

**Elections for IPS Directors  
2012 – 2016 Term  
Ballot Enclosed – Vote Now!**

The tear-out **Election Ballot** is on page 15 (inside rear cover) of this *Supplement to Palms*. You must use this original ballot for your vote to be counted. Tear it out and vote now! See page 9 for candidate bios.

Your ballot must be returned no later than July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012, to be counted. Election results will be announced on the IPS website and will also be published in the next *Supplement to Palms*.

Directors for the 2012 – 2016 term will be installed at the Board of Directors Meeting in September 2012 at the Thailand Biennial.

Questions concerning the nominating and/or election process may be sent to any of the following. E-mail messages are preferred.

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The IPS Nominating Committee for this election is comprised of Faith Bishock, Norman Bezona, Elena Beare, Sue Rowlands and Horace Hobbs.

This election includes several contested races, so it is particularly important that IPS members take the time to vote. Please remove the ballot at the end of this *Supplement* and VOTE! Today!

**2012 IPS Biennial Meeting, Thailand**

The 2012 Biennial Meeting of the International Palm Society will be held in Thailand on September 11-18, 2012. The Biennial will kick off in Bangkok and then move to other nearby areas, visiting a number of palms in habitat and then concentrating on the marvelous plantings at Nong Nooch Tropical Botanical Garden near Pattaya. IPS Biennial Committee Chair Leland Lai is coordinating the event for the IPS.

An IPS-sponsored Pre Biennial Tour to Southern Thailand will immediately precede the 2012 Biennial with Pre-Tour dates of September 5-11.

Registration and itinerary details were provided in a separate *Biennial Supplement* available for download from [www.palms.org](http://www.palms.org).

Spaces are still available for both the Biennial and for the Pre-Tour. However, future registrants to the Biennial will be lodged for Nong Nooch days in the Pattaya area (nights 3 through 7) at the nearby beachfront Botany Beach Hotel as all spaces at the main Nong Nooch facility have been filled. This does not affect social events nor biennial visitations as those staying at Botany Beach Resort will be transported by Nong Nooch to the main facilities for all events. The two hotels are only separated by 15 minutes / 9 km. The Botany Beach is a very nice hotel so check it out on their website: [www.botanybeach.com](http://www.botanybeach.com).

Registrations for Biennial and Pre-Tour close on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

**IPS Pre-Biennial 2012 Tour  
to the South of Thailand  
Trang-Krabi-Phang-nga – Phuket  
5-11 September, 2012**

See separate *Supplement B* for *Palms* 56(1) accompanying the previous *Supplement* issue or check online ([www.palms.org](http://www.palms.org)) for full details on the optional IPS Pre-Biennial Tour.

Registrations close on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

**Palm Tour of Vietnam  
(by New York Botanical Garden)  
to follow the IPS 2012 Biennial**

For full details on this Vietnam Palm Tour organized and led by Dr. Andrew Henderson of the New York Botanical Garden. See <http://www.nybg.org/botany/vietnampalmtour/>.

Andrew Henderson is author of *Field Guide to the Palms of Southern Asia*.

**NEWS FROM AFFILIATES**

*Send comments, corrections and other events to:*

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**Palm and Cycad Society of Australia, Inc.**

The Palm & Cycad Societies of Australia, Inc. (PACSOA) is a group of affiliated, semi-autonomous, regional Palm and/or Cycad Societies headed by a Board presently based in Brisbane, Queensland. The Societies adopted the present structure in 1984 after having previously been an informal information exchange. At that time there was established the quarterly magazine, formerly Magazine of the Palm & Cycad Society of Australia, now *Palms & Cycads*, publishing articles of both non-technical and technical content of interest to the palm and/or cycad enthusiast; and a Bookstore which offers substantial discounts on retail prices of palm and cycad books and publications, most of which are unobtainable elsewhere in Australia. Since 1984 there has also been established a Publication Fund which, since 1987, has published eight original books.

Information from individual branches of PACSOA is given under separate headings below. PACSOA branches are:

- Brisbane Palm & Cycad Society
- Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay
- Palm & Cycad Soc. of South Australia
- Palm & Cycad Soc. of W.A., Inc.

Key contact information is:

- For general inquiries, contact Will Kraa at <wkraa@bigpond.com.au>
- For Membership or Bookstore inquiries: Margaret Kraa <pacsoa@bigpond.com.au>

The 2012 Spring PACSOA Palm and Cycad Show was held on March 3–4, 2012 at the Mt. Coot-tha Botanic Gardens Auditorium, Brisbane.

This fantastic annual show featured Australia's largest selection of common and rare palms and cycads for sale, with both plants and seeds being offered. There were also displays of native and exotic palms and cycads, a clearance sale of Society books and magazines, educational displays and memberships. Admission is free.

For more information on PACSOA, you may also write to Palm & Cycad Societies of Australia, P.O. Box 1134, Milton, QLD 4064 or visit the website, [www.pacsoa.org.au](http://www.pacsoa.org.au).

**Brisbane Palm and Cycad Society,  
Branch of PACSOA**

The Brisbane Palm & Cycad Society (BPACS) comprises members living all around metro Brisbane, the Sunshine Coast, the Gold Coast and northern New South Wales.

Meetings are now held at the Country Women's Association Hall, Ruth Fairfax House, 89 Gregory Terrace, Spring Hill, a few blocks north of Brisbane's central business district.

