

TMN – COT

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, November 3, 2010

Conference Room – Sea Center Texas

Attendees: Sandy Henderson, Justina Dent, Jerry Eppner, Dave Brandes, Connie Stolte, Barbara Burkhardt, Ed Barrios, Mary Helen Israel, Ruby Lewis, Ed Johnson

Training Director

Dave Brandes explained that because the proposed new Intern Training Director decided to not be the primary director, Laura Brandes has graciously agreed to continue as Director for 2011. The plan is to conduct two programs per year with some classes during the day and some scheduled at night. Marlies Greenwood has agreed to assist Laura in this program.

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee offers the following candidates for the 2011 TMN-COT Board of Directors. Voting will take place during the December 8th General Meeting. The Nominating Committee was comprised of Ed Barrios, Past President, Neal McLain and Jerry Krampota.

President – Barbara Burkhardt
Vice President – Mary Holler
Secretary – Marty Cornell
Treasurer – Sandy Henderson
Membership Director – Jerry Eppner
Training Director – Laura Brandes
State Representative – Ed Barrios

State Annual Meeting Report

Three hundred thirty TMN members were represented, with nine people from our Cradle of Texas chapter being in attendance. There was a record thirty one speakers this year. The COT chapter display on the INEOS program presented by Marty Cornell won second place, certainly an outstanding accomplishment.

Intern Class Board Advisors

Dave reported that none of the current Interns wanted to serve in this capacity as an advisor on the Board of Directors representing their fellow interns.

Advanced Training for January and February, 2011

Vice President Carolyn Schlein reported that AT has already been scheduled for these first two months of 2011 to allow the new Vice President to transition into this responsibility.

Committee Reports, Roundtable

Next year the Cradle of Texas chapter will be recognized at the annual State TMN Meeting for its Ten-year Anniversary.

Nature Day at Sea Center Texas is scheduled for Saturday, March 5th, 2011.

Ed Barrios reported that he has been told that primary contacts at the County AgriLife Office are supposed to be Georgia Oberg for Brazoria County Master Gardeners, and Stephanie Taylor for Texas Master Naturalists.

Justina Dent announced that the annual TMN campout at Brazos Bend State Park will be a Friday, Saturday, and Sunday three-day weekend in January, 2011.

Outreach – Ruby Lewis

The Spooktacular event went great and there were plenty of volunteers.

There are three events in November.

Nov. 6th – Prairie Heritage Day at Brazos Bend State Park where COT will again have a Leaf Rubbing and Identification booth.

Nov. 13th – AgriLife Open House

Nov. 20th – Brazoria County Family Day at Hanson County Park

It was also noted that on Nov. 20th the Friends of Brazoria Wildlife Refuges will have a booth at the Festival of Lights and also are entering a float in the parade.

The meeting was adjourned at 340 pm.