

Minutes
Landscape Ontario Nursery Industry Sector Group Meeting
Tuesday November 21, 2023 – 4:00-5:00pm

Present: *non-voting attendees

Names	Affiliation
Jeff Olsen	Brookdale Treeland Nursery
Rob Vanderkruk	Connon Nursery
John Mantel	Islington Nurseries
John Bisaillon	JB Landscape
Christi Garneau	
John Bakker	JC Bakker & Sons
Ben Kobes	Kobes Nursery
John Langendoen	Willowbrook Nurseries
Dave Bergshoeff*	
Ryan Munroe*	NVK Nursery Holdings
Philip Pieper	Pieper Nursery
Bart Brusse	Sheridan Nurseries
James Somerville	Somerville Nurseries
Gerwin Bouman	Stam Nurseries
Michael Van Dongen	Van Dongen's Nursery
Alex Verbinnen	Verbinnen's Nursery
Nick Winkelmolen (acting chair)	Winkelmolen Nursery
Jeanine West	Landscape Ontario*
Cassie Russell	OMAFRA*

Record of Discussion

A. Decision of Chair/Vice-Chair

1. Philip Pieper nominated to be chair
2. Discussion that possible to have co-chairs...better solution! Requested Brent Vanderkruk be co-chair alongside Philip (NVK confirmed after the meeting).
3. John Mantel and Jeff Olsen volunteered to support the new Co-Chairs in their role.

B. Research Subcommittee 'Plan'

1. Research to continue being led through a Research Chair position, within main LOGG
2. Bart Brusse agreed to hold that role until a replacement can be identified
3. HINT – looking for a replacement by next meeting!

C. Updated Board of Directors (LOGG voting members)

- Rob Albrecht
- Todd Baker
- Paul Britman-Rapai
- Bart Brusse (Research Chair)

Christi Garneau
Ben Kobes
Philip Pieper (Co-Chair)
James Somerville
Richard Suk (Greg as backup)
Brent Vanderkruk (Co-Chair)
Case Vanderkruk
Rob Vanderkruk
Jeff Winkelmolen (Nick as backup)

E. Subcommittee Discussion

- Subcommittees to be formed as needed
- Non-voting members welcome to participate
- E.g., one for Short Course & one for Pelham by-law issue

Short Course: to support planning of speakers, venue & food

Cassie Russell
Jeanine West
John Mantel
Ryan Munroe
Lauralee Gonzalez

Pelham By-law: to provide letter and support from LO for lot coverage decrease

John Langendoen
Rob Vanderkruk
Jeanine West
Christi Garneau
Michael Van Dongen

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Next Meetings:

- January 9th at Congress. Plan meeting at 5pm followed by grower reception (6-8pm)
- Mid-late January – need a budget discussion with Joe Sabatino (virtual)
- Research auction – good networking event, maybe needs re-vamping but still worth considering
- November 2024 at the same venue as the annual research/minor use priorities meeting.

New Action Items:

1. JW and Cassie to summarize minutes of the LOGG meeting and research/minor use meetings, respectively
2. JW to prepare 'request' to the LO Executive Board for formal registration of the new LOGG Board
3. JW to create summary document of responsibilities for new Directors
4. JW to plan for next event/meeting (LO Congress Grower Reception January 9th)