Field Trips are typically organized for February, April, June, August, October and December. Outings include visits to national parks to view palms or cycads in habitat, trips to specialist nurseries and to Queensland's best private gardens. Members typically organize a major field trip once per year to places further afield.

On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, the BPACS outing was to Alma Park Zoo, followed by Rob's Rare Palms. The outing kicked off at the Alma Park Zoo, 18 Alma Rd, Dakabin. Alma Park Zoo was created by Bill Williams in 1969. Bill was also the owner of several palm nurseries and a keen collector. He transplanted many mature palms to help form the rainforest canopy of the zoo. Some palms within the zoo originate from Brisbane and are over 100 years old. The zoo will be relocating in the near future, so this was perhaps one of the last occasions for members to see it in its current format, plus an opportunity to view lots of zoo animals. After visiting the zoo, members moved up the road to Rob's Rare Palms (200 Mackie Road, Narangba) to look around the nursery and pick up a treasure or two.

Members receive the monthly newsletter covering past and upcoming events. Annual BPACS membership is Aus\$15. To join or for other BPACS details, write Secretary, PACSOA – BPACS, P. O. Box 1134, Milton, 4064, Australia, or contact President Michael Green via e-mail at <[cocos2001au@yahoo.com.au](mailto:cocos2001au@yahoo.com.au)>.

The above PACSOA and Brisbane Palm & Cycad Society news was extracted from the PACSOA website and its Brisbane webpage, [www.pacsoa.org.au/branches/Brisbane.html](http://www.pacsoa.org.au/branches/Brisbane.html).

### **Tropical Garden Society of Sydney**

The Tropical Garden Society Sydney meets at the Drummoyne Senior Citizens Hall in Five Dock. Visitors are welcome at our informal meetings and light refreshments are served.

The last regular meeting was held on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, with Fred Moody giving a talk on "Native Palms for Sydney gardens". The usual raffle and plant auction followed the presentation.

Additional meetings planned for 2012 include:

- 24<sup>th</sup> July
- 25<sup>th</sup> September
- 27<sup>th</sup> November

Membership is Aus\$20.00 per year (Family Aus\$25). The 20-page magazine, *Tropica*, is filled with articles and color photographs. *Tropica* is published 3 times a year, alternating with a *Newsletter* with meeting details.

If you wish a membership form or more information on the Sydney Society, visit the website, [www.sydneytropical.org/](http://www.sydneytropical.org/) or e-mail to President Fred Moody <[moody\\_fred@hotmail.com](mailto:moody_fred@hotmail.com)> or to <[sydneytropical@yahoo.com.au](mailto:sydneytropical@yahoo.com.au)>.

### **Palm & Cycad Society of South Australia**

For information on the Palm & Cycad Society of South Australia, write The Palm & Cycad Society of South Australia, P. O. Box 390, Prospect, South Australia 5082, Australia.

### **The Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay**

For information on the Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay (PACSOM) and PACSOM events, write The Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay, P. O. Box 6639, Mackay Mail Centre, West Mackay, 4741, Queensland, Australia, or e-mail the new PACSOM President Margaret Bazley, <[bazley@m.dodo.com.au](mailto:bazley@m.dodo.com.au)>.

### **Palm & Cycad Society of Western Australia News**

The Palm and Cycad Society of Western Australia conducts monthly meetings on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the South Perth Rotary Club in Sandgate Street, Como. Meetings start at 7:30pm. At the meetings, members discuss palms and cycads and other

related issues, with guest speakers covering a variety of subjects.

The March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting featured a presentation by Barry Shelton on "Melbourne Botanical Gardens"

On April 24<sup>th</sup>, PACSOWA members heard a presentation by Karel Hartlieb on "Cycads, Aloes and other succulent plants of South Africa: Part 3."

The 2012 annual palm and cycad auction was held on May 22<sup>nd</sup> this year. This auction provided a real chance to buy some sought after, rare palms and cycads.

Additional 2012 meetings include:

- June 26<sup>th</sup> – John Banasiewicz on "Bali's Tropical / Fern Gardens"
- July 24<sup>th</sup> – Annual General Meeting and Open Forum Night
- August 28<sup>th</sup> – Annual Quiz Night and "Surprise – Surprise" by Eric McCrum
- September 25<sup>th</sup> – Dave Lysle's talk on "Palm Spotting around Australia"
- October 23<sup>rd</sup> – Gary Pick speaking on "Recent Queensland Trip"
- November 22<sup>nd</sup> – Tyrone Cripps talk on "The Palms and Cycads of Sydney Botanical Gardens" as well as comments and feedback on Annual Show

PACSOWA normally holds an annual Bus Trip each October, where members have the chance to visit and admire fine gardens, parks and nurseries. Watch the website for additional details and dates for 2012.

For more information on PACSOWA, send an e-mail to George Sevastos (President) at <[george@pacsowa.com.au](mailto:george@pacsowa.com.au)> or Norm Patterson (Vice President) <[rudi123@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rudi123@optusnet.com.au)> or visit the website [www.pacsowa.com.au](http://www.pacsowa.com.au).

### **New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society**

The PACSONZ visited the Totara Waters Garden on the afternoon of March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The garden, located at 89 Totara Road, Whenuapai, is a 2-acre subtropical garden set on the upper Waitemata Harbour. Peter and Jocelyn Coyle began the landscape development in 1999, with extensive planting of rare and unusual plants included in the garden. There were parrots on display, large melting pots, chimney pots, and a variety of garden art for members to enjoy. Totara Waters features a stunning bonsai collection and over 25 varieties of palms, as well as a large display of bromeliads and succulents.

