



# TREE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES OF THE 2ND BIENNIAL BUSINESS MEETING OF THE  
NORTH CENTRAL TREE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION  
August 5, 1981 - Lincoln, Nebraska

Chairman Rick Hall called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

Henry Stelzer moved, Steve Pennington seconded, to approve the corrected minutes of the 1st Biennial Business Meeting held August 22, 1979, in Madison, Wisconsin. Motion carried.

A discussion of the NCTIA treasury revealed that about \$300 was available from the sale of the 10th Central States Tree Improvement Conference Proceedings. Howard Kriebel reported that he was maintaining these funds in a bank account in Wooster and suggested that these funds should be transferred to the NCTIA treasury. Ray Guries reported that about \$75 remained after the expenses of printing the 1979 Proceedings had been accounted for. After some discussion it was agreed upon by the members present that around \$100 should be maintained in our treasury to be used as "seed money" for the hosts of the next meeting to use for duplicating and mailing costs associated with advertising the next meeting. The Executive Committee will develop a procedure for handling the maintenance and transfer of these funds.

Chairman Hall reported that he had several boxes of records of the old Central States and Lake States Tree Improvement Committees and that he had been investigating the alternatives for maintaining the historical records of the NCTIA. Dan Houston had contacted the Forest History Society and found them to be very interested in providing us with assistance. They suggested that one of the libraries at the Universities of Wisconsin, Minnesota, or Michigan would likely be interested in helping us maintain these records. The Executive Committee will contact these libraries and arrange for the inventory and safekeeping of the Association's records.

The desirability and usefulness of a newsletter to be published by the NCTIA was discussed. Several individuals supported such an effort and suggested that the objectives of such a newsletter should include: foster technology transfer; promote interchange of information with other regional tree improvement associations such as NEFTIC; provide an avenue for publicizing tree improvement meetings, symposia, and workshops; and update our knowledge of personnel changes in the region. One person cautioned the group to avoid letting such a newsletter become a "gossip sheet" of mundane news items and tired jokes. LeRoy Johnson suggested

that his agency (NE area, S&PF, Forest Service) might be interested in helping us publish such a newsletter if its primary goal was technology transfer. John Murphy moved, Joe Jokela seconded, that the NCTIA request that the Forest Service, S&PF, assist us in the publication of such a newsletter. Motion carried.

Chairman Hall reported that the executive committee had agreed that the NCTIA should help to sponsor future Tree Improvement Workshops like the one held in Minnesota several years ago.

A discussion of future meeting sites ensued. A formal invitation has been received from Ohio State University to hold the 1983 meeting in Wooster, Ohio. Chairman Hall reported that the Canadian Tree Improvement Association had approached him about holding a joint meeting with them in 1983 when they plan to meet in Maple, Ontario. After considerable discussion it was agreed that it would be preferable to suggest to the Canadians that we try to schedule our meetings back-to-back so that people could attend one meeting and then the other on the same trip. Chairman Hall will send a letter to the Chairmen of the Canadian Tree Improvement Association suggesting this arrangement. Keith Lynch moved, Don Riemenschneider seconded, to accept Ohio State University's invitation to host the 1983 meeting. Motion carried.

After a discussion of the best time of year for our meeting John Murphy moved, and Carl Mohn seconded, to schedule our next meeting during July-August, 1983. Motion carried.

Dave Van Haverbeke reported for the Nominating Committee composed of himself and Jon Wright the following nominees for each office:

Chairman - Dan Houston

Vice Chairman - Rich Cunningham

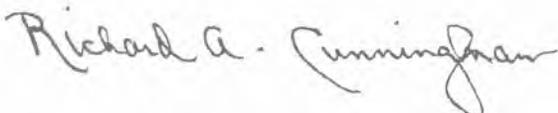
Secretary-Treasurer - Don Riemenschneider

Executive Committee (4 year terms) - Denny Townsend  
George Rink  
Fan Kung

No other nominations were received from the floor. John Murphy moved, and Joe Jokela seconded, that the nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for the nominees. Motion carried.

Chairman Hall adjourned the meeting at 4:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard A. Cunningham  
Secretary-Treasurer