was mainly to distribute to regions for comments.

iv. International Virtual Summit

Bill Barnes

Bill Barnes collected videos from Eastern Region of NA, Southern Region of NA, Australia, India and Thailand (through Western Region of NA). Europe has video tours on their website that could also be used. Bill has not heard from other regions regarding sharing videos to compile into a cohesive video to share on our website. This would be promoted as a compilation of videos from 2021 in place of an actual event with a specific time.

Bill Barnes stated that he would like to propose that we hire Stephanie Stockton (ERNA Executive Secretary) to assist for around 10 hours (at \$55/hour) to assist him in creating the virtual content for the International Virtual Summit. The plan was for the videos to be formatted and uploaded to the website for all membership to view.

Bob Geneve believes anything we can work on to parallel to the Proceedings is a good thing. He would like to know how often the NA Summit videos

were utilized by membership. He also mentioned we need to decide whether we want to watermark or add sponsors to all videos listed on our website.

Action Items: Katie to pull data on video usage on the website – as note, Katie has pulled these numbers already and there have been 445 views of the NA Summit videos between December 2020 video launch date and mid-December 2021

Tim Lawrance-Owen suggested we promote this as an event as people may be more likely to visit the site and view them if it is launched on a specific day and time.

Brie Arthur suggested we need to charge something for access to these videos as people don't see value in free events and items, proven by our YouTube subscriptions which is under 25 people with only 17 views.

Bill Barnes reminded everyone this is a short-term solution to the pandemic to provide additional information from the world to members. Bob Geneve stated this is something that young people want to consume and is something we need to consider for the future and a potential International special Zoom or video event. One issue is that our videos are too long for young people and Richard Beaumont stated that we need to have small tidbits of topics (how to pick a seed, how to clean it, etc.).

Brie Arthur stated we need to have a communications committee at the International level that includes the YouTube channel, big events like this, the International Newsletter, etc. Bob Geneve stated the Education Committee worked on the relationship between regions to share interns and information but that we should consider creating a communications committee in place of the education committee. Tim Lawrance-Owen invited Brie to join the Long-Range Planning Committee as they would be tasked with this topic.

Tom Saunders recommended that Bill create a couple videos that the Board can review before we spend the money on Stephanie to create a full set of videos. Bill has some videos from Tony Van der Staay and he will send them to the Board to review and make comments.

Steve Castorani stated we need to review the entire process: how to market this, how to disseminate the videos, what the benefits of different options may be, etc. Bob Geneve asked whether we are going to peer-review videos before they get posted or if this is a one-time review of the videos. Brie reminded everyone that all digital content must have signed waivers for all of this content and this is a much bigger discussion that needs to be covered at another time.

b. Strategic Planning Committee

Tony Van der Staay

The committee held a Zoom conference on November 16, 2021. Douglas Justice, Steve Castorani, Tony Van der Staay all met and reviewed what was previously done on the Strategic Plan but feel it is a long-term process that requires a facilitator and being done face-to-face as Zoom will be nearly impossible.

c. **Other Updates**

Dharam Sharma

Dharam Sharma reminded everyone of the upcoming virtual events the India region will be holding in cooperation with IPPS. He suggested sharing the flyer and encouraged involvement. Katie McDavid stated she has already sent the flyer to all secretaries to disperse and will send a new email to all Board Members and the secretaries again once a registration link is available.

VIII. Officers for 2022

Tim Lawrance-Owen thanked Douglas Justice and Akemi Mizutani for their work as President and Vice President, respectively.

IX. New Business: 2022 Meeting Dates

March 8, 2022

June 14, 2022

September 13, 2022

December 6, 2022

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38PM.

