

President Jones called the Tri-Council meeting to order at 10:09 am. The President welcomed all attendees and hope they were all well. It was stated that based on those attending all the councils had a quorum. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. President Jones mentioned that due to Covid-19 the expected tree at headquarters had not been planted. President Jones stated— there was no secretary report due to the cancellation of Convention 2020 (attachment 1).

Inger Jones presented the President’s Report.

Treasurer report was put up on screen.

Treasurer Carolyn Schaag gave the financial report for June 1, 2019 – August 31, 2020. The \$400 paid for Camperships was refunded as Wekiva Youth Camp was cancelled leaving account balance of \$5,030.57, and \$1,187.17 in TC General Fund. (attachment 2) Sheryl Perkins asked why income was not distributed to each council, Treasurer explained that it was income generated by Tri-Council.

President Jones appointed Barbara May as Timekeeper. Barbara May played from her I phone the sound when time is up.

Carol Hall read the bylaws that govern the nominating of officers for Tri-Council.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS:

Section 3. At the fall Meeting in an even-numbered year, A Nominating Committee Chairman shall be appointed by the President and one (1) additional member of the Nominating Committee shall be elected from the floor

Section 4. The Nominating Committee shall report at the Winter Meeting in an odd-numbered year.

Section 5 At the Annual Meeting in an odd-numbered, year, a slate of officers shall be presented by the Nominating Committee. Nominations from the floor will be in order. A majority vote shall elect.

President Jones appointed Carol Hall Chairman of the Tri-Council Nominating Committee. Nancy Miller was nominated from the floor and elected to serve as the fifth person on Tri-Council Nominating Committee.

President Jones suspended Tri-Council Meeting to yield to the Gardening Consultants Council. The meetings of the other councils were taken out of order due to an electronic problem with Jackie Host, the President of the Environmental Consultants Council.

The Gardening Consultants Council Meeting was called to order by President Brenda Luedeman. President Luedeman presented the Presidents report (attachment 3) and stated GCC has 58 paid members, 3 emeritus for 61 members.

Treasures report was put on screen, Treasurer Carolyn Schaag gave the financial report with balance of \$2,554.07 (attachment 2). The bylaws governing the nominating of officers was read. No comments or questions on budget.

Article IV – Officers and Elections

Section 2. At the fall meeting in an even-numbered year, a Nominating Committee Chairman shall be appointed by the President and two (2) additional members of the Nominating Committee shall be elected from the floor.

Section 3. The Nominating Committee shall report at the Winter Meeting in an odd-numbered year.

President Luedeman appointed Joanne Mulinare to be Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Carolyn Schaag nominated Arlene Rand and Joanne Mulinare nominated Susan Mello, both accepted the nomination and both were elected to the Gardening Consultants Nominating Committee. Barbara Hadsell gave a report on Gardening Schools (attachment 4). The schools with dates are located on the FFGC web site. President Luedeman adjourned the meeting.

The Environmental Consultants Council Meeting was called to order by President Jackie Host and then presented her the presidents report. Treasurers report put up on screen. Treasurer Carolyn Schaag read the Financial Report (attachment 2) and stated ECC has 50 members and 1 emeritus and bank balance of \$3,236.36 No comments/questions on budget. President Host read the bylaws about the nominating committee. (see above) Gloria Blake was appointed Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Mary Whisler nominated Nancy Richards and Carolyn Schaag nominated Joan Ochs. Both accepted the nomination and both were elected. President Host adjourned the ECC Meeting.

The Landscape Design Consultants Council Meeting was called to order by President Sheryl Perkins. A lengthy discussion ensued about the validity of the September Landscape Design Consultants Council as it may not have been brought to order. Barbara May stated that her opinion was that you cannot go back two meetings to amend the minutes. It was stated that the President's report had been read at that meeting. Joanne Mulinare, acting secretary at the January 7th meeting read part of the minutes that had been distributed to members. A motion was called by Barbara May and seconded by Susan Slater to approve the January 2020 minutes as received. They had been attached to THE CALL sent out by President Jones. The motion passed. The President read her report. A discussion followed about the desire to start a scholarship fund, Barbara Hadsell called a motion and it was seconded by Phyllis Weber to have \$300 in scholarship funds. Joanne Mulinare had two suggestions (1) the committee is to meet 2 times a year and she suggests they be February 1 and October 1 to reach the most students. (2) to more define the criteria about who and why a person is applying. Brenda Luedeman made the motion to table for clarification. It

was seconded by Barbara May and the motion passed. Carol Hall re-read the appropriate bylaws. Barbara Hadsell was appointed Chairman of the LDCC Nominating Committee. Carolyn Schaag nominated Barbara May; Barbara Hadsell nominated Phyllis Weber and Mary Whisler nominated Donna Thomas; Brenda Luedeman nominated Mary Whisler; and Phyllis Weber nominated Lorene Junkin. Susan Slater suggested we close the nomination, and there were no objections. The roll was called and Mary Whisler and Barbara May were elected to the committee.

Treasurer report was put up on the screen. Treasurer Carolyn Schaag presented the financial report with a balance of \$3,646.81 (attachment 2). President Perkins questioned the report as she has a bill of \$20 from the dinner sponsored at the past January Tropical Short Course to submit for payment. The Treasurer stated expenses must be submitted in a timely manner with a completed Request for Reimbursement form and the sales slip attached. Pending expenses are not put on the financial report until paid. President Perkins gave an announcement about a zoom meeting on October 7, 2020 at 10 AM. It was stated by Barbara Hadsell that the Landscape Design Consultants Council meeting did not have enough time to finish the agenda. President Jones remarked that the council was over time as the stated time for each council had been established as 15 minutes. It was determined that the meeting had been going on for 2 hours and 15 minutes, with LDCC using up to 76 minutes of this time. President Perkins did adjourn her meeting at this time.

The Tri-Council meeting was again called to order. Carol Hall, Chairman of the Tri-Council Nominating Committee, asked all presidents to forward the correct names and contact information of those members that are on their nominating committee.

There being no further business, President Inger Jones adjourned the Tri-Council meeting at 12:25 PM.