

HILA Board Meeting

Minutes December 2nd, 2021

Present: Christian Renz, Garrett Web, Erin Lee, Ty McDonald, Micah Barker, Tony Savarese, Sarah Kamanu

1st Order of Business: 2022 ETF: Garrett reports there will be no ETF for the 2021 - 2023 biennial period.

2nd Order of Business: Hawaii Based Landscape Test: Tony offered to draft test questions during the development of the training course so that both the test and the train course can be completed simultaneously. Sarah suggests creating a form for requesting input from other State landscape organizations to submit questions or collect input for developing the Hawaii test.

3rd Order of Business: Webinars: Garrett has completed a 3-part ornamental maintenance training webinar consisting of classes on soil, pest management, and equipment operation. The next step is to find 3 teachers to present the topics for the webinar.

4th Order of Business: Developing the HILA Training Course: Tony suggests starting with creating a Table of Contents for the courses then working on one section per month during 2022. Ty will send out a list of the classes offered in the 10-week training series as well as the NALP manual table of contents to the Board. Christian will bring his laptop to the meetings to document the work on the course development during the board meetings.

5th Order of Business: HILA Continuing Education Offering for 2022: Christian suggests HILA continue to offer CE courses during 2022. Tentatively offering 3 courses consisting of an Irrigation class taught by Lynnett Tohara, Battery Powered Equipment Repair taught by Tony Savarese, and a Botany and Plant ID class taught by Erin Lee. Garrett will reach out to Lynnett in January to check on her availability. Sarah suggests scheduling the classes in late spring and early fall when the landscape season is generally a little less busy.

6th Order of Business: HILA Continuing Education Offering for 2022: Tony has put together a short survey of 5 questions to ask landscape managers and supervisors for input on topics they are seeking further education on for their employees. He will report back with results from this survey from landscape industry customers that come in to hi business All-Tool.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting Thursday, January 20th at 3:30pm at Hualalai.