

Minnesota Nurserymen's newsletter

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Minnesota Nurserymen's Association
Annual Meeting
Lowry Hotel
St. Paul, Minnesota

Monday, December 5

AM

8:30-9:30

Registration
Complimentary Coffee

9:30

Invocation
Opening remarks and committee appointments by Lawrence
Bachman, President of Minnesota Nurserymen's Association

10:00

"Glimpse Into the Future in City Planning" -
Robert Cerney, Architect

11:00

"In a Manner of Speaking" - presentation by Northwestern
Bell Telephone

12:00

Noon Luncheon - Ladies Invited

PM

1:00

Guest speaker - "World Affairs" by B. H. Ridder, Editor-
Publisher of St. Paul Dispatch

2:15*

Bureau of Plant Industry Report - "New Problems Observed
This Year" - Walter Trampe

3:30

Roundtable Discussions - 4 separate groups

1 - Inventory Control

2 - How to Best Handle

a. Appointments

b. Replacement calls and complaints

c. Landscape crews

3 - Cost Accounting

4 - Design Principles

7:00

Banquet and Entertainment - tickets available at registration

* Separate program planned for the ladies

Tuesday, December 6

AM

8:30

Complimentary Coffee

9:15

Business Meeting

9:45

Report from Roundtable Discussions

10:15

Employee-Employer Relationships - by Jack MacAloon

12:00

Luncheon

PM

1:15

Introduction of new President of the National Association
of Nurserymen - Washington Report

2:30

"The Modern Nursery Storage" by Vincent Bailey

3:15

Horticulture Department Report by Leon P. Snyder and staff

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Minnesota State Nurserymen's Association, Inc.
1959

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Minnesota State Nurserymen's Association, Inc.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTS

The objects of this association shall be to coordinate the interest of nurserymen and bring them into closer relationship of mutual helpfulness to members; through conference and correspondence; to promote interest in every phase of horticulture where trees and plants may be used for ornamental or economic purposes; to help disseminate information of benefit to the public in the care and use of nursery products; to encourage the exchange and sale of stock among its members. Each member of the Minnesota State Nurserymen's Association is pledged to conduct himself and business in the highest ethical plane and to endeavor to elevate the standards of the nursery industry.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Active membership in the Minnesota State Nurserymen's Association will be limited to those firms or individuals who are actively engaged in the growing, landscape planting and/or landscape designing, or merchandising of nursery stock and are presently pursuing that work and deriving the major part of their living from it.

Only those whom the Executive Board consider to be of good professional standing and possessed of a good credit rating and good personal and business references will be admitted. A voting member may be removed, for just cause, by secret ballot at a regular meeting of the Association with two-thirds active members present and two-thirds active members of those present voting for removal. Formal application will be required before the Executive Board will consider any applicant for membership.

SECTION 2. Associate, non-voting, membership may be given any firm or individual who engages in the production or sale of allied products. Nurserymen who are not Minnesota residents, or Minnesota resident firms or individuals who do not derive the major portion of their income from the growing, landscape planting and/or landscape designing or merchandising of nursery stock. Minnesota resident firms or individuals who do not derive the major portion of their income from the growing, landscaping, or merchandising or nursery stock may be considered for active membership after three years as an associate member by action of the Executive Board. The same standards will be required for associate members as are required of a regular member. An associate member may be removed by the same method required for a voting member. Formal application will be required before the Executive Board will consider any applicant for membership.

SECTION 3. Complimentary annual or honorary life membership may be voted by the Association.

SECTION 4. Every member in good standing is entitled to receive all circular material, notices and other available material of interest.

SECTION 5. Annual dues in the association shall be as follows:

Total Business--Less than \$5,000\$ 5.00
Total Business--\$5,000 to \$7,500\$10.00
Total Business--\$7,500 to \$15,000\$15.00
Over \$15,000\$20.00
Associate\$15.00

Dues must be paid by July 1st of each year or membership expires.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The Officers and Directors of this Association shall be a President, a Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and five Directors.

SECTION 2. The President and Vice-President shall be elected for a term of one year by the voting members at the annual business meeting of the Association by a majority vote of the members present, and shall hold office until their successors are elected.

SECTION 3. Board of Directors. The Directors of the Association shall consist of five members who shall be elected at the annual business meeting of the Association by a majority vote of the members present, and shall hold office until their successors are elected. The Directors shall be elected to hold office for terms of two years and shall be elected in groups of two or more to replace the members whose terms have expired or replace elected officers. The retiring President shall be a member of the Board of Directors for a period of one year after retiring from the office of President, or until replaced by the next retiring president.

