

## **Arboretum Associates Board Meeting**

Monday, November 11, 2024

UI Facilities Large Conference Room

Present: Paul Warnick, Erik Anderson, Harriet Hughes, Nancy Sprague, Kris Roby, Julie Miller, Lucy Falcy, Kai Battenberg, Frank Clarke, Kat Clancy

Absent: Nancy Zabriskie, Yvonne Barkley

Guests: Rusty Vineyard, Director of Facilities Operations and Craig Carson, Director of Grounds

### **Approval of Minutes**

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2024 meeting. Motion passed.

### **Transition (Horticulturalist/Superintendent Position)**

Rusty announced that he supports Paul's request to work half-time through the UI's Planned Retirement Program, while Paul is training his replacement. Paul will submit his application to the PRP and request that it begin as soon as possible. Rusty confirmed his commitment to ensure a smooth succession process. Erik noted that two board members volunteered to serve on the search committee for the new position and Rusty agreed that both could be on the committee. He asked that we share their names with Craig. The timing of the search will be incumbent on the PRP approval. Rusty encouraged the board to coordinate our efforts with the UI Foundation in building relationships with donors.

### **ArborNotes**

Yvonne submitted the draft for the new issue to the printer. There will be time for a final review after Yvonne returns on November 17.

### **Annual Meeting**

Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 6:30pm at the 1912 Center Great Room.

### **Plant Sale**

Saturday, May 17, 2025, TBD at the UI Facilities Greenhouse. Paul and Lucy will place orders for annual and perennials soon.

### **Summer Concert**

Monday, July 14, 2025, 7:00pm in the Arboretum

### **Bukvich Concert Site Project**

Paul reported that the work on this project should begin on November 12. Kris announced that \$6,200 has been raised through private donations for this project so far. Additional options for fund raising were discussed.

### **New Business**

Julie is working on having a new set of thank you cards printed that Paul will be able to send to Arboretum donors.

Erik requested volunteers to start a Marketing Committee that will help promote Arboretum Associate events and provide publicity for Arboretum awards and projects. Kat, Kai, and Kris volunteered to serve on the Marketing Committee.

Erik provided an updated contact list for the Arboretum Associates board members.

Kai offered to give a tour of the UI Herbarium to board members in January 2025.

### **Arboreta Updates**

Paul presented a slideshow of recent projects. Highlights included: an overview of the workshop Paul and Lucy attended in Yakima organized by the Garden Conservancy; new green fencing for catching leaves near the pond; the upcoming removal of the poplars used in a research project; a new research project involving growing MacFarlane's Four O'Clocks (*Mirabilis macfarlanei*), a rare native plant, to help re-establish populations; a large tree removal project in the Shattuck Arboretum; the placement of the new Arboretum and Botanical Garden signs at both the north and south entrances.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.

**Next meeting:** Monday, December 9, 2024