The 2012 Annual Sale was held on Palm Sunday at the Auckland Botanic Gardens, with events on March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>. The sale featured great bargains on palms, cycads and other subtropical plants.

On April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm, there was a presentation on Natural Tree Products by Phil Walker at 166 Avenue Rd East, Otahuhu. Phil's business is one of Auckland's leading hire plant companies, which he has built up over many years. Members were able to see what Phil has hidden away in his growing spaces.

For more information on the PACSONZ, visit the website at <http://nzpalmandcycad.com>.

PACSONZ news items are typically extracted either from the PACSONZ website or from internet postings on the NZ Society mail server. To subscribe, send an e-mail to <[nzpalmandcycad-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:nzpalmandcycad-subscribe@yahoo.com)>.

### **Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society News**

Election of PNWP&EPS Executive Board Members for 2012 was conducted at the meeting of November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 with following results:

- President:  
John Brimacombe  
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- VP – Vancouver Island:  
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- VP – Oregon: vacant
- VP – Washington: vacant
- Secretary: Edith Camm  
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At the PNWP&EPS general meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup>, master bonsai expert Pin Lee discussed the fundamentals of bonsai pruning and aesthetics. Pin brought actual specimen plants for demonstration of his techniques. These bonsai concepts have wide application to artistic garden pruning in general, including many of the plants grown by PNWP&EPS

The main 2012 PNWP&EPS Plant Sale was held on Saturday May 19 (Victoria Day weekend) at Phoenix Perennials in Richmond, BC. Local suppliers and society members provided a wide selection of interesting and hard to find plants.

The Society has also arranged an expanded purchase of large palms by special pre-order. Society members should have received information e-mails with species, sizes, pricing, and other order information. If not, contact the plant sale coordinator, Charlie Warburton.

On Saturday July 28<sup>th</sup>, a garden tour will be held with the beautiful Sechelt Peninsula (AKA the "Sunshine Coast") as the tour destination this year. Several exotic gardens have already been lined up to make this day memorable. Arlene Arnold and her tour subcommittee have been hard at work organizing transportation and other aspects of this trip. An e-mail with complete tour details including costs and sign up procedures will be sent to members in the near future.

The Vancouver garden of John Brimacombe will once again be the location for the annual members' social on Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. This garden has large mature palms and exotic tree ferns which should provide a suitable ambience for Boyd Mason's exotic cuisine. Check out the website for additional information.

Additional Meetings for 2012 are scheduled as follows:

- General meeting - Monday Sept 24
- General meeting - Monday Nov 26

The NWP&EPS has announced that **Hardy Palm International (HPI)** will be published twice a year starting in 2012, in April and October, rather than quarterly as in the past. These new issues will be larger at 40 pages instead of 32. To reflect this change, the 2012 fee structure has been revised so annual Canadian membership will be Can\$28, US membership will be US\$28 and membership outside of North America will be US\$29.

For more on the Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society, e-mail Nick Parker, <[nickparker@eastlink.ca](mailto:nickparker@eastlink.ca)> or see the society website at <http://www.hardypalm.com/>

### **Association Chambeyronia**

See the **Association Chambeyronia** website [www.endemia.nc/organismes/chambeyronia.htm](http://www.endemia.nc/organismes/chambeyronia.htm) or contact Secretary Jean-Pierre Canel <[jpcan@canl.nc](mailto:jpcan@canl.nc)> or President Jean Pierson <[pierson@socatrans.nc](mailto:pierson@socatrans.nc)> for more information on the New Caledonia Palm Association.

## **Asociacion Botánica Española de Palmeras y Cycas (ABEPMC) [Spanish Palm Society]**

Some 14 ABEPMC members from Spain (or perhaps more) will be attending the IPS Biennial in Thailand in September 2012. Secretary Francisco "Paco" Martí, has been instrumental in getting the group together for the Thailand trip.

For information on ABEPMC or to subscribe to the Spanish Society Palm Magazine *Espadice*, e-mail to Secretary Francisco Martí <[pacomarti.maseta@yahoo.es](mailto:pacomarti.maseta@yahoo.es)>, the President Tomás Font <[tomas.font70@gmail.com](mailto:tomas.font70@gmail.com)> or visit their websites <http://abepmc.com/> or <http://abepmc.blogspot.com/>.

## **European Palm Society**

Tony King announced last year that all archived issues of EPS journal *Chamaerops* are available on the website. All issues are in pdf format so members can download and enjoy them at their leisure. *Chamaerops* will continue with new issues on-line.

For more information on the European Palm Society, contact EPS Secretary Tony King <[tony@aking88.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:tony@aking88.wanadoo.co.uk)>, or visit the new website [www.palmsociety.org.uk](http://www.palmsociety.org.uk).

## **Fous de Palmiers The French Palm Society**

To receive a free, complimentary copy of the Fous magazine, *Le Palmier*, contact Steve Swinscoe at <[manatte32@yahoo.fr](mailto:manatte32@yahoo.fr)> or see the new website, <http://www.fousdepalmiers.fr>.

## **South African Palm Society**

For information about the South African Palm Society (SAPS,) contact the President, Neels van Niekerk <[neels@eject.co.za](mailto:neels@eject.co.za)>.

