

VNA Horticulture Research Foundation Inc.
Beautiful Gardens™
Plant Introduction Program Committee Meeting
January 11, 2006, Baltimore, MA

Minutes

Time: 3:00 – 5:00 PM, Wednesday, January 11 2006
Place: Room 334, Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, MA,

3:00 pm **Call to Order** – Fred Duis, Chairmen, Virginia Plant Introduction Committee

1. Secretary's Report and Minutes approval: Jeff Miller

December 6-7 2005 PIP Strategy Planning Meeting in Wintergreen, VA: Fred Duis

- Focus on the future;
- Short term and long range goals;
- Vision and mission statement;
- Financial/Funding priorities;
- Action goals for the future;
- Beautiful Gardens™ Board and Committees members as of Dec '05;

2. Building an Advisory Committee to Beautiful Gardens™ Program: Rumen Conev

Update on actions taken so far: Rumen Conev announced that the only 2 federal level positions on germplasm have agreed to work on the Plant Advisory Committee, Dr. David Tay and Dr. Margaret Pooler, Dr. Todd Laseinge will also be working with this committee who noted that Virginia is the only state with seven test sites for plants in several different zones. Paul Saunders, Paul James, Jim Monroe, Andre Viette, Tom Rainey, Don Shadow.

- Nominations for Committee Members: PIP Task Force

3. Plant Selection: Mark Weathington

- Promotion plant list (submitted Oct 2005) – discussions, and approval of a final version.
- Evaluation plant list: hardy Oleander cvs, *Lycoris* spp. (R. Conev), other nominations (BG PS Committee, BG Advisory Committee, Direct contact to University and private Breeders, etc.)

4. Developing a plan for advertising our facilities and potential for R&D to interested people/groups/institutions in the US and abroad: Rumen Conev/Barry Flinn

- Developing a target list;
- Developing an action plan;

4:45 pm **Wrap up, and planning next meeting: Fred Duis**
5:00 pm **Adjourn**