SELNA Summer Meeting

August 6, 2024- Hammond Research Station

1. Welcome- Will Afton, Secretary

Rick Webb called the meeting to order at 6:17 PM.

1. Open Officer Positions

President - Paige Mizell

Vice President – Derek Moore

Treasurer – Jessica Dayhoff

Secretary – Will Afton

Board Member – Nancy jenkins

Board Member – David Norris

Rick made a motion to accept the current slate of officers. David Norris seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

1. Minutes from last meeting- July 25, 2023 Will Afton, Secretary

Mary Mizell made a motion to accept the previous meeting minutes. David Norris seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

1. Treasurers Report-

Balance as of 8/1/24: $14357.43

Overview of expenses: Susan Webb provided a handout to membership and gave a verbal explanation of all expenses and deposits since the previous meeting.

Possibility of obtaining a debit card to attach to the website to keep it renewed: Paige suggested the association get a debit card to use for online payment of the association’s website. Susan agreed with this idea. At the current time, the only name on the association’s account is Susan Webb. She is going to find out the requirements for getting a debit when she and the new treasurer go to the bank to switch the account over.

Paige Mizell made a motion to put Jessica Dayhoff on the checking and remove Susan Webb.

Dues: No dues were collected in 2023. The membership list from 2022 is being used as the current membership list.

1. Folsom Fall Garden Festival

Saturday, October 26th. Paige made a motion to for SELNA to hold a Folsom Fall Garden Festival on October 26, 2024 at Midway Church in Folsom, LA. Jessica Dayhoff seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

1. LSU AgCenter Update

Will provided a verbal report on major events held at the Hammond Research Station over the past year, future events, and open LSU AgCenter positions related to horticulture.

1. LNLA & LNLFSR update

Michael Roe gave a brief update on the LNLA. Cari Jane is taking a leave of absence and April Fields has stepped up to help out with creating the association newsletter and other matters. Membership is around 525-530 with 36 new members. LNLA turns 70 this year and a celebration event is scheduled on September 6, 2024 at Gerald Foret’s Nursery in New Iberia. LNLA LSU/AgCenter Education Day to be held at the Red River Research Station on October 10, 2024.

1. Plant Locator Map

Round up all remaining maps so they can be provided at LNLA booth at the Texas show later next week. Will Afton will send out SELNA wide email with this information. Paige Mizell and Jessica Dayhoff are forming a committee to discuss ways to improve the concept of a Nursery Locator Map.

Rick Webb made a motion to set aside $500 for SELNA to print their own copies of the current map. Jessica Dayhoff seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passed anonymously.

1. Website

The domain for [www.SELNA.org](http://www.SELNA.org) has been paid through April 2026.

The website is paid for through July 2025.

Paige Mizell is taking over updating the website from Susan Webb.

1. New Business

Folsom Spring Garden Festival

SELNA held a spring version of the Folsom Garden Festival in 2021 and it went well. The Kiwanis Club of Northwest St Tammany held a spring garden show event in Folsom on March 16, 2024 and it went well. Paige Mizell made a motion for SELNA to hold a spring garden festival tentatively on April 12, 2025. Jessica Dayhoff seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Trade Show

Last official SELNA Tradeshow was held in 2019, piggy-backed with the LSU AgCenter Horticulture Field Day. A drive by event was held in 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic but wasn’t very popular. LSU AgCenter Horticulture Field Day is now being held on the third Friday in July. There is no major interest in pursuing a tradeshow at this time.

1. Next meeting

Due to time of day, availability of the room at HRS is not accessible. Paige suggested calling a meeting after the Folsom Fall Garden Festival but before the end of the year. Meeting announcement will be done by email.

1. Adjourn

David Norris made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jessica Dayhoff seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting ended at 7:10 PM.