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**NOTES FROM THE SIDELINES:**

**Paul Kulesa – Recording Secretary**

*October 28, 2009 Meeting – Growing and Training Shohin Bonsai.*

Members began gathering at 6:45 PM. The buzz in the auditorium dealt with the two bonsai that were on display, brought in by Jack Wikle for Show & Tell, the annual election of officers to the Executive Board and the Annual Banquet in early November.

Jack brought in a well-ramified and beautiful Larix Laricina (Eastern larch). The foliage was golden in color and still hanging on. This was a beautiful display and a great example of years of work devoted to this tree. Jack said this tree has been in a pot since 1981. Jack also brought in a Japanese maple, another beautiful tree in full fall color. This tree has been in a pot since 1988.

Bill Heston, President of the Society, brought the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, quieting the crowd of thirty-two members, including two visitors. Bill asked Jack to introduce his tree to the membership during the Show & Tell segment of the meeting. Alfonso Tercero, Program chairperson discussed the upcoming Beginner & Intermediate Bonsai Classes scheduled for mid to late winter. Bill reminded the gathered membership of the upcoming banquet scheduled for Monday, November 9 beginning at 6 PM.

Bill then turned to the serious business for the evening, the presentation of the slate of nominees for the Executive Board. Bill asked Paul Kulesa, Recording Secretary, to present the slate of officers

for the election. Paul presented the slate (shown below) and asked for nominations from the membership to include in the election process. No additional nominees were presented.

The slate of nominees for the 2010 Executive Board include:

President	Alfonso Tercero
Vice President and Program Chairperson	Paul Kulesa
Treasurer	Joan Wheeler
Recording Secretary	Almudena Veiga-Lopez
Corresponding Secretary	Ryan Liu
Librarian	Vicki Norfleet
Show Chairperson	Jay Sinclair
Director (2010 & 2011)	Dustin Mann

Lary Howard will serve the second year of a directorship which he was appointed to earlier in 2009.

Bill Heston asked the membership to elect the slate as presented with no objection heard.

Trudy Bulkley, Connie Crancer and Jack Wikle moderated the evening program. They randomly selected bonsai for evaluation and design suggestions. Lois Vorrath brought a boxus, Curly Lox (boxwood), to the meeting for evaluation and design suggestions. Jack suggested major cuts to establish a new top with a large side branch. Lois was sincere with her comment that this was a significant improvement in the material.

Jamie Roman brought a Fukien Tea (Ehretia microphylla), named Lois, to the meeting for advice. She has had this bonsai since July 2009 and keeps it under light for 12 hours a day. Jamie did receive plenty of advice and some great suggestions regarding care and development.

David brought in a developed ficus benjamina, Too Little (dwarf fig), for styling advice. The evening

moderators thought the bonsai was nice. His bonsai could be improved if the length of limbs was reduced by 25-30% to shrink the overall silhouette.

Almudena Veiga-Lopez brought in an air-layered ficus with a dramatic base and minimal foliage. The advice included repositioning the foliage to create an apex and a well-defined lower limb.

The Executive Board and membership want to thank Connie, Jack and Trudy for their services for this program.

#### *October 28, 2009 Executive Board Meeting*

Executive Board members in attendance; Vicki Norfleet, Lary Howard, Alphonso Tercero, Joan Wheeler, Jay Sinclair, Ryan Liu, Bill Heston and Paul Kulesa. Non- Board members invited to attend; Almudena Veiga-Lopez, Dustin Mann and Hugh Danville.

There were four issues on the agenda for this meeting; a list of candidates nominated for annual election, discussion of show issues, 2010 program schedule and budget and commemorative bonsai pins.

The nomination committee presented the slate of candidates for the election to be held this evening.

President	Alfonso Tercero
Vice President and Program Chairperson	Paul Kulesa
Recording Secretary	Almudena Veiga-Lopez
Corresponding Secretary	Ryan Liu
Treasurer	Joan Wheeler
Librarian	Vicki Norfleet
Show Chairperson	Jay Sinclair
Director (a two year position, 2010 & 2011)	Dustin Mann

Lary Howard has one year left in the directorship he was appointed to, replacing Larry Hall.

