

**Minutes of the
Idaho Nursery and Florists Advisory Committee Meeting
7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Saturday, January 25, 2003
State House Inn - Boise, Idaho**

In Attendance:

Howard E. Hughes, Hughes Greenhouses, Post Falls, ID - Committee Chairman
Bill Dial, Sterling Landscape Co., Boise, ID - Committee Member
David Jenkins, Jenkins & Son Christmas Trees, Inc., Sandpoint, ID - Committee Member
Matt Wolff, Baxter Wholesale Nursery, Emmett, ID - New Committee Member
Gary Paulson, Trail Creek Nursery, Victor, ID - New Committee Member
Mike Weiss, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID - U.I. Representative by Telephone
Michael E. Cooper, Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) - ISDA Representative
Ann Bates, Idaho Nursery Association (INA), Idaho Falls, ID - Guest

Note: Due to a tape recorder malfunction, the minutes are not as complete as they should be.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.

Introductions were made by all of the committee members and guests.

Agenda items for this meeting were briefly identified.

Old Business: Members reviewed the minutes of the October 7, 2002 teleconference meeting minutes. Bill Dial moved to approve the minutes, which was then seconded by Dave Jenkins and approved by the committee.

NASS Report: Mr. Don Gerhardt, a representative of the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Services, gave an update of the economic survey of the industry as reported in the 2002 Annual Report. The changes to the report requested by the committee a couple of years ago were also reviewed. A request was made by Mr. Gerhardt that the industry letter of support for the survey be sent to NASS a little earlier in the spring so that the survey can be sent out earlier. The committee discussed the possibility of the summary being placed with a little more prominence within the report.

Review of year 2002 Grants – Final Reports

- 1) **University of Idaho \$7,246 Grant No. NAC/ISDA 2001-1** / Dr. Robert R. Tripepi
“Evaluating a Gravel Bed Growing System to Produce Conifer Seedlings for Fall Transplanting.”
- 2) **University of Idaho \$2,900 Grant No. NAC/ISDA2002-2** / Dr. Danny L. Barney,
“Evaluation of Corkbark and Sub-alpine Fir for their Potential as Ornamental Nursery Stock and Christmas Trees.”
- 3) **University of Idaho \$21,016 Grant No. NAC/ISDA 2002-3** / Dr. Robert R. Tripepi
\$21,016 “Examining Fertilizer Treatments Used on Colorado Spruce to Maintain Post-harvest Quality.”
- 4) **University of Idaho \$5,709 Grant No. NAC/ISDA 2002-4** / Dr. Robert R. Tripepi
“Evaluating a Gravel Bed Growing System to produce Conifer Seedlings for Fall

Transplanting.” Two reports were submitted; a Mid-term and a Final report. However, an addendum to the Final report will be submitted in the fall meeting of 2003.

All of the final reports were approved by the committee.

INA report by Ann Bates gave a list of research topics that went out with the call for proposals. Dave Jenkins asked if the INA research committee has looked for anyone to actually do some of the research they are asking for. They had not.

New Business:

Seven proposals were submitted to the committee for approval, four of which were approved.

Research Proposals:

- 1) **NAC/2003-1** “Evaluation of Corkbark and SubAlpine Fir for their potential as Ornamental Nursery Stock and Christmas Trees” Danny L. Barney, University of Idaho **\$3,425 APPROVED**
- 2) **NAC/2003-2** “Defining Business Operations Related to the Green Industry” Dr. J. D. Wulfhorst, University of Idaho **\$4,360.25 APPROVED**
- 3) **NAC/2003-3** “Examining Fertilizer Treatments Used on Colorado Spruce to Maintain Post Harvest Quality” Robert R. Tripepi and John E. Lloyd, University of Idaho **\$21,366 APPROVED**
- 4) **NAC/2003-4** “Determining the Effects of Fertilizer Treatments One Year After Application to Harvested B&B Colorado Spruce” Robert R. Tripepi and John E. Lloyd, University of Idaho **\$14,823 NOT APPROVED**
- 5) **NAC/2003-5** “White Fly Eradication with Ozone” Janet Richardson, Lost River Geothermal **\$9,000 NOT APPROVED**
- 6) **NAC/2003-6** “Growing Bear Grass in Greenhouses” Janet Richardson, Lost River Geothermal **\$5,000 NOT APPROVED**
- 7) **NAC/2003-7** “Using Degree-Day and Plant Phenological Models to Accurately Time Chemical Treatment of White Pine Weevil in Conifer Nurseries” John Lloyd, Robert Wilson, and Edward Bechinski, University of Idaho **\$13,008 APPROVED**

Other new business:

The committee reviewed the “Call for Proposal” notice. The notice will be revised to include the word “landscape” as an area in which research is being requested.

Due to a tape recorder malfunction, these minutes were reviewed and amended at the October 20, 2003 committee meeting.