## **News from Palmeraie-Union, La Réunion Chapter**

For more information on Palmeraie-Union, contact Thierry Hubert at [palmeraie.union@wanadoo.fr](mailto:palmeraie.union@wanadoo.fr) or e-mail to Nicole Ludwig at [nicole.ludwig@wanadoo.fr](mailto:nicole.ludwig@wanadoo.fr).

## **Hawaii Island Palm Society (HIPS)**

On April 15<sup>th</sup>, HIPS members toured Karolyn Lundkvist's Palm Garden in Lailani Estates. This garden, all planted since 1996 features over 135 genera of palms with over 600 species and almost 5000 individual palms.

Over the past two years, HIPS members have planted 42 new palms at the zoo. On November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011, Don Hemmes, Grace Kissel, Bob Ferrazi, Mike Merritt, Charlie Maas, Carl Ritchie, Tim Brian, Bob Gibbens, Don Thornton, Dean and Karen Piercy spent a morning working on the HIPS Zoo Project. The Panaewa Zoo Annual Open House and Plant Sale was held on May 6<sup>th</sup>, where HIPS had a prominent booth. Visit the zoo and check out both the old and new palms.

On August 31<sup>st</sup>, HIPS will feature a presentation by Don Hodel on his new *Pritchardia* book (due to be published in July)

For more information on the Hawaii Island Palm Society, contact President Tim Brian <[begteb@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:begteb@hawaii.rr.com)>, Secretary Patty Ferrazi <[pferazzi@gmail.com](mailto:pferazzi@gmail.com)> or Treasurer Mike Merritt <[merritt4154@gmail.com](mailto:merritt4154@gmail.com)> or visit <http://www.hawaiiislandpalmsociety.com>.

## **Palm Society of Southern California**

The Palm Society of Southern California (PSSC) May 19, 2012, meeting featured the gardens of Ralph Velez and Larry Black, in Westminster and Fountain Valley, CA. The first stop was the Ralph Velez garden in Westminster. Ralph, a long-time board member of the PSSC, started his garden in the early 1960s. He has mature *Dypsis* in about 20 varieties, *Roystonea*, *Caryota* and many other species. This is a truly epic garden in an ordinary suburban 1/6-acre lot. A PSSC Board Meeting was held and then the group roared off to Larry Black's garden in Fountain Valley. Larry is also a board member of the PSSC, and, like Ralph's garden, Larry's is on a suburban lot. Larry's collection isn't as extensive as Ralph's but what he has is marvelous. His garden includes a beautiful *Dypsis lanceolata* and one of the most spectacular *Archontophoenix purpurea* in California with a very rich purple crownshaft

PSSC meetings are generally held on the 3rd Saturday of alternate months. For more on the Palm Society of Southern California visit <http://www.palmssc.org/>.

## **The Palm Society of Maui**

For further information on the *Maui Palm Society*, contact Sunya Echternach, P.O. Box 790893, Paia, Maui, HI 96779 (e-mail to Sunya at [evitaazul@yahoo.com](mailto:evitaazul@yahoo.com) or telephone to cell phone 808-280-5051.)

### **Arizona Palm & Cycad Society**

For more information on the Arizona Palm and Cycad Society, please see the Society website, <http://azpalmandcycad.org> or send an e-mail to either Vice President Monte Crawford <[montecrawford@hotmail.com](mailto:montecrawford@hotmail.com)> or President Nick Argys <[argyfam@msn.com](mailto:argyfam@msn.com)>.

### **Northern California Chapter, IPS**

If you are a member of the International Palm Society and wish to be added to the Palm Society of Northern California Chapter mailing list, send an e-mail to the secretary <[Edith@PalmPaintings.com](mailto:Edith@PalmPaintings.com)> or write Edith Bergstrom (Secretary) at P.O. Box 126, Palo Alto, CA 94302. Include your mailing address, phone number and e-mail address. There is no additional fee for Northern California Society membership. You are also encouraged to visit the Northern California Chapter website at their new website <http://www.palmsnc.org/>.

### **Gulf Coast Chapter, IPS, News**

The Gulf Coast Chapter (GCC) of the IPS met on March 4<sup>th</sup> in Baldwin County, Alabama, and on May 6<sup>th</sup> in Pensacola, Florida. The 2012 Fall meeting will be held in Mobile, Alabama.

Annual dues are \$15 for individuals or \$20 for households, with new members given a 50% discount. For more information on the Gulf Coast Chapter, contact any of the following:

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- Tom Mignerey <[temignerey@aol.com](mailto:temignerey@aol.com)>
- Tony Naman <[tonynaman@bellsouth.net](mailto:tonynaman@bellsouth.net)>

### **Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society**

The Palm Beach Palm and Cycad Society meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Mount's Botanical Garden building, West Palm Beach, FL. Each meeting features a notable speaker, a palm & cycad auction, refreshments, socializing and camaraderie. Membership signup is available at the door.

For more on the Palm Beach Palm and Cycad Society, contact President Betty Ahlborn, or send an e-mail to Secretary Ruth Sallenbach <[diznee920@aol.com](mailto:diznee920@aol.com)> or Membership Chair Tom Whisler <[whisler.tom@synthes.com](mailto:whisler.tom@synthes.com)> or see [www.palmbeachpalmcycadsociety.com/](http://www.palmbeachpalmcycadsociety.com/).

