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# MINUTES FOR INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONFERENCE CALL

**Tuesday, June 14, 2022 – 4:00 p.m. Eastern USA Time**

## ATTENDANCE

	<b>Delegate</b>		<b>Alternate</b>	
<b>Australia</b>	John Messina	✓	Tony Van der Staay	✓
<b>Eastern Region NA</b>	Steve Castorani	✓	Bill Barnes	
<b>Europe</b>	Tim Lawrance-Owen <sup>1</sup>	✓	Ben Gregory	
<b>Japan</b>	Peter Waugh	✓	Hiroaki Ohashi	
<b>New Zealand</b>	Richard Beaumont	✓	Antony Toledo	✓
<b>Southern Region NA</b>	Laura Miller	✓	Brie Arthur	✓
<b>Southern Africa</b>	Elsa du Toit	✓	Jason Myburgh	
<b>Western Region NA</b>	Jim McConnell	✓	Gayle Suttle	
<b>Regional Developmt</b>	Dharam Sharma	✓		
<b>Staff</b>	Bob Geneve <sup>3</sup>	✓	Katie McDavid <sup>4</sup>	✓
<b>President; VP</b>	Tom Saunders	✓	Elsa du Toit	
<sup>1</sup> Chair <sup>2</sup> Treasurer <sup>3</sup> Intl Editor <sup>4</sup> Intl Director				

- I. **Welcome and Call to Order** Tim Lawrance-Owen  
Meeting was called to order at 4:04PM by Tim Lawrance-Owen.  
No apologies for absence were received prior to the meeting.

- II. **Approval of Minutes** Tim Lawrance-Owen  
Motion to approve minutes from March 8, 2022 conference call meeting was made by Peter Waugh and seconded by Brie Arthur.

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

- III. **International Office Report** Katie McDavid  
Katie McDavid discussed her time over the past year. Below are her hours for 2021 and 2022. Hours for 2020 were 267.5.

<b>Month</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
January	16.75	18
February	13	22
March	21	23.5
<b>Quarter Total</b>	<b>50.75</b>	<b>63.5</b>
April	7	13.5
May	10	18.5
June	15	
<b>Quarter Total</b>	<b>32</b>	
July	6.5	
August	7	
September	25	
<b>Quarter Total</b>	<b>38.5</b>	

October	14.25	
November	8.5	
December	12	
<b>Quarter Total</b>	<b>34.75</b>	
<b>Yearly Total</b>	<b>156</b>	

Katie reported on membership numbers (those that were received at this point) for the regions. Below is the respective information with a comparison to last year. In Memoriam were reported as Natalie Peate (Australia Region) and Graeme Platt (New Zealand).

					<b>Change from 2021</b>	
<b>Region</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>2021 Members</b>	<b>2021 Students</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Students</b>
Southern	224	18	231	20	-3.0%	-10.0%
Australian	105	3	110	1	-4.6%	200.0%
Eastern	180	975	181	715	-0.55%	36.4%
European	70	8	63	8	11.1%	0.0%
Japan	37	0	39	0	-5.1%	0.0%
New Zealand	170	26	190	27	-10.5%	-3.7%
Southern Africa	90	1	88	0	2.3%	100.0%
Western NA	120	17	102	17	17.7%	0.0%

Katie reviewed the calendar of regional events.

- Southern Africa Region: March 2-3, 2022
- Australia Region: May 4-7, 2022 in Leura, NSW
- Eastern Region of NA: Sept. 27-30, 2022 in Long Island, NY
- Europe Region: October 12-14, 2022
- Southern Region of NA: October 16-20, 2022 in Athens, GA
- Japan Region: October 22-23, 2022

- New Zealand Region: canceled
- Western Region of NA: postponed until January 2023

Katie mentioned that the online vote for International paying for the Zoom Webinar License for another year was passed 7:1. Due to a reorganization of Zoom plans, the cost for 500 attendees for 2022-2023 is \$690.00 (\$733.82 with taxes).