Reports for December 2021 Board Meetings

Australia Regional Report

Date: 21.11.21		Region: Australia
REGIONAL OFFICERS		
Position	Name	e-mail
International Director	John Messina	Johnmessina30@gmail.com
President	Tony VanderStaay	tvanders@westlandnurseries.com.au
Secretary	Pam Berryman	pam@ipps.org.au
Treasurer	James Burnett	Jab342000@gmail.com
Editor	Clive Larkman	larkman@larkmannurseries.com.au
Alternate Int Director	Tony VanderStaay	tvanders@westlandnurseries.com.au
MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS		
Type	Current Year	Previous Year
Basic individual	110	134
Student	1	1
First time	12	6
Retired	3	2
Honorary	3	3
Multiple membership		
Primary member		
1 st additional		
2 nd additional		
3 rd additional		
4 th additional		
Comments:		
EVENTS		
Field trips, workshops, seminars, area meetings – NIL due to COVID19		

Date	Event Name	Attendance
<u>Comments:</u>		
Annual Conferences – NIL due to COVID19		
Main organizer		
Date		
Venue		
Attendance	Total	
	Members	
	Non-members	
	Speakers, members	
	Speakers, non-members	
Number of papers		
No. of proceeding papers		
Tours	Pre-tour	
	Conference tour	
	Post-tour	
<u>Comments:</u>		
Next conference	Date	4.05.2022
	Venue	Fairmont Resort & Spa
	Pre-tour	TBC
	Conference tour	TBC
	Post-tour	Nil
<u>Comments:</u>		
COMMUNICATION		
Item	Comments	
Newsletters	Quarterly 'The Propagator'	
Website	www.ipps.org	
Facebook	IPPS – Young Propagators	
LinkedIn	Yes	
Twitter	Yes	
<u>Comments:</u>		
AWARDS		
Item	Comments	
NIL due to COVID19		
<u>Comments:</u>		
EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES / SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS		
Item	Comments	
NIL due to COVID19		
<u>Comments:</u> Looking forward to 2022 IPPS 50year celebration conference		
<u>General Comments:</u>		

Eastern Region Regional Report

Date: December 1, 2021	Region: Eastern Region of North America	
REGIONAL OFFICERS		
Position	Name	e-mail
International Director	Steve Castorani	steve@northcreeknurseries.com
President	Todd Baker	Todd@bakersnursery.ca
Secretary	Stephanie Stockton	ippser@gmail.com
Treasurer	Stephanie Stockton	ippser@gmail.com
Editor	Charles Heuser	cwh2@psu.edu
Alternate Int Director	Bill Barnes	barnhortservices@gmail.com
MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS		
Type	Current Year	Previous Year
Basic individual	224	221
Student	950	617
First time	Not applicable	N/A
Retired	0	0
Honorary	1	0
<i>Multiple membership</i>		
Primary member	Not applicable	
1 st additional		
2 nd additional		
3 rd additional		
4 th additional		
<u>Comments:</u>		
EVENTS		
Field trips, workshops, seminars, area meetings		
Below is a list of microMEETINGS (webinars) that were held.		
Date	Event Name	Attendance
November 12, 2020	Seed Cleaning and Processing at Yew Gardens-Paul Cappiello	116 registered, 79 attendees
December 3, 2020	Conifer Production at Foxborough Nursery Inc.-Dave Thompson	128 registered, 91 attendees
December 17, 2020	IPPS ER Foundation-Supporting the Future of Horticulture-Brian Decker	26 registered, 25 attendees
February 25, 2021	What Did Arnold Promise? -Tim Brotzman	170 registered, 137 attendees
March 10, 2021	Greenland Nursery and Bartram’s garden Greenhouse and Nursery-Dan Feeser	70 Registered, 39 attendees
June 30, 2021	Connecting Plants with Customers-Mark Wessel	26 Registered, 20 attendees
July 22, 2021	Rooted in-Spring Meadow Nursery-Jeff Kurtz	96 Registered, 58 attendees
January 20, 2022	Trees for Bees, Bill Hendricks, Klyn Nurseries	Registration opens soon
<u>Comments:</u> All of the microMEETINGS can be found and viewed on the Eastern Region Website. Registration for these events were free. There has been interested in professors showing these seminars to their students. These events were held virtually on the zoom platform.		