### **Palm & Cycad Society of Southwest Florida**

For more information on the Southwest Florida Palm & Cycad Society, e-mail Geri Prall at <[SW\\_FL\\_PalmCycad@hotmail.com](mailto:SW_FL_PalmCycad@hotmail.com)>.

### **South Florida Palm Society News**

Guests are invited to attend South Florida Palm Society meetings, which are free and open to the public. Regular meetings are held in the Garden House of Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden at 7:30 pm on the first Monday of every even-numbered month.

For more on the South Florida Palm Society, send an e-mail to President Ken Johnson <[kenjohnsonpalms@earthlink.net](mailto:kenjohnsonpalms@earthlink.net)> or to Corresponding Secretary Louis Sgueros at <[nickelsonk@bellsouth.net](mailto:nickelsonk@bellsouth.net)> with your snail mail address.

### **News from the Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society**

The Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society (CFPACS) held their Spring 2012 meeting in St. Petersburg on March 31<sup>st</sup>, starting off with a tour of the Gizella Kopsick Palm Arboretum. Following lunch, members moved on to the home and garden of Mike and Marjorie Evans. The day ended with plant auction and sale.

The USF Spring Sale was held on April 14-15, 2012. For more on CFPACS including upcoming meeting locations and itineraries, see the website at [www.cfpacs.org](http://www.cfpacs.org) or send an e-mail to Dave Reid at <[president@cfpacs.org](mailto:president@cfpacs.org)>.

### **Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society**

Membership is \$15 per calendar year and includes a subscription to the *ET CETERAS* quarterly newsletter. This color newsletter contains articles of interest to local palm and cycad enthusiasts. Membership fees may be paid by check or money order made payable to "Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society" and mailed to: Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society, 114 Melrose Drive, Destrehan LA 70047.

For more on the Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society, please contact: President Rod Gates <[rodpgates@cs.com](mailto:rodpgates@cs.com)>, V.P. Jayanne Crawley, <[southlands\\_tropicals@yahoo.com](mailto:southlands_tropicals@yahoo.com)> or Kathryn Morgan, <[katgmorgan@yahoo.com](mailto:katgmorgan@yahoo.com)>.

## Florida First Coast Chapter

For information regarding the Florida First Coast Chapter, please contact Bruce Latimer by e-mail at <latz2@comcast.net>.

## Southeastern Palm Society

The Southeastern Palm Society (SEPS) Spring 2012 meeting was held on April 28<sup>th</sup>, at the Aquinas High School, Augusta, Georgia

The Summer 2012 will be held on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am at the home of Ed and Mary Jones (former home of cold hardy palm pioneer Bill Manley), in Stockbridge, Georgia.

The Fall 2012 will be held on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am at Longleaf Botanical Garden at Lagarde Park, Anniston, Alabama.

For details on any of the above meetings, or to obtain more information on SEPS or the quarterly journal of the Southeastern Palm Society (SEPS) *Southeastern Palms*, visit the SEPS website at [www.sepalms.org](http://www.sepalms.org) or e-mail Will Taylor at <tnpalmdude@aol.com>.

[Above information was taken from SEPS website and Southeastern Palms journal by Supplement Editor.]

## News from the Palm Society of South Texas

On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Billy & Delana Darling hosted the PSST at the old Stuart Place Nursery location in Harlingen

Romeo and Linda Montalvo hosted the April 14<sup>th</sup> PSST meeting at their lovely *resaca* home in Brownsville. [*Resacas* are closed former Rio Grande Rive channels (or “oxbow lakes”) found in Cameron County, Texas]. As usual, Romeo and Linda were generous in providing the catered noon meal. The Montalvo home has many interesting palms as well as other plants to explore and enjoy. Their *Pachypodium lamerei* specimens almost looked like palms because of their very large trunks and generous leaf crowns.

On May 5<sup>th</sup>, PSST met at the home and garden of Randy and Cathy Smith. The Smiths live in a wonderful hill country setting and their property has some drastic elevation changes within their backyard. Randy has taken advantage of this and terraced the backyard into mini-garden beds led to via wonderful wandering paths. This allowed Randy the opportunity to utilize every aspect of his property as well as mask the neighbors’ down the hill. Members arrived to relax under a canopy of live oaks and Cinco De Mayo decorations.

Additional 2012 PSST meetings include:

- 16 June 2012 – Chuck & Cay Dee Caldwell in Rosenberg
- ?? July 2012 (open)
- ?? August 2012 – Jon & Suzie Watson in Corpus Christi
- ?? September 2012 – Enrique & Hedde Trapp in Brownsville
- 20 October 2012 – Deb Bick & Frank Raffaeli in Austin
- 10 November 2012 – Paul & Linda Hemphill in Olmito
- December 2012 – Christmas Party-Kenedy Ranch Museum in Sarita

further details for the July through December 2012 meetings will be provided on the PSST website.

To join the Palm Society of South Texas (PSST), please see the PSST on-line membership form and other information on [www.palmsocietysouthtexas.org](http://www.palmsocietysouthtexas.org).

[Above PSST information was taken from the on-line meeting summaries on the PSST website, with appreciation to PSST for the use of this information.]

## Asociación de Palmeras y Cicas de El Salvador

For more on Asociacion de Palmeras y Cicas de El Salvador contact their President, Rodrigo Avila <rodrigo@bismarckia.com>.