Katie commented on the current state of the new website. She has been updating the site's "In Memoriam" for the current year and adding the "Front Matter" from the Proceedings from this year and past years.

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*Action Item: Katie to continue adding materials to the website. Additionally, see whether bios are available on awardees that we can link to their names*

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The website list of items for new quotes has been received from the developer. Estimated costs (can vary based on the exchange rate with South African Rand) are as follows:

Membership Data Costs: \$2,710

- o Fields for birthday; "Additional Member" phone number, email address, birthday \$840

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*Action item: Katie to send a list of all new website quotes and get feedback from regions; additionally request how many regions use "Additional Members" and what percentage of their membership is represented by this category*

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- Richard Beaumont recommended we consider having a specific amount of money per year and if X amount of regions are interested, International pays for the website upgrade
- o Alternative Company details (who would be responsible for payment – organization or member; if company is selected – organize name, address, phone number, email address) to allow IPPS to send the invoice to an organization \$1,870
  - The general consensus was that the cost/benefit may not be worth simply reducing members' need to forward their invoice to their employer to pay. This will be listed in the survey document Katie is

to send out and no final decision has been made yet.

#### Website Functionality Costs: \$2,800

- o Updates to internship and job opportunities \$375
- o "Next" button to allow admins to scroll through each member rather than have to go back to the main screen, scroll to the last member edited and then select the next one \$375
- o Countdown clock for events \$745
- o Changes to audience setting for downloads for admins \$185
- o Generate PDF copy of invoices sent out (membership, donations, event bookings) \$1,120

#### Billing Updates:

- o PayPal recurring renewal payments \$1,865 - yes
- o New Zealand Polipay portal \$745
- o Switching back transfer to first option and PayPal as second option (must be done on ALL regions) – more regions may prefer PayPal first \$185
- o Eastern Region Foundation Donation Options:
  - Pre-populated donation options \$745
  - Any amount donation option \$560
  - Pre-populated and any amount donation options \$935

Tim Lawrance-Owen commented we really need to know how many regions are interested in each item before the International Board can decide the cost/benefit of paying for the item.

There was a discussion regarding the PayPal recurring payments for members. This was brought up from Eastern Region of NA and that they want this completed before invoices are sent out for 2023. Eastern Region would like this as an "opt-out" option, meaning members will automatically be billed each year if they pay with PayPal. Southern Region also has interest in this, but as an "opt-in" option where members who select PayPal can then select to be automatically billed the following year. Europe also expressed interest without specifying "opt-in" or "opt-out".

Tom Saunders stated that we need to make a decision on the PayPal as this may bring in more money for regions and

International by keeping members. One of the biggest issues is declining membership and reoccurring payment each year would potential keep more members. A unanimous board decision was made to move forward immediately with the PayPal coding.

Richard Beaumont asked about other regions and what happens with the PayPal fees. Steve Castorani stated that Eastern Region absorbs the fees and that it would be the same as in the past when Visa/Mastercard/etc. charged fees. Brie Arthur stated Southern Region also absorbs the fees.

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

Tom Saunders

Tom Saunders mentioned that everyone has received the P&L and Balance Sheets – no need to address anything as financially, all if it looks good. We've added one additional NA Sponsor and are talking to another company for International or NA Sponsorship. The Investment Committee has met and everything is going well. David Cliffe was approved as an additional member for the Investment Committee.

**V. Editor's Report**

Bob Geneve

Bob stated that the 2021 Proceedings are complete and uploaded and sent to Curran Publishing. There were 241 pages, 34 total papers, 18 from Southern, 13 from Eastern and 3 from New Zealand. There is potential for more papers in 2022 just based on the number on in-person meetings held this year.

A discussion regarding non-members getting a PDF copy of their Proceedings paper sent to them occurred. Bob recommended that it stay with International to ensure these people receive their articles. Katie stated she would be happy to check who is a non-member and sent their paper to them each year.

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*Action Item: Katie to send papers to non-members when published each year*

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Bob recommended that Regional Editors send the full Proceedings to ANY member or non-member the book.