A schedule for the January-March, 2022 microMEETINGS will soon be announced.		
Annual Conferences		
Main organizer	Kim Shearer and Kris Bachtell, The Morton Arboretum (Local Site Chairs) Todd Baker, Baker Nurseries, Programming Chair	
Date	September 28-October 1, 2021	
Venue	The Morton Arboretum	
Attendance	Total	60 people in person, 45 online
	Members	100 members
	Non-members	5 non members
	Speakers, members	6
	Speakers, non-members	5
Number of papers		To be determined
No. of proceeding papers		To be determined
Tours	Pre-tour	In person visits to Local nurseries and the Lurie Garden in Chicago
	Conference tour	Virtual tours were shared of 5 member nurseries
	Post-tour	In-person tour to Chicago Botanic Garden
Comments: The great majority of in-person attendees lived within driving distance. The online attendees were from as far away as New Zealand and some as close as 20 miles from the conference. This event was held virtually on the zoom platform.		
Next conference	Date	September 26-30, 2022
	Venue	Long Island, New York, USA
	Pre-tour	Manhattan, New York
	Conference tour	TBD
	Post-tour	TBD
Comments: Mark Bridgen is the local site committee chair.		
COMMUNICATION		
Item	Comments	
Newsletters	Monthly electronic newsletter	
Website	Sec/Treas post news articles, events, job postings, etc.	
Facebook	Sec/Treas post news articles, events	
LinkedIn	Sec/Treas post news articles, events	
Twitter		
Comments:		
AWARDS		
Item	Comments	
2020 Award of Merit	Brian Decker, Decker Nursery Company	
2020 Fellow Award	Bill Hendricks, Klyn Nurseries	
2021 Award of Merit	Bill Hendricks, Klyn Nurseries	
2021 Fellow Award	Margot Bridgen	
Comments: All four awards were presented during the 2021 Annual Conference.		
EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES / SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS		
Item	Comments	
IPPS Eastern Region Foundation	Offers scholarships, research grants, and support for internships.	
Comments:		
General Comments:		

Europe Regional Report

Date: 17.11.21	Region: Europe	
REGIONAL OFFICERS		
Position	Name	e-mail
International Director	Tim Lawrance-Owen	timlowenschi@gmail.com
President	Karl O'Neill	karl@bransfordwebbs.co.uk
Secretary	Tim Lawrance-Owen	timlowenschi@gmail.com
Honorary Treasurer	Tim Lawrance-Owen	timlowenschi@gmail.com
Editor		
Alternate Int Director		
MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS		
Type	Current Year	Previous Year
Basic individual	35	
Student	11	
First time		
Retired	6	
Honorary		
Multiple membership		
Primary member	10	
1 st additional	10	
2 nd additional	6	
3 rd additional	1	
4 th additional		
<u>Total</u>		
<u>Comments:</u>		
EVENTS		
Field trips, workshops, seminars, area meetings		
Date	Event Name	Attendance
19 August 2021	Nursery Tour	10
12 October 2021	Nursery Tour	23
2 November 2021	Nursery Tour	21
15 December 2021	Nursery Tour	
<u>Comments:</u>		
Annual Conferences – 2020 cancelled due to the pandemic		
Main organizer		
Date		
Venue		
	Total	0
	Members	
	Non-members	
	Speakers, members	
	Speakers, non-members	
Number of papers		
No. of proceeding papers		
Tours	Pre-tour	
	Conference tour	
	Post-tour	
<u>Comments:</u>		

Next conference	Date	11-14 October 2022
	Venue	Germany
	Pre-tour	Tbc
	Conference tour	Tbc
	Post-tour	tbc
<u>Comments:</u>		
COMMUNICATION		
Item	Comments	
Newsletters	Pauline Sutton	
Website	Rachel Kemp	
Facebook	Vicky Endersby	
LinkedIn	Vicky Endersby	
<u>Twitter</u>	<u>Vicky Endersby</u>	
<u>Comments:</u>		
AWARDS – N/A 2021 due to pandemic		
Item	Comments	
<u>Comments:</u>		
EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES / SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS		
Item	Comments	
<u>Comments:</u>		
<u>General Comments:</u>		
The pandemic has obviously had a huge impact on the 2020 and 2021 annual conferences, awards and exchange programmes, etc. Nursery Tours are being held via Zoom and uploaded onto the website.		