## French Antilles IPS Affiliate Ti-Palm

There is a chat at Fous de Palmiers website (<http://fousdepalmiers.fr/html/forum/viewforum.php?f=30>) Membership fee: 10€. See more at <http://tipalm.fr/pages/association.html>. You may also e-mail Président: Pierre-Olivier Albano, <contact@tipalm.fr>.

## Asociación Venezolana de Palmas

Several members of AVEPALMAS are travelling to Thailand for the 2012 IPS Biennial

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Bio Notes for each candidate follow, listed alphabetically by principal surname.

**Biographical Information on Candidates  
for IPS Board of Directors Positions  
2012-2016**

**Cindy Adair (Southeastern USA)** – Cindy is a practicing veterinarian and partner in a Virginia veterinary practice along with her husband. They plan to retire and move to their farm in Puerto Rico in a few years. Cindy wrote “I did not take a single course in Botany in college, but have always enjoyed plants of all kinds. Over the years, my husband and I have grown (or tried to grow) a bit of everything (including most hardy palms) in our suburban ¾ acre lot, later adding two hobby greenhouses. A formal herb garden led to tropical spices. Chocolate, allspice and vanilla led to orchids and tropical fruit trees and finally ownership of a botanical collection in Puerto Rico. It was then (some five years ago) that I realized what a diverse group of wonderful palms existed.” Searches on the internet for little palms for her husband’s Christmas present led Cindy to IPS and *PalmTalk*. She has only been a member of IPS for two years, but enjoys frequently visiting and contributing to *PalmTalk*. She has also read and enjoyed the 5 years of back issues given to her. Cindy has been a long term member of two rare fruit groups without a local chapter, active in the Virginia greenhouse and orchid societies for many years as well as maintaining membership in the local botanical garden and Fairchild Gardens in Florida. She and her husband have attended several meetings of the Southeastern Palm Society and currently has over 250 different palm species planted with permanent Latin name labels. Cindy is also the mother of three wonderful children, all of whom helped plant her “*Areca (vestiaria)* Avenue” of more than thirty small palms in Puerto Rico. She writes “I hope that I can share my passion for palms with others and help out in some capacity with the IPS, now or in the future.”

**David P. Bleistein (Southwestern USA)** – David Paul Bleistein’s dream of growing palms outdoors came true when he moved to southern California in March of 1985. Dave joined the IPS and Palm Society of Southern California (PSSC) in 1993 and has been a member of both ever since. He has been a director of the PSSC since 2009, and was elected President in early 2012. Dave moved many times during his first years in California and planted palms in the ground at most of the places he lived, which included San Bernardino, Riverside, Long Beach, Monterey Park, Sunland, and Los Angeles; many still grow today. In October 2002, Dave bought his half-acre in La Habra, California and transformed it into a palmy paradise with 200+ species and over 500 palms in the ground, with more to come. David is an attorney in Los Angeles, specializing in complex civil litigation, collections, and foreign judgments, among other things. He has been an attorney since 1997 and graduated from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles, where he was on the Law Review. For undergraduate school, I attended the University of California, Riverside, and obtained a BA in History, Phi Beta Kappa, in 1992.

**Tim Brian (Hawaii)** – Tim’s love of palms began at an early age after a trip to Hawaii where he had to touch every coconut palm in Waikiki. That once crazy kid’s passion for palm trees is stronger than ever today. He was born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he received a bachelor’s degree in Architecture at the University of New Mexico. After graduating, he moved to San Diego where he became a registered architect and worked for many years as a project architect / project manager for a well known Southern California firm. Tim joined the Palm Society of Southern California in the early 1990’s and his dream of creating a tropical palm garden came true after purchasing property in Hawaii in 2004. Tim served as Vice President of the Hawaii Island Palm Society (HIPS) in 2010 and is now beginning his second term as President of HIPS. He also created and maintains the HIPS website and has also been an active and contributing member of the IPS *PalmTalk* site since 2007. In addition to still doing consulting work for his San Diego architectural firm, he is also part of the team that helps maintain the fantastic palm collection at the Hilo Zoo. Tim now resides full time in Hilo, Hawaii with his life partner of 27 years and spends many hours maintaining and enjoying their one acre palm garden.

**Jeffrey Brusseau (Southwestern USA)** – Jeff was born in Fargo, North Dakota on April 12, 1957, and is the oldest of five children. The family moved to Newport Beach, California in 1963. Jeffrey attended private and public schools and graduated from the University of Southern California in 1980 with a business degree. His major areas of study were Real Estate/Finance. During his adolescence Jeffrey became involved in botany and held several jobs in the field including, interior plant maintenance, exterior grounds maintenance, custom design and installations of high-end residential landscapes. After college, Jeffrey pursued a career in Commercial Real Estate Development, Asset management and Construction and continues in that field today as a principal in charge of development activities with Newport National Corporation. Jeffrey's hobbies to name a few include physical conditioning, research, cycling, barefoot water-skiing, snow skiing, motorcycles, shifter karts, exotic cars, design, gardening, plant collecting and propagation. Jeffrey maintains a two-acre garden "*Cuesta Linda*" in Vista, California, which is home to several thousand species of palms, cycads, ferns, bamboo, succulents, bromeliads, cacti and assorted tropical vegetation. Jeffrey also enjoys spending time with his wife, Christine and their two boys, Mason and Dalton. Other involvements include membership in several plant societies, Board of Director and Officer positions in three commercial Owners Associations, the ownership of a commercial nursery and the restoration of the families Historical home. Jeffrey is hard working, persistent, determined, and extremely detailed oriented. He believes in living life to its fullest and strives for excellence in all matters of his life