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*Action Item: Katie to send email/letter to Regional Editors and Secretaries to ask them to send the FULL proceedings to all Proceeding authors each year*

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Richard Beaumont mentioned that Jill Reader had the Proceedings printed relatively inexpensively and wanted to know whether this should be done in other regions.

Katie requested all comments and additional pros and cons for open-access options be sent to herself to compile before a discussion for next meeting. She pointed out that our contract with Curran Publishing allows anyone to find and print the Proceedings as it is.

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*Action Item: ALL board members to send any pros or cons of open-access to add to Bill Barnes initial proposals*

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Bob Geneve mentioned we have specific data on any potential income stream based on previous ActaHort downloads from years ago. He believes we lost money on this open-access option years ago. Brie Arthur mentioned that Fred Davies presented information regarding how ASHS has gotten a very good revenue stream based on their open-access, pay-per-view articles.

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*Action Item: Katie to find data on download income from ActaHort. Will also request any information from Alan Jones, Charles Heuser, and Dick Zimmerman.*

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Tim Lawrance-Owen also mentioned there would be additional costs to add any pay-per-view options to our website.

**VI. Regional Directors Reports**

- a. Australian Region Tony Van der Staay  
John Messina stated that after their recent in-person meeting, they have a new President, Bruce Higgs. The meeting was at the site of their first meeting and was run and attended very well.
  
- b. Eastern Region of NA Steve Castorani  
Steve Castorani said the Board met in March and discussed many of the items raised during this International Board meeting.



- c. European Region Tim Lawrance-Owen  
Tim Lawrance-Owen reported that everyone is excited to get together this fall and they are hoping for a resurgence of members.
- d. Japan Region Peter Waugh  
Peter Waugh reported that they are still organizing their October conference. He stated that Australia presented him with the International Award of Honor and it was a very proud moment for him.
- e. New Zealand Region Richard Beaumont  
Richard Beaumont stated they are looking forward to the merger of the YouTube channel.
- f. Southern Region of NA Laura Miller  
Laura Miller stated that they are excited for their meeting in October and there is a Board meeting coming up in two weeks. They are all excited to host the International Tour next year.
- g. Southern Africa Elsa du Toit  
Elsa du Toit stated they had a good meeting in March and membership numbers are stable.
- h. Western Region of NA Jim McConnell  
Jim McConnell mentioned they have a new first vice president. Their next in-person meeting is being organized for late January 2023.
- i. China and India potential regions  
Katie McDavid mentioned India website is in progress and we will leave the China site until we are no longer supporting any members. Dharam Sharma stated that India is working on gathering papers and abstracts from their recent meeting to the International Proceedings. Allowing India papers into the Proceedings was voted on previously and Tim mentioned it is not necessary to vote again.

## **VII. Committee Reports**

- a. **Finance and Investment and Sponsorship Committees** Tom Saunders  
All information presented earlier.

- b. **Long Range Planning Committee** Katie McDavid  
There was an inquiry about pins that were provided from International for new members to all regions last month.

Brie Arthur mentioned that Southern Region has moved away from using the pins and has no plans to reorder. Tom Saunders added that he doesn't believe people take the pride in the pins as in the past.

Richard Beaumont said they no longer use the pins.

Dharam Sharma stated he likes having the pins.

Regions can decide to make and distribute these pins if they are interested in doing so. International will no longer fund them.

As discussed in the March meeting, the regional YouTube channels will be combined into one main YouTube channel to allow all regions to post videos here. Each region had a small number of videos and subscribers on their channels so creating a unified site might allow videos to be posted more frequently (based on the differing meeting dates throughout the year) to enable subscribers to more regularly see updated videos.

John Messina mentioned that consolidating all videos into one channel allows members to see all videos and not have to search as hard for similar IPPS videos. Steve Castorani mentioned that it is unfortunate to lose viewers from other channels. Eastern region will discuss and report back regarding whether they are interested in merging their channel with others. Brie Arthur mentioned we should set playlists for each region within this main channel. YouTube Studio would be the backend app that would upload videos and it can be loaded into specific playlists (and multiple playlists) – this allows the “next” video to play when one ends rather than the video completely stopping.