Japan Regional Report

As the year comes to an end, we can look back at 2021 through IPPS eyes and say it has been a year of forced changes. We are slowly getting use to the new norms of our modern way of life, with the looming thought of COVID 19 in our minds. That said we have all come through it. For me personally one saying comes to mind, “Necessity is the mother of invention.”

We are forced to think of new ways to do things, for example, the entire year consisted of ZOOM meetings as opposed to sitting down with the board face to face. This did make organization more challenging, but I think as a board we all pulled together. We unfortunately lost two long standing members, Clive Mullet and Magrietha Smidt, both to cancer earlier this year.

Due to extensive COVID 19 restrictions and health concerns, it was decided to cancel our 2021 conference.

With the strain of travel restrictions and no conference this year, we unfortunately saw a drop in membership, however, we hope to improve this in 2022 if the situation allows.

We are hoping to send our 2020 Exchange Student, Sizwe, to Australia if their conference materializes within the lockdown restrictions.

Despite the challenging year, it has been encouraging to see how resilient our industry is and that they are always willing to help one another.

I trust 2022 will be a year where many of our challenges can be overcome as we all get used to our new norm for 2022. One thing to remember is that this pandemic will pass, and we will all look back on it knowing we learnt to do things in new ways.

Thank you to all the other regions for their support as this has been an exceptionally tough year as IPPS board, but as a board we made it work.

I look forward to having a successful conference in 2022 and visiting some interesting nurseries and learning once again as we all do in the greater IPPS family!

Thank you very much to all our members and sponsors for making this year possible.

God bless and enjoy the growing experience.

Jason Myburgh
IPPS President
Southern African Region

New Zealand Regional Report

Date: 07.12.21		Region: New Zealand
REGIONAL OFFICERS		
Position	Name	e-mail
International Director	Richard Beaumont	richard@ardmorenurseries.co.nz
President	Antony Toledo	antony@multiflora.co.nz
Secretary	Glenys	gus@gusevans.co.nz
Treasurer	Shirley Ogilvy	shirley@bruntwoodnurseries.co.nz
Editor	Hayden Foulds Jill Reader	haydenfoulds@gmail.com jill@currantaffairs.com
Alternate Int Director	Antony Toledo	antony@multiflora.co.nz
MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS		
Type	Current Year	Previous Year
Basic individual	193	186
Student	32	27
First time		
Retired		
Honorary	4	
Multiple membership		
Primary member		
1 st additional		
2 nd additional		
3 rd additional		
4 th additional		
Comments:		

EVENTS		
Field trips, workshops, seminars, area meetings		
Date	Event Name	Attendance
03.09.21	Christchurch	Canceled
03.12.12	Whanganui	postponed
Feb 2022	Blenheim	
Comments: Always well attended and enjoyed. Registration is all done via google forms, this is a great time saving.		
Annual Conferences:		
Main organizer	Shirley Ogilvy	
Date	6-9 May	
Venue	Novotel Tainui, situated in the centre of Hamilton City	
Attendance	Total	134
	Members	
	Non-members	
	Speakers, members	14
	Speakers, non-members	4
Number of papers		
No. of proceeding papers		
Tours	Pre-tour	Hamilton Gardens
	Conference tour	Nurseries in the area
	Post-tour	-
Comments:		
Next conference	Date	28.04.22-01.05.22
	Venue	Invercargill
	Pre-tour	Catlins
	Conference tour	Nurseries in Southland
	Post-tour	Stewart Island / Rakiura
Comments: Most of the planning has been done as this was going to be held in 2020 but was postponed due to Covid.		
COMMUNICATION		
Item	Comments	
Newsletters	Good open rate of ~55%	
Website	Waiting on new one	
Facebook	349 followers	
LinkedIn	-	
Twitter	-	
Comments: Continuing with short video's to be uploaded on Facebook and youtube		
AWARDS		
Item	Comments	
Award of Merit	Grant Hayman	
JOHN FOLLETT	Lindsey Hatch	
Comments:		
EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES / SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS		
Item	Comments	
	Exploring the option of a internal exchange	
Comments:		
General Comments: NZ has had a long spring early summer lockdown resulting in not much activity		