**Jim Cain (South Central USA)** – Jim has been an IPS member since the early 1970s, and played a key role in organizing the Houston Area IPS Chapter. Jim served as President of the IPS from 1992-1996 and then as Corresponding Secretary from 1996-2000. Jim has been the IPS Supplement Editor since the inception of the regular *Supplement to Palms*. His palm activities are purely an avocation, unrelated to his work, for which he is globally respected in geodesy and geomatics. Jim's work has taken him throughout the world, allowing him to meet with IPS members in Australia, Asia, Europe, Africa, South America and the Caribbean. This has strengthened Jim's goal of stronger rapport between the IPS and its worldwide affiliates – with emphasis on making the IPS more responsive to its full international membership

**Paul Craft (Southeastern USA)** – Paul is a horticultural consultant with over 35 years of experience in the nursery, landscaping, and landscape design industry. Palms have been a passion, having worked with over 1500 species and he has traveled extensively to learn about them in their native habitats. A resident of West Palm Beach, Florida, Paul was the founding president of the Palm Beach Palm and Cycad Society and has been a member of the International Palm Society for over 30 years, serving as its president from 2006 to 2010. His website, [www.palmnutpages.com](http://www.palmnutpages.com), is a young work in progress dedicated to anything and everything about palms.

**John DeMott (Southeastern USA)** – John, a South Florida resident involved with commercial ornamental horticulture for almost 40 years, is the owner and operator of Redland Nursery, Inc. He has introduced many "new" palms to the industry. John has worked closely with Montgomery Botanical Center and the Florida Nurseryman and Grower's Association in the development of a seed bank. John has been married to Carolyn for almost 38 years. They have two children: Jeffrey 28 and Jenifer 27. John was a fireman for 28 years, and holds a commercial pilot's license. His latest passion has been the forming of the "Florida Keys Botanical Center", a 501c3 corporation, which is being developed on a nine-acre site on Big Pine Key in Monroe County with hopes of maintaining germ plasm, primarily from the Caribbean Basin. John has served as an IPS Vice President and has served on the IPS Biennial, Website and Nominations Committees.

**Haresh (Africa, Middle East and India)** – Haresh lives in Madurai, in the state of Tamil Nadu, India, and has been studying and growing palms for over 30 years. Palms are the integral part of his plant hobby that also includes tropical flowering trees, succulents and orchids. As a business executive, his work provides extensive travel opportunities to visit gardens and growers in the US, Europe and in many parts of Asia. He brings his business management and international exposure to the society. Haresh is currently involved in developing two gardens near Madurai. He hopes to take more time off in the coming years to visit threatened habitats and to study the palm populations in his part of the world.

**Susan Hubbell (Southeastern USA)** – Susan, originally from Connecticut, earned a BA in interior design from Pratt Institute. She came to Puerto Rico over 30 years ago as an international staff member with Citibank where she managed the branch bank and major building design and construction department. Later she moved into the bank's financial area specializing as a trader of tax exempt CDs and marketing of banking products and account officer to local and international corporate clients. Her last position before retirement was as branch manager of the Spanish bank, Banco Central Hispano on the island of Culebra, Puerto Rico. She and her husband, Pedro Rodriguez, have a collection of over 50 palm species at their country home on Culebra. They have traveled extensively with the IPS and on their own in Europe, South America, in the USA as well as in the Caribbean via their sailboat and their private plane. Besides gardening, Susan's other interests include gourmet cooking, abstract acrylic painting and mosaics. Susan's principle residence is in San Juan, PR. She also has a home north of Orlando, FL so she is available to travel from either location to attend IPS board meetings. As a member of the IPS board Susan is hoping to increase IPS membership from the Caribbean area.

**Tom Jackson (Southwestern USA)** – Tom has been an International Palm Society member for more than 20 years and has attended almost all biennials in that time. A native of Wisconsin, his first exposure to palms was in the conservatories of the Midwest. Visits to family and botanic gardens in Southern California got him hooked on palms. While in Medical school, an externship in a small hospital on the Mosquito Coast of Nicaragua was his first exposure to the tropics. Tom moved to San Francisco to continue his education in a more palm friendly climate. While pursuing a career in hospital based pathology and blood banking, Tom and his wife, Kathleen Grant (an MD oncologist), purchased a home in Marin County and started their palm garden. A colleague, Dr. Herb Weber, introduced us to the IPS. Years have passed and the garden has matured. Besides palms it also features succulents, bamboos, ferns and rhododendrons. Tom writes "We have hosted many events including the Garden Conservancy, the American Rhododendron Society, the Northern California Chapter of the IPS and an IPS board meeting. We continue our avid interest in palms and travel to palm habitats. Our most recent trip was a visit to the forests of Borneo this April. I am an enthusiastic supporter of the IPS and look forward to working with the other board members to advance the goals of the IPS and its members."

**Ken Johnson (Southeastern USA)** – Ken saw his first palm at six years old and "it was in my yard!" At 14, he worked in a palm nursery pulling weeds. After college Ken again worked with palms and established his own palm specialty business . . . almost 30 years ago! He writes "On the way, I found the International Palm Society. I have served 6 years as president of my local chapter and have been a previous IPS board member. I look forward to the 2014 Biennial!"