**VIII. Other Reports**

International Tour meeting has verbal commitments for about 24 attendees but they will be working on finalizing details for registration, etc. October 18-28, 2023. October 23 scheduled for International Board Meeting in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Steve Castorani reminded everyone that Strategic Planning needs to have a meeting during the International Tour to discuss the plans with a facilitator to start the process.

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:54PM.

## Reports for June 2022 Board Meetings

### Australia Regional Report

#### **IPPS International - Regional Report**

Date: 17.05.22	Region: Australia	
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Alternate Int Director	Tony VanderStaay	tvanders@westlandnurseries.com.au
MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS		
Type	Current Year	Previous Year

Basic individual	105	110
Student	3	1
First time		
Retired		
Honorary Life Membership	3	0
EVENTS		
Field trips, workshops, seminars, area meetings		
Date	Event Name	Attendance
7.04.22	Canberra Field Day	25
4.05.22	IPPS 50yr Conference	88
<u>Comments:</u>		
Annual Conferences		
Main organizer	Bruce Higgs	
Date	4 <sup>th</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	
Venue	Fairmont Resort Blue Mountains, Leura NSW	
Attendance	Total	88
	Members	37
	Non-members	7
	Speakers, members	11
	Speakers, non-members	7
	Accompanying Personnel	10
	Six Pack	6
	Sponsors	10
Number of papers	18	
No. of proceeding papers	16	
Tours	Pre-tour	Blue Mountains 2 days
	Conference tour	
	Post-tour	

<u>Comments:</u>		
Next conference	Date	24 <sup>th</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
	Venue	Novotel Geelong
	Pre-tour	Geelong 3 days
	Conference tour	1 day Nursery visits
	Post-tour	
<u>Comments:</u>		
COMMUNICATION		
Item	Comments	
Newsletters	Quarterly	
Website	www.ipps.org	
Facebook	Ipps Australian facebook page	
LinkedIn		
Twitter		
AWARDS		
Item	Comments	
International Award of Honour	Peter Waugh	
Edward & Mary Bunker Award	Gabe Mostafa	
Steve Vallance Pewter Award	Dan Austin	
Rod Tallis Award	Bongani Ndawana	
<u>Comments:</u>		
EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES / SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS		
Item	Comments	
<u>Comments:</u>		

General Comments:

## Eastern Region Regional Report

### **IPPS International - Regional Report**

<b>Date: June 14, 2022</b>	<b>Region: Eastern Region, North America</b>	
<b>REGIONAL OFFICERS</b>		
<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>e-mail</b>
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<b><u>Comments:</u></b>		
<b>MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS</b>		
<b>Type</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Previous Year</b>
Basic individual	180	181
Student	975	715
First time	Not Applicable	NA
Retired	NA	NA
Honorary	NA	NA
<b><i>Multiple membership</i></b>		
Primary member	Not Applicable	NA
1 <sup>st</sup> additional		
2 <sup>nd</sup> additional		

