

**Minutes of the
Idaho Nursery and Florist Advisory Committee Meeting**
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DATE: Thursday, November 30, 2023, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. MST
Public Participation: (208) 985-2810, Passcode 486 782 216#

In Attendance

Committee Members

Walt Coiner, Hollyberry Nursery, Hansen, ID – Committee Chairman
Sharon Storey, Webb Landscape Inc, Ketchum, ID – Committee Member
Mark Palmer, Webb Landscape, Bellevue, ID– Committee Nominee, nonvoting
Hans Ellis, Blue Ribbon Landscapes, Caldwell, ID – Committee Member
Tyler Aguiar, Clayton Tree Farm, Wilder, ID – Committee Nominee, nonvoting
Juliet Marshall, University of Idaho – Ex-Officio Representative
Tina Eiman, Idaho State Department of Agriculture – Ex-Officio Representative

Guests

Ann Bates, Idaho Nursery and Landscape Association
Andrea Thompson, Idaho State Department of Agriculture - Representative
Katia Schrier, Idaho State Department of Agriculture –Representative

Absent

Committee Members

Joan Mount, Green Things Nursery, Orofino, ID – Committee Member

Call to Order and Comments from the Chair and Introductions

Chairman Coiner called the meeting to order at 3:15 after some technical issues and getting everyone into the same meeting space. Chairman Coiner spoke with Joan Mount before the meeting and received her proxy. Likewise, Ann Bates had Kevin Moss' Proxy.

Kevin Moss made the motion to approve the January 2023 minutes, Sharon Storey seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

ISDA Updates – Tina Eiman

Background on NAC

Idaho's Nursery and Florist Law was enacted in 1984. Of the first sections, it prescribes establishment of the Idaho State Nursery and Florist Advisory Committee. The purpose of the committee is to maintain close contact between the department and industry and for the committee to advice and counsel with the department in the administration of the provisions of the nursery and florist law. Particularly, a fund specifically established.

Nursery Renewal Statistics

License fee is \$100 per calendar year, \$25 for temporary license, (primary/temporary location 6 weeks, or non-profit 7 days). Licenses run on a calendar year.

As of today, for 2023, 2587 current licenses have been issued, up from 933 issued in January 2023. In 2022, 2497 licenses were issued.

Because of Luma changeover, exact Budget balances were not available for this meeting. Bureau Chief Eiman provided the following statistics: in January 2023 \$182,751.35. since then, licensed 1,654 additional businesses, which is another \$41,350. With pending payments, if approved, will come to \$38,801.50 expenditure, leaving a balance of \$185,209.84.

On November 17, ISDA sent out license renewal reminders via email. Second reminder will be sent in December, well prior to the late fee assessed on February 1. Likely to see an influx of license renewals.

ISDA Rule Making

Andrea Thompson informed the NAC regarding Quarantine Rules changes. In 2023 January, meetings to update quarantine rules to include specific changes to the Japanese Beetle quarantine, as well as grape and onion white rot quarantine. Any plant product that comes into the state. Intended to protect nursery industries, as well as agricultural industries in the state. Those rule changes had been brought to the legislature in 2022, up for vote in 2023. Changes became final July 1 2023. Nursery trade issue. To reduce minor restrictions for low-risk items 5mm plugs and doing away with window of treatment, formerly requiring 10-30 days of treatment prior to shipment. Now mirrors more closely with JB Harmonization plan held at a national level.

Many phone calls about nursery trade with questions – Tina and her team got together a clarification document.

May and June 2023 – negotiated rule making started Initiated for Plant exports Rule. Anyone with Phytosanitary need for inspection, that rule was up for discussion in that document, including fee structure. Changes to this document after 15 years. To bring the fee structure to a place where industry could have a consistent voice in what phytosanitary fees are charged and taking them out of the rule and onto the website with more direct engagement with the industry. All proposed changes and feedback were addressed and published in the October bulletin for proposed rules. They are not in effect, have to go in front of Legislature in 2024.

Invasive Species

Quagga Mussel

Andrea Thompson: September 18, 2023 – Veliger's, larval form of quagga, found in Centennial Park below Perrine Bridge. Rapid response plan went into effect with federal, state, and local input. Risk involved is hundreds of millions of dollars to Idaho agriculture, industry, tourism, and more if we did nothing. Outreach and talking to the public, especially at town hall event to talk to regional, local, statewide to react quickly and act in the short window after find. There remain a lot of unknowns, we anticipate monitoring for quagga will intensify after 15 years previously.

Apple Maggot

Tina Eiman: this year there was an Apple Maggot find. We will be monitoring that location into the future. Hopefully we can control the outbreak.