SECTION 4. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be appointed by the Board of Directors, and shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors for the term of his appointment. The Board of Directors have the power to compensate the Secretary-Treasurer for work done, as they deem proper.

SECTION 5. Thus, the Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, five Directors and the emitted past President.

SECTION 6. Any vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled by appointment by the President for the unexpired term.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

SECTION 1. The Executive Board shall meet at the call of the President. Four members shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 2. The annual meeting shall be held at the time and place selected by the Executive Board. Ten active members attending an officially called meeting of the Minnesota State Nurserymen's Association shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 3. The Executive Board may cancel any activities of this Association provided for by the Constitution which they deem advisable during any emergency.

ARTICLE VI - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The president shall preside at all meetings, appoint all committees and perform such other duties as pertain to the office.

SECTION 2. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President.

SECTION 3. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the records of the Association, handle all funds and carry on all business of the Association. His activities shall be under the supervision of the Executive Board. The Secretary-Treasurer shall close the books on November 30th or just prior to the annual meeting at which time he shall make his annual report. The books shall be audited at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VII

The Minnesota State Nurserymen's Association is affiliated with the Minnesota State Horticultural Society and shall pay dues for its members. The Minnesota State Nurserymen's Association is a member of the Minnesota State Agricultural Society.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended at any Annual Meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active members present provided proposed amendments have been approved by the Executive Board and have been presented in writing to the members at least ten days before the Annual Meeting.

NOTES TO THE NURSERYMEN

Walter P. Trampe

The Section of Nursery Inspection, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, has had difficulty under the law controlling some of the nursery dealers in the state. Many problems arise in attempting to keep this situation in hand. Each year we are getting a large increase in the number of dealers. Last year alone we had 150 more dealers than the year before. The total number now exceeds 850 dealers.

We intend to propose rules and regulations to the Plant Pest Act which will describe specific violations more clearly. A violation is then more easily determined and a prosecution will more readily be obtained. The end result should be to make enforcement more effective.

It is our intention to offer these rules and regulations to the Commissioner some time this winter. A hearing will be called and all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard. After the testimony is heard, we hope to have these rules and regulations adopted.

If there is a question in regard to any of the proposals, feel free to discuss it with the writer at any time.

PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE PLANT PEST ACT

CONDITION OF ROSE BUSHES

It shall be a violation of the Plant Pest Act Sec. 18.50:

To sell or offer for sale rose bushes on which there is any significant amount of die-back. Cane-wood shall be alive and with undamaged cambium tissue to a point 8 inches from the graft. Any single stem not meeting this specification disqualifies the entire plant. A bush may be pruned to meet these requirements provided that at least one cane remains to qualify.

(Rose bushes appear to be the most popular item offered for sale and often the most abused in the process. Bushes on display in poor condition are a detriment to the industry and a bad deal for the purchaser. It was thought that some bare minimum standard should be defined. Bushes on sale below these specifications would constitute violation of the law.)

MISREPRESENTATION

It shall be a violation of the Plant Pest Act Sec. 18.59 (5):

To sell nursery stock directly collected from the wild state unless it is so labelled.

(We feel that the public has a right to know whether trees are nursery-grown or collected from the wild.)

To sell greenhouse-grown rose bushes, commonly known as bench roses, unless they are labelled as bench roses.

STANDARDS OF CARE

It shall be required under the Plant Pest Act, Sec. 18.50, on nursery stock being held for sale:

That such stock be sufficiently watered so that the roots are moist at all times.

That balled and burlapped nursery stock be kept in sawdust, shingletow, peat or some other moisture - holding material, not toxic to plants, and at least 4 inches in depth. This medium must be kept moist at all times.

Dormant nursery stock shall be stored under conditions that will prevent growth. Stock that has broken dormancy shall not be offered for sale.

DEALER'S CERTIFICATE REQUIRED

Under Sec. 18.52 Subd:

Any person who sells nursery stock to a dealer must establish that such a dealer has a valid nursery dealer's certificate before delivery is made.

(If the wholesaler will check our list before delivering nursery stock to a dealer, it will save us considerable time in searching for uncertified operators. We will then be able to use this time on dealer inspection work which is so urgent at that time of the year. Most of the wholesalers cooperate very well on a voluntary basis. This rule would make it mandatory for all to cooperate.)