3 <sup>rd</sup> additional		
4 <sup>th</sup> additional		
<p><b><u>Comments:</u></b></p> <p>There were challenges with the online invoicing system this year. The ER Secretary is still following up with members for renewal and predict our numbers will be over 200. Updated numbers will be provided to the International by the end of June 2022.</p> <p>Plans will be made for a more efficient and customer-friendly renewal experience in December 2022.</p> <p>Additionally, the IPPS ER is exploring how to implement a recurring payment system to begin December 2022. Considerations are being made as to how the IPPS ER Foundation will interact with the recurring payments.</p> <p>The renewal process in 2022 excluded an option to donate to the IPPS ER Foundation. The Foundation would like to find a way to include donations in the renewal process again in the future.</p>		
<b>EVENTS</b>		
<b>Field trips, workshops, seminars, area meetings</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
June 23, 2022	microMEETING: Succession Planning, Brian Decker	Registrants: 50
<p><b><u>Comments:</u></b> <i>micro</i>MEETINGS are 1 hour, free virtual, monthly meetings. IPPS ER has produced ten since July of 2020 and posted the recordings on its website, open to all.</p> <p>The ER Board has voted to make these IPPS-Members only. Any IPPS member world-wide may attend for free. Non-members can attend for a nominal fee, about \$30.</p> <p>If other regions plan to use the term <i>micro</i>MEETING, those regions are encouraged to discuss branding and help develop best practices. The IPPS ER contact for <i>micro</i>MEETINGS is Sean Halloran, <a href="mailto:sean_halloran@harvard.edu">sean_halloran@harvard.edu</a>.</p> <p><i>micro</i>MEETINGS are planned for June, July, August, October and December 2022. Details can be found on the IPPS website.</p>		
<b>Annual Conferences</b>		
Main organiser	2021 IPPS Eastern Region Annual Conference	
Date	Date September 28-October 1, 2021	
Venue	Venue The Morton Arboretum	

Attendance	Attendance Total 60 people in person, 45 online	Attendance Total 60 people in person, 45 online
	Members 100 members	Members 100 members
	Non-members 5 non members	Non-members 5 non members
	Speakers, members 6	Speakers, members 6
Number of papers		
No. of proceeding papers		
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
<p><b>Comments:</b>  The program was held at the Morton Arboretum in person with some attending through zoom web conference.</p> <p>The Program Chair was Todd Baker of Bakers Nursery in Ontario. The Local Site Chair persons are Kim Shearer and Kris Bachtell, both of the Morton Arboretum.</p>		
<b>Next conference</b>  <b>TENTATIVE</b>	Date	September 27-30, 2022
	Venue	Hyatt Regency Long Island
	Pre-tour	Untemeyers Garden, New York Botanic Garden, Wave Hill
	Conference tours	West Long Island Tour: Planting Fields and Old Westbury Gardens  East Long Island Tour: Cornell Horticultural Research Center, Landcraft Environments, Half Hollow Nursery.
	Post-tour	none
<p><b>Comments:</b>  Mark Bridgen is the local site committee chair for the 2022 program. Liz Dunham is the Programming Chair. Full details can be found on the IPPS ER website. Registration opens in June 2022.</p>		



<b>COMMUNICATION</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>
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, Instagram	Sec/Treas manages
<b><u>Comments:</u></b>	
<b>AWARDS</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>
2021 Award of Merit	Brian Decker, Decker's Nursery
2021 Fellow Award	Margot Bridgen
2022 Award of Merit	Will be announced September 2022
2022 Award of Merit	Will be announced September 2022
<b><u>Comments:</u></b>	
<b>EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES / SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Student Conference Scholarships	The Membership Committee plans to offer Student Scholarships to the 2022 Annual Conference.
IPPS Eastern Region Foundation	The IPPS ER Foundation has a campaign to create an annual IPPS Scholarship of \$2,000 in honor of Margot Bridgen. The goal is to raise \$55,000 by August to create the fund. The IPPS ER Foundation has raised \$51,000 to date.
Poster Program	The Poster Program during the 2022 Annual Conference will include a contest for the best poster.

**Comments:****General Comments:**

## Europe Regional Report

**IPPS International -  
Regional Report Date: 1  
June 2022**

**Region: Europe**

**REGIONAL OFFICERS****Position**

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Treasurer  
Editor

Tim Lawrance-Owen

Alternate Int Director

**MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS****Type****Current Year****Previous Year (Oct  
2021)**

Basic individual

33

34

Student

8

10

First time

Retired

5

5

Honorary

1

**Multiple membership**

Primary member

11

10

1st additional

12

17 additional in total

2nd additional

7

3rd additional

1

4th additional

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

19 August

Digital Nursery Tour –  
Renke zur Muhlen Tree  
Nursery, Bad Zwischenahn,  
Germany

