

**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
RALPH & KACOO'S RESTAURANT  
BATON ROUGE, LA  
OCTOBER 2, 2012, 11:45 A.M. TO 12:45 P.M.**

President, Wayne Orton called the meeting to order at 11:55 A.M., welcomed everyone and asked them to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 36 voting Members, Officers and Board of Directors present at the meeting.

Wayne asked everyone to briefly review the minutes of the last Annual Meeting and if acceptable, asked for a motion to accept them as presented. Nick Sintz moved, seconded by Octave Ferrer, to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

Wayne asked Severn C. Doughty, Sr. to provide the financial report. Severn stated that as of September 28, 2012 we had \$20,326.10 in the checking account; Un-deposited checks amounted to \$1,480.00; and a PayPal transfer to the checking account amounted to \$1,483.60. The PayPal balance as of October 1, 2012 was \$639.96. Severn went on to explain that the financial statement this year only accounted through the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter because there was not enough information this early into October. However, next year the Annual Meeting is set for October 15, 2013 so that a 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter financial statement can be presented. There being no questions, Nick Sintz moved, seconded by Octave Ferrer, to accept the financial report as presented. Motion carried.

Wayne asked Severn to present the Membership report. Severn stated that at the beginning of this Annual Meeting we had 125 members. Right now at lunch we had 140 members.

Wayne asked Severn to present the Website update. Severn stated that early last year our webmaster, Sophia Tolliver, upgraded our website to be more user friendly. As a result we have been getting more visitors to our sight as indicated by the monthly statistics we have received. But Severn encouraged everyone to go to the site frequently and be sure to check the calendar because we have training classes scheduled up to January 2014.

Wayne asked Severn to present the newsletter report. Severn asked if any member in the audience failed to receive a newsletter. If so, copies were available. Severn further stated that he hoped that we could get more advertisers because he would like to have the front and back covers printed in color. He showed a copy of the newsletter in color and said that members could go to the member's only section of the website and retrieve a color copy.

Wayne moved on to Old Business and explained to the membership that the Board had voted favorably upon contracting with Dr. Peter Gallagher as the new Director of Education and Research. Wayne asked Dr. Gallagher to give the membership an update on his plan for next year. Dr. Gallagher indicated that his priorities were to: 1) review and procure ½ day, 1 day, 1 ½ day and 2 day educational classes worthy of LDAF approval for recertification; 2) develop a speaker/training program list as a reserve for LIA to present classes for recertification; 3) assess and determine what research would be beneficial to Landscape Irrigation Contractors, distributors, and or manufacturers in concert with the LSU AgCenter and determine projects and cost; and 4) write, develop and or edit new training course materials that LIA would own and present in training classes. Dr. Gallagher indicated too that he would be contacting some of the members to ask them what training courses they would like to see LIA acquire.

Wayne moved on to New Business and explained to the Membership that the Board voted upon and approved a move to enter into a contract between LIA and the Executive Secretary, Severn C. Doughty, Sr. LIA felt that a contract between LIA and the Executive Secretary would more economical than to consider the Executive Secretary as an employee.

In order to accomplish the execution of a contract, a proposed By-Law change, already voted upon favorably by the Board, would have to be voted upon favorably by the Membership. The change would read: Article 1, Section 3, 1<sup>st</sup> sentence; “The Executive Secretary shall be *contracted* (not employed) by the Board of Directors and be responsible to the Board.” Second to last sentence; “He shall be under the *guidance* (not direct supervision) of the Board of Directors, the President and any other member of the Board to whom is delegated administrative authority.” There being no questions, Nick Sintz moved, seconded by Kenny Slocum, to accept the changes in the By-Laws as stated. Motion carried unanimously with no opposing votes.

Wayne moved on to the election of Officers and Board Members. Wayne stated that the Nominating Committee’s recommendations for the slate of Officers and Board Members for 2012-2013 were:

President, Julie Mouch Broussard  
 Vice-President, John R. Kavanaugh  
 Past President, Wayne Orton  
 Director 2013, 2014, Marianne Joye  
 Director 2013, 2014, Wes Gauthier  
 Director 2012, 2013, Jack Hopper  
 Director 2012, 2013, Curt Bowman

Wayne asked if there were any nominations from the floor and there being none asked for a motion to accept the slate of Officers and Board of Directors as presented by the Nominating Committee. Nick Sintz moved, seconded by Steve Swanner, to accept the slate of Officers as presented. Motion carried unanimously with no opposing votes.

Wayne then handed the gavel over to incoming President, Julie Broussard and she graciously accepted the position and thanked everyone for their confidence in her. She further stated that she looked forward to working with the Board and Membership this next year. She asked if the Membership had any concerns or requests of her or the Board. One person asked if there would be a possibility of having a Backflow Prevention training on-line and a number of people indicated probably not. However, LIA had tentatively scheduled Recertification training for January 22, 2013 at Ralph & Kacoo's Restaurant in Baton Rouge where the topic of the training will be, "What is Backflow Prevention and How can Landscape Irrigation Contractors Become Endorsed to Install Them."

Julie then asked Ansel Rankins, Assistant Director of the Horticulture Commission, to give an update on LDAF. Ansel indicated that currently there were 393 licensed Landscape Irrigation Contractors in the state of Louisiana. Back in 2008 there were 244; in 2009 there were 267; in 2010, 310; in 2011, 357. Ansel then handed everyone a map of Louisiana with all the LDAF District Offices and contact information. He then handed everyone a copy of the Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 7, Part XXIX, Chapter 1. Horticulture and Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 3: Chapter 24 Section 3808 which pertains to the revised laws for Landscape Irrigation Contractors. Ansel mentioned the Horticulture Commission Hearing Meetings and stated that the dates were posted on their website and the meetings were open to the public. Also the results of their findings were posted on their website as well and there was a link to the minutes on the LIA website. Finally, Ansel stated that currently there were 20 Landscape Irrigation Contractors endorsed by the Louisiana Plumbing Board to install backflow prevention.

Julie in her closing comments asked Mike Goree to come to the Podium. She presented Mike with a plaque which stated: "Presented to Marshall 'Mike' Goree This Day, October 2, 2012 in Grateful Appreciation for His Part in the Formation of the Louisiana Irrigation Association, Serving as President and as a Board Member since 2005. We Hereby Honor You With Lifetime Honorary Membership In This Organization." Mike graciously accepted the plaque by stating, "I won't have to pay dues anymore?" (No, Mike, you've already paid your dues many times over.)

Julie went on to say that Danny Mobley, who was unable to attend, would receive a Framed Certificate stating: "Presented This Day, October 2, 2012 to Danny Mobley in Grateful Appreciation for the Years of Service as President and Serving on the Louisiana Irrigation Association Board."

Finally, Julie asked Wayne Orton to come to the podium. She presented him with the Presidential Plaque which stated: "President's Plaque Presented to Wayne Orton For Outstanding Dedication as President of the Louisiana Irrigation Association For 2009 to 2012." The Membership gave Wayne a hardy applause in appreciation for his service.

There being no more business, Nick Sintz moved, seconded by Jack Hopper, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting concluded at 12:55 P.M.