Southern Region of North America Regional Report

Date: 11/22/2021	Region: Southern Region, NA	
REGIONAL OFFICERS		
Position	Name	e-mail
International Director	Laura Miller	lmiller@ag.tamu.edu
President	Bobby Green	bobby.green@greennurseries.com
Secretary	Donna Foster	scplant@bellsouth.net
Treasurer	Donna Foster	scplant@bellsouth.net
Editor	Dr. Fred Davies	f-davies@tamu.edu
Alternate Int Director	Brie Arthur	brienne.gluvna@gmail.com
MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS		
Type	Current Year	Previous Year
Basic individual	244	239
Student	26	28
First time	30	6
Retired	0 we do not track this	0
Honorary	7	7
<i>Multiple membership</i>		
Primary member		
1 st additional		
2 nd additional		
<u>Comments:</u> Southern region does not track members by multiple membership. Membership is per individual, not by company.		
EVENTS		
Field trips, workshops, seminars, area meetings		
Date	Event Name	Attendance
October 14, 2020	student competition	64
October 8, 2021	student competition	30
October 28, 2020	North Amer. Virtual Summit	SR-417, total 947

<u>Comments:</u>		
Annual Conferences		
Main organizer	Dr. Jeremy Pickens and Bobby Green	
Date	October 23-27, 2021	
Venue	Renaissance Mobile Riverview Hotel, Mobile, Alabama	
Attendance	Total	163
	Members	91
	Non-members	72
	Speakers, members	12
	Speakers, non-members	3
Number of papers	18	
No. of proceeding papers	0	
Tours	Pre-tour	no
	Conference tour	Yes - 2 days
	Post-tour	no
<u>Comments:</u>		
Next conference	Date	October 16-20, 2022
	Venue	University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education
	Pre-tour	no
	Conference tour	Yes - 2 days
	Post-tour	no
<u>Comments:</u> We had a wonderful conference. We had to overcome several challenges due to the Covid-19 pandemic but the participants were SO HAPPY TO BE TOGETHER!		
COMMUNICATION		
Item	Comments	
Newsletters	monthly e-newsletter	
Website	yes	
Facebook	yes	
LinkedIn	no	
Twitter	yes	

<u>Comments:</u>	
AWARDS	
Item	Comments
Fellows	Maarten van der Giessen, Rick Crowder
Sidney B. Meadows Award of Merit	Tom Saunders
Student Competition	Bin Wu, Anthony Bowden, Yuvraj Khamove
<u>Comments:</u>	
EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES / SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS	
Item	Comments
Vivian Munday Young Horticulture Professional Scholarship Work Program	Kayla Morrison, Teagan Young
<u>Comments:</u>	
<u>General Comments:</u>	

Southern African Regional Report

Date: December 2022		Region: Southern Africa
REGIONAL OFFICERS		
Position	Name	e-mail
International Director	Elsa du Toit	elsa.dutoit@up.ac.za
Alternate Int. Director	Jason Myburgh	saippspresident@gmail.com
President	Jason Myburgh	saippspresident@gmail.com
Secretary	Judy Bucchianeri	Secretary.ippssa@gmail.com
Treasurer	Gaye Thorpe	gaye@shadowlands.co.za
Editor	Elsa du Toit	elsa.dutoit@up.ac.za
MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS		
Type	Current Year (2022)	Previous Year (2021)
Basic individual	32	37
Student	0	
First time	0	0
Retired	0	0
Honorary	0	0
Multiple membership		
Primary member	18	18
1 st additional	18	17