15

12 October

Digital Nursery Tour –  
Provender Nurseries, Kent,  
UK

22

2 November

Digital Nursery Tour –  
Gunnar Christensens  
Planeskole, Denmark

21

15 December

Digital Nursery Tour –  
Bransford Webbs,  
Worcestershire, UK

19

**Comments:**  
**Annual Conferences**

Main organizer

Date

Venue

Attendance

Total

Members

Japan Regional Report

**IPPS International - Regional Report**

Date: 26 May 2022		Region: JAPAN	
REGIONAL OFFICERS			
Position	Name	e-mail	
International Director	Peter Waugh	peterwaugh1841@gmail.com	
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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	37	39	
Student			
EVENTS			
Field trips, workshops, seminars, area meetings			
Date	Event Name	Attendance	
<u>Comments:</u>			
Annual Conferences			
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	22-23 Oct. 2022
	Venue	
	Pre-tour	
	Conference tour	23 Oct. 2022
	Post-tour	
<u>Comments:</u>		
COMMUNICATION		
Item	Comments	
Newsletters	No.68	
Website	<a href="http://ippsjapan.org">IPPS (ippsjapan.org)</a>	
Facebook		
LinkedIn		
Twitter		
<u>Comments:</u>		
AWARDS		

Item	Comments
<u>Comments:</u>	
EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES / SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS	
Item	Comments

## New Zealand Regional Report

### **IPPS International - Regional Report**

<b>Date: 11.06.21</b>	<b>Region: New Zealand</b>	
<b>REGIONAL OFFICERS</b>		
<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>e-mail</b>
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<b>MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS</b>		
<b>Type</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Previous Year</b>
Basic individual	170	186
Student	26	27
First time		
Retired		
Honorary	4	4

<b>Multiple membership</b>		
Primary member		
1 <sup>st</sup> additional		
2 <sup>nd</sup> additional		
3 <sup>rd</sup> additional		
4 <sup>th</sup> additional		
<b><u>Comments:</u></b>		
<b>EVENTS</b>		
<b>Field trips, workshops, seminars, area meetings</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
2022	Christchurch September • Wanganui December • Molesworth	
2023	• Chatham Islands	
<b><u>Comments:</u></b> Always well attended and enjoyed. Registration is all done via google forms, this is a great time saving.		
<b>Annual Conferences: Canceled for 2022 due to Covid</b> <b>2023 Auckland 20th– 23rd April</b> <b>2024 Timaru</b> <b>2025 Rotorua (International)</b> <b>2026 Hanmer Springs suggested</b> <b>2027 Bay of Islands</b>		
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	Nurseries in the area
	Post-tour	-
<b><u>Comments:</u></b>		
Next conference	Date	
	Venue	
	Pre-tour	
	Conference tour	
	Post-tour	
<b><u>Comments:</u></b> Most of the planning has been done as this was going to be held in 2020 but was postponed due to Covid.		
<b>COMMUNICATION</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>	
Newsletters	Good open rates	
Website	the new one is a big improvement	
Facebook	349 followers	
LinkedIn	-	
Twitter	-	
<b><u>Comments:</u></b> Look forward to the merged youtube channel Have had podcasts created for members		
<b>AWARDS</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>	
Award of Merit		
JOHN FOLLETT		
<b><u>Comments:</u></b>		
<b>EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES / SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>	

	Exploring the option of a internal exchange
<b>Comments:</b>	
<b>General Comments:</b> Going well. Would like to see a more affordable online option for printing the black book	

## Southern Region of North America Regional Report

### **IPPS International - Regional Report**

<b>Date: 5.16.2022</b>	<b>Region: Southern Region, NA</b>	
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<b>MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS</b>		
<b>Type</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Previous Year</b>
Basic individual	240	231
Student	18	20
First time	16	10
Retired	N/A	N/A
Honorary	4	4
<b><i>Multiple membership</i></b>		
Primary member	N/A	N/A
1 <sup>st</sup> additional	N/A	N/A
2 <sup>nd</sup> additional	N/A	N/A
3 <sup>rd</sup> additional	N/A	N/A
4 <sup>th</sup> additional	N/A	N/A