Found in Lewiston area, cooperation with Washington involving movement of compost-like materials. Continuing to survey for Apple Maggot according to Washington rules for Apple Maggot.

Apple Maggot has freely moved for a number of years, because of difficulty distinguishing between snowberry fruit fly and Apple Maggot flies. Exists throughout the region, but it only has been a commercial apple pest concern. Orchardists want as free movement as possible across borders of states and countries as possible.

Spongy Moth

Tina Eiman: Find in a trap near Filer. One find near HWY 93. A delimit determined for 2024 for future trapping and treatment, 36 traps to determine if find was a hitchhiker or part of a problem. Found near RV park, so there is hope that it's a hitchhiker. Many traps set by ISDA and the Department of Lands, and this was the only find this year.

Japanese Beetle

Tina Eiman: Delimit on Pocatello and Caldwell areas.

In Caldwell, caught 75 beetles in 1 mile radius in 2023 treatments in early July, and late July. Had a catch of 244 for that delimit. Delimiting area will expand, as well as treatments for next year.

Found one JB again in Boise, delimiting trap there as well, as well continuing survey.

Caldwell area is off 20-26, new housing developments, parks, walkways, cemetery, and school.

In Pocatello, more near a few cemeteries. Not many caught in Pocatello, but some. Ongoing treatment of cemeteries in Pocatello.

Andrea: For reference: 200 from 75 last year is very hopeful. Boise eradication went 56 in 2012 to 3,000 in 2013. 75 – 200 in Caldwell is good news, manageable capacity. If mirrors Boise numbers, very hopeful eradication will succeed.

Old Business - 2023 Projects

Chairman Coiner brought meeting to review approval of 2023 midterm reports. Form sent to all members.

2023 Project #	\$ Amount Requested	\$ Amount Approved	\$ Amount Denied	\$ Amount Unused	Research / Education Project	Principal Investigator & Institution
NAC/ISDA 2023-1	\$ 7,000.00				WaterSense and Plants Magazine	Hollie Amell, Idaho Nursery & Landscape Association
NAC/ISDA 2023-2	\$ 6,000.00				Idaho Horticulture 2024 Expo Speakers	Hollie Amell, Idaho Nursery & Landscape Association
Total	\$ 13,000.00	\$ -				

No discussion on NAC/ISDA 2023-1 WaterSense or NAC/ISDA 2023-2 Idaho Horticulture 2024 Expo Midterm Reports, Motion to accept forwarded by Hans Ellis, seconded by Sharon Storey passed unanimously.

Brief introduction by Ann Bates to the \$25 portion of Nurseryman’s License fee goes to research, what kind of research and education. The Economic Assessment as large-scale project with participation and support from Washington State. No big box stores included, so all numbers are for regional and local chains or mom and pop solo businesses.

2022 Project #	\$ Amount Requested	\$ Amount Approved	\$ Amount Denied	\$ Amount Unused	Research / Education Project	Principal Investigator & Institution
NAC/ISDA 2022-1	\$ 38,783.00	\$ 38,783.00		\$ 19,351.50	<i>Economic Assessment of the Green Industry in Idaho (\$19,391.50 paid on 3/4/2022) (\$19,391.50 balance remaining due) Midterm report submitted 9/27/22. Extension request through April 1, 2023.</i>	Ann Bates, Idaho Nursery & Landscape Association
NAC/ISDA 2022-2	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00		\$ 6,000.00	<i>Seminars for the 2023 Idaho Horticulture Expo (To be paid after the 2023 seminar and approved meeting minutes.) Midterm report submitted 9/21/22.</i>	Ann Bates, Idaho Nursery & Landscape Association
NAC/ISDA 2022-3	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00		\$ 3,500.00	<i>Plants Do That! Magazine (\$3,500.00 paid on 3/4/2022) (\$3,500.00 balance remaining due) Midterm and final submitted 9/21/22.</i>	Ann Bates, Idaho Nursery & Landscape Association
Total	\$ 51,783.00	\$ 51,783.00				

Motion to approve NAC/ISDA 2022-1, NAC/ISDA 2022-2, and NAC/ISDA 2022-3 made by Hans Ellis, seconded by Sharon Storey, and passed unanimously.

New Business - 2024 Projects

Chairman Coiner moved to schedule a second meeting December 15 to allow committee members to review the 2024 Grant requests.

University of Idaho Update – Juliet Marshall

Juliet Marshall had to leave at this point, so the U of I update was put off to the December 15th, 3pm MST meeting.

Other Business

The committee welcomes new members Mark Palmer and Tyler Aguiar.

Adjourn

Chairman Coiner moved to adjourn at 4:04, and the meeting ended.

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