Program Chairperson, Alfonso Tercero, presented a schedule of programs for 2010 and the related budget for the year. Included in the program schedule are three classes of Beginner and Intermediate Bonsai, three demonstrations by invited speakers, one workshop with a visiting artist, two field trips (a workshop in Ohio and a nursery visit in

the Fall), and several programs led by members of the Society. The program schedule and related budget were approved by a voice vote of the Executive Board.

Alfonso explained that a tri-fold brochure would be a beneficial purchase to spread the work of Ann Arbor Bonsai. The executive Board approved a purchase of 1000 brochures including the annual program.

Alfonso suggested that a wireless microphone system should be purchased for the benefit of our speakers and visiting artists. The Executive Board recognized the need for such a system and approved research of this topic with the understanding that the Board would reconsider the systems offered and costs.

Joan Wheeler, Treasurer, thought the Society could afford the purchase of this wireless microphone system.

Jay Sinclair, Show Chairperson, discussed several issues related to the 2009 Annual Show. He expressed regret over the loss of a display stand that was reported missing during the show. Jay reassured the Board that every effort is made to protect bonsai and related items brought to the show. He recommended that the Executive Board should consider compensating the person who sustained the loss.

Jay was concerned about the issue of availability of food during the show and the Saturday Evening Critique. He wants to find a "food director" to manage this concern. Jay accepted a summary of tasks related to the Show from the previous Show Chairperson, Hugh Danville.

Related to the show, he is also concerned about the number of bonsai brought to the show and display tables used. Jay accepted the recommendation from Paul Kulesa, show staging, to increase the number of tables available for use by two and expand the fabric background to the remaining display tables. A budget for this expansion was presented to the Executive Board and it was approved.

Alfonso asked the Executive Board to approve research in the purchase of AABS pins and 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemorative pins. Alfonso will get back to the Board with specific cost information and approval request.

## **2010 AABS EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**President:** Alfonso Tercero (734) 424-9399

**Vice-President:** Paul Kulesa

**Program Chairperson:** Paul Kulesa

**Corresponding Secretary:** Ryan Liu

**Recording Secretary:** Almudena Veiga-Lopez

**Publicity Chair:** Lary Howard

**Treasurer:** Joan Wheeler (734) 485-6306

**Librarian:** Vicki Norfleet

**Past President:** Bill Heston (734) 662-8699

**Director 2010 & 2011:** Dustin Mann

**Show Chairperson:** Jay Sinclair

## **AABS AD-HOC COMMITTEES**

The AABS President is exofficio member of all committees with the exception of the Nomination Committee.

**Auction Chair:** TBD

**Membership Chair:** TBD

**Show Staging:** Paul Kulesa

**Demonstrations:** John Parks

**Ways and Means Chair:** John Parks

**Web Administration:** TBD

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**Please note:** All Society members are required to give 10% of the total sales for any items that are sold at AABS monthly meetings to the Society. The 10% fee will apply to all sales at AABS Meetings or through the AABS

Newsletter. Deadline for submissions to the Newsletter is the 5th of the month.

Please send your comments or documents to [aabsnewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:aabsnewsletter@yahoo.com).

The Ann Arbor Bonsai Society is affiliated with the American Bonsai Society ([www.absbonsai.org](http://www.absbonsai.org)) and the Mid American Bonsai Alliance. Contact AABS at: [aabsnewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:aabsnewsletter@yahoo.com).

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## **MEMBERSHIP**

Society Membership is for the calendar year. Use the membership form on the Web and bring it to the next AABS meeting or mail it to:

**Joan Wheeler  
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Ypsilanti, MI 48198  
(734) 485-6306**

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Please make your check payable to AABS for \$25.00.

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**The 2010 Membership is due January 2010. Please mail your check to Joan Wheeler or bring it to the next meeting, or your membership will be removed.**

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**Next Club meeting will be on January 27, 2010.**

**Wishing you all a wonderful holiday!**

**See you next year!!**

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# Ann Arbor Bonsai Society

## AABS Membership Application (Please Print Clearly)

Renewal

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**Ann Arbor Bonsai Society**

Bring this membership application and payment with you to the next Society meeting, or  
mail to:

**Joan Wheeler**  
**2295 N. Harris Road**  
**Ypsilanti, Michigan 48198**

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The Ann Arbor Bonsai Society is on the Web at: <http://www.annarb.bonsaisociety.org>  
Questions or comments may be directed to: [aabsnewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:aabsnewsletter@yahoo.com)



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