<b><u>Comments:</u></b>		
<b>EVENTS</b>		
<b>Field trips, workshops, seminars, area meetings</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
October 23-27, 2021	Annual Conferences	163
October 8, 2021	Virtual Student Competition	38
<b><u>Comments:</u></b>		
<b>Annual Conferences</b>		
Main organizer	Dr. Jeremy Pickens	
Date	October 17-20, 2021	
Venue	Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel	
Attendance	Total	163
	Members	91
	Non-members	72
	Speakers, members	13
	Speakers, non-members	3
Number of papers	34	
No. of proceeding papers	18	
Tours	Pre-tour	no
	Conference tour	yes - full days
	Post-tour	no
<b><u>Comments:</u></b>		
Next conference	Date	October 16-20, 2022
	Venue	UGA Center for Continuing Educ
	Pre-tour	no
	Conference tour	2 full days
	Post-tour	no
<b><u>Comments:</u></b>		
<b>COMMUNICATION</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>	

Newsletters	yes- monthly
Website	yes
Facebook	yes
LinkedIn	No
Twitter	yes
<b><u>Comments:</u></b>	
<b>AWARDS</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Fellow	Rick Crowder, Maarten van der Giessen
Sidney B. Fellows Award of Merit	Tom Saunders
<b><u>Comments:</u></b>	
<b>EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES / SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Vivian Munday Young Horticulture Professional	2 awarded
Charlie Parkerson SR-IPPS Student Research Awards Program	3 awarded
<b><u>Comments:</u></b>	
<b><u>General Comments:</u></b>	

## Southern African Regional Report

### **IPPS International - Regional Report**

<b>Date: June 2022</b>	<b>Region: Southern Africa</b>

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Secretary	Judy Bucchianeri	<a href="mailto:Secretary.ippssa@gmail.com">Secretary.ippssa@gmail.com</a>
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MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS		
Type	Current Year (2022)	Previous Year (2021)
Basic individual	34	37
Student	1	
First time	0	0
Retired	0	0
Honorary	0	0
<b>Multiple membership</b>		
Primary member	21	18
1 <sup>st</sup> additional	21	17
2 <sup>nd</sup> additional	10	9
3 <sup>rd</sup> additional	4	7
4 <sup>th</sup> additional	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>88</b>
<b><u>Comments:</u></b>		
EVENTS		
<b>Field trips, workshops, seminars, area meetings</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>

<b><u>Comments:</u></b>		
<b>None took place due to COVID 19. Had 2 BM's via Teams</b>		
<b>Annual Conference, 2022</b> 02-03 March 2022.		
Main organiser	Dr Miranda Deutschlander & Dr Pierre Adriaanse	
Date	02 – 03 March 2022	
Venue	Walter Sisulu Botanical Gardens	
Attendance	35	
Number of papers	4	
No. of proceeding papers	Speakers reminded	
	Conference tour	Visited 5 venues
	Post-tour	
<b><u>Comments:</u></b>		
<b>Next conference: 2023</b>	Date	TBC
	Venue	KWA-ZULU NATAL
	Pre-tour	TBC
	Conference tour	TBC
	Post-tour	TBC
<b><u>Comments:</u></b> Preliminary dates and still TBC		
<b>COMMUNICATION</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>	
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.
<b><u>Comments:</u></b>	
<b>EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES / SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Australia exchange 2022	Thandisizwe Ndabeni from SA was chosen to visit Australia in 2020, but due to Covid-19, visit will be postponed until 2023
<b><u>Comments:</u></b> This is a successful exchange program.	
<b><u>General Comments:</u></b> We are still planning to host the international conference in SA in 2024. Our first meeting is planned for October 2022.	