2 nd additional	9	9
3 rd additional	6	7
4 th additional	0	0
Total	83	88
<u>Comments:</u>		
EVENTS		
Field trips, workshops, seminars, area meetings		
Date	Event Name	Attendance
<u>Comments:</u>		
None took place due to COVID 19		
Annual Conference, 2021		
Conference has been postponed to March 2022 due to COVID		
Main organiser		
Date		
Venue		
Attendance		
Number of papers		
No. of proceeding papers	Speakers reminded	
	Conference tour	
	Post-tour	
<u>Comments:</u>		
Next conference: 2022	Date	1-3 March 2022
	Venue	Gauteng, Johannesburg
	Pre-tour	TBC
	Conference tour	TBC
	Post-tour	TBC
<u>Comments:</u> Preliminary dates and still TBC		
COMMUNICATION		
Item	Comments	
Newsletters	3 Newsletters to members. Monthly distribution of FloraCulture International magazine & newsletters.	
Website	Checked that SA information on new website is up to date	
Facebook	Regularly forward posts from other regions to IPPS SA page. 526 page followers.	
<u>Comments:</u>		
EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES / SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS		
Item	Comments	
Australia exchange 2021	Thandisizwe Ndabeni from SA was chosen to visit Australia in 2020, but due to Covid-19, visit will be postponed until 2022.	
<u>Comments:</u>		
This is a successful exchange program.		
<u>General Comments:</u>		
SA experiences poor macro-economic conditions and unreliable electricity supply, and with the onset of Covid-19 and recent Delta strain, etc. the general economy and the green industry in particular has been negatively impacted regards to losses of jobs. On the other hand, we did notice a positive trend in urbanized gardening. We are still excited to host the international conference in SA in 2024 and believe that the pandemic will be managed by then.		

Western Region of North America Regional Report

Date:	Region: Western Region	
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MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS		
Type	Current Year (2021)	Previous Year (2020)
Basic individual	67	87
Student	11	18
First time		
Retired	4	8
Honorary		
Multiple membership		
Primary member	7	3
1 st additional	5	4
2 nd additional		
3 rd additional		
4 th additional		
Total	94	120
Comments: based on Paid Members		
EVENTS		
Field trips, workshops, seminars, area meetings		
Date	Event Name	Attendance
September 21, 2021	Virtual Micro Meeting	35
September 21-28, 2021	Virtual Auction	13
Comments:		
Annual Conferences (Not Held due to COVID-19 Pandemic)		
Main organizer		
Date		
Venue		
Attendance	Total	
	Members	
	Non-members	
	Speakers, members	
	Speakers, non-members	
Number of papers		
No. of proceeding papers		
Tours	Pre-tour	
	Conference tour	
	Post-tour	

<u>Comments:</u> Cancelled in 2020; Not Held in 2021		
Next conference	Date	October 11-15, 2022
	Venue	Holiday Inn, Wilsonville, OR, USA
	Pre-tour	TBD
	Conference tour	TBD
	Post-tour	TBD
<u>Comments:</u> The 2022 Annual Conference is in the planning stages, and the tours have not been decided yet.		
COMMUNICATION		
Item	Comments	
Newsletters	Bi-monthly	
Website	https://wna.ipps.org/	
Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/ippswr	
LinkedIn (International)	https://www.linkedin.com/groups/3260989/	
Twitter	https://twitter.com/Ippswr	
Instagram	https://www.instagram.com/ipps_westernregion/	
<u>Comments:</u>		
AWARDS		
Item	Comments	
<u>Comments:</u> Not active due to COVID-19 Pandemic		
EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES / SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS		
Item	Comments	
<u>Comments:</u> Not active due to COVID-19 Pandemic		
<u>General Comments:</u> In July 2021, IPPS-WR terminated its management contract with BCLNA and hired a new management company, Ag Association Management Services Inc (AAMSI) with a new executive administrator, Alex Stubblefield. AAMSI is based in Sacramento, California and specializes in managing agriculture associations, including financials, membership, communications, event planning, and more.		