## Western Region of North America Regional Report

### **IPPS International - Regional Report**

Date:	Region: Western Region of North America	
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MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS		
Type	Current Year (2022)	Previous Year (2021)
Basic individual	89	67
Student	17	11
First time		
Retired	2	4
Honorary		
<i>Multiple membership</i>		
Primary member	17	7
1 <sup>st</sup> additional	12	5
2 <sup>nd</sup> additional		
3 <sup>rd</sup> additional		
4 <sup>th</sup> additional		
Total	137	94
<u>Comments:</u> based on Paid Members		
EVENTS		
Field trips, workshops, seminars, area meetings		
Date	Event Name	Attendance
<u>Comments:</u>		
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>		
Next conference	Date	Jan 24-27, 2023
	Venue	Holiday Inn, Wilsonville, Oregon
	Pre-tour	TBD
	Conference tour	TBD
	Post-tour	TBD
<u>Comments:</u> Postponed from original dates in October 2022.		
COMMUNICATION		
Item	Comments	
Newsletters	Bi-monthly	
Website	<a href="https://wna.ipps.org/">https://wna.ipps.org/</a>	
Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/ippswr">https://www.facebook.com/ippswr</a>	
LinkedIn	<a href="https://www.linkedin.com/groups/3260989/">https://www.linkedin.com/groups/3260989/</a>	
Twitter	<a href="https://twitter.com/Ippswr">https://twitter.com/Ippswr</a>	
Instagram	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/ipps_westernregion/">https://www.instagram.com/ipps_westernregion/</a>	
<u>Comments:</u>		
AWARDS		
Item	Comments	

<u>Comments:</u>	
EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES / SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS	
Item	Comments
Bruce Briggs Memorial Scholarship (BBMS)	To pay for one student attendance fees for the annual conferences. Applications are currently open. Due October 15, 2022.
<u>Comments:</u> The BBMS will be administered by grants chair Laurie Rogers-Roach	
<p><u>General Comments:</u> Tony Shireman was voted in at the new 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the Western Region by the Executive committee. We are now searching for a new Oregon region representative to take Tony's old position.</p> <p>India had a very successful virtual two day conference at Chandigarh University organized by Dr. Neelam Negi on March 26 and 27 in which there were more than 1000 participants in the inaugural event. Dr. Bob Geneve, our international editor, myself and a few others from here presented. They shall be publishing abstract presentations in the IPPS Proceedings. They also noted they are experiencing difficulty in membership registration in spite of interest since the website is not set up for India yet.</p>	

## Investment Committee Report

**Date:** June 8, 2022

**Total Value of Investments on May 31, 2022 - \$253,248.65**

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

**Date of Next Scheduled Committee Meeting:** June 16, 2022

**Investment Allocation:** Currently 66.7% is 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 14% in Bonds and 19.3% in Short Term Reserves. The committee will make allocation adjustments in line with the Investment Policy at our next scheduled meeting



**Performance:**

Vanguard Growth & Income Fund YTD -11.71%

Vanguard Total Stock Mkt. Index Fund YTD -14.21%

Vanguard Total INTL Stock Index Admiral YTD -12.00%

Vanguard Total Bond Mkt. Index Fund YTD - 9.60%

Vanguard Federal Money Mkt. Fund YTD + .09%

S&P 500 Index YTD -12.70%

Dividends received YTD \$795.52

**Committee Actions and Evaluations:**

Executive Director Katie McDavid reported during the March 30<sup>th</sup> Zoom meeting that there were no large upcoming expenditures that would require the selling of shares. The committee reviewed the portfolio and decided that no reallocations were needed. The committee also reviewed the Investment Policy and does not recommend any changes at this time. It was noted during the meeting that the committee does not make investment decisions based on actual or anticipated short-term market fluctuations. We will, however, endeavor to maintain a long-term investment perspective consistent with the policy objectives.

**Committee recommendations:** The committee recommends David Cliff to be appointed to the committee at the June board meeting. David is a longtime IPPS member with extensive knowledge of the society. In addition, he serves on the board of the New South Wales State Nursery and Garden Industry, which has an investment portfolio of \$10 million and draws surplus funds each year to help run the association while maintaining the capital. His appointment will help maintain much needed continuity.