**Leland Lai (Southwestern USA)** – Leland, a resident of Topanga, California, is former Vice President of the International Palm Society and a past President of the Palm Society of Southern California. Leland also heads up the Biennial Committee for the IPS. Born and raised in Hawaii, his love for tropical flora and fauna has captivated his work and outside interests with more than a passion. Leland has built his career assisting in the development of sustainable aquaculture: producing and distributing biological and artificial larval and maturation diets, designing hatchery modules for seed stocks, and providing biotechnology in the form of aquatic genetics for selective breeding.

**Mike Merritt (Hawaii)** – Mike is the son of a career Air Force officer and spent a childhood moving around a lot. A major early interest was growing plants, and his non-plant family watched in tolerant bewilderment as he planted rows of flowers in various backyards. His adult work was not related to plants, however, and culminated with a 25-year career with the U. S. Geological Survey as a Research Hydrologist working at various locations in Florida. While in Miami in 1980, a USGS colleague encouraged Mike to join the International Palm Society, and he began buying plants at the palm sales at Fairchild Tropical Garden. After relocating to central Florida in 1995, his interest in palms was greatly enhanced after a friend in the Central Florida Palm and Cycad Society convinced him that he could grow palms from seeds. After several years, his greenhouses were packed with tropical palms that had no hope of surviving planting out in central Florida. This problem was resolved after he bought eight acres of rocky soils land on the Big Island of Hawaii. His shadehouses are again packed as he gradually clears and plants his new property. While in central Florida, Mike served as Treasurer for the Central Florida Palm and Cycad Society and wrote many articles for the chapter's journal, *The Palmateer*. He currently serves as Treasurer for the International Palm Society and for the Hawaii Island Palm Society.

**Francisco (Paco) Marti Navarro (Europe)** – The chocolate, cocoa beans and coconut business has taken Paco to the Middle East and Asia for many years, introducing him to palms and their multiple uses. But his passion for all palms started when Paco became a member of the Spanish group *Amigos de las Palmeras*, and through them, the IPS. Since 2009, Paco is Secretary of the Spanish society *ABEPMC*. Travelling to the 2010 Rio Biennial, the 2011 mid-term IPS Board meeting in Tenerife, and organizing a Valencia post-tour for some of the IPS Board members after Tenerife provided Paco with the opportunity to meet other palm lovers. A group from *ABEPMC* went to visit Venezuela and the *AVEPALMAS* Venezuela Palm Society early in 2012, “where we have met old friends from IPS and made still more friends from the local society *AVEPALMAS*. Most importantly, we have learned more about their beautiful palms.” Paco goes on to say “My aim is to continue working worldwide toward contributing to the broader knowledge of palms, especially in the Hispanic world.”

**Romeo Montalvo (South Central USA)** – Romeo is an active member of the Palm Society of South Texas (PSST) and the International Palm Society. Romeo lives in Brownsville, Texas, and is a practicing pediatrician. He is a founding member of the Brownsville Botanical Gardens and Arboretum and is a Master Gardener. Romeo and his wife regularly host PSST meetings at their home. Romeo attended the 2010 Rio Biennial and would like to become more involved in the IPS leadership.

**Kathryn Morgan (South Central USA)** – Kathryn is a native resident of New Orleans, Louisiana. She received a BS in Chemical Engineering from Louisiana Tech University and is a process engineer at a refinery just outside of New Orleans. Kathryn got her love of plants from her mother and bought her first palm, a *Phoenix roebelenii*, in 1997. At that time, there were only a few common species of palms readily available in the New Orleans area, so Kathryn began germinating seeds of the more unusual palms that caught her attention. She has been a member of the IPS since 2001 and served as President for the Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society for over ten years.

**Carlo Morici (Europe)** – Carlo was born in Messina, Italy, in 1974 and has lived since 1995 in Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain. He is a biologist specialized in palms and is also known for his landscaping projects. His palm research has been within the Group of Island Ecology, Department of Ecology, University of La Laguna, Tenerife. His field work has spread over various countries, but his research focuses on *Phoenix canariensis* and the palm flora originating in the Caribbean Islands, with a special focus on the genus *Coccothrinax*. In 2006, Carlo described a new palm species native to southeastern Cuba, *Coccothrinax torrida*, together with the Cuban botanist Raúl Verdecia. Carlo’s landscape design projects include the Central Park of Arona and the Palmetum of Santa Cruz de Tenerife. He worked as a botanist in the palmetum during its formation years (1996–1999) and later designed new garden sections, such as those dedicated to the floras of New Caledonia, Hawaii and North America, as well as the gardens of the southern sea-facing slopes. Carlo joined the IPS at 17 years old in 1991 and became a life member 4 years later. He attended his first Biennial in Venezuela (1994) and has also attended Biennials in New Caledonia, France and Costa Rica.

**Larry Noblick (Southeastern USA)** – Larry was born in Ohio and has a B.S. in Biological Conservation (Wildlife Management), a B.S. in Education, and an M.S. in Botany from Ohio State University. He first became interested in palms while serving as a Peace Corps volunteer in Brazil (1978-80). He founded an herbarium at the Universidade Estadual de Feira de Santana (HUEFS) in Bahia, Brazil, and later returned and spent four more years developing it and continuing his studies on the palms of the Atlantic Forest Region. He came back to the U.S. in 1986 and obtained his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1991. He then went on to complete a post-doc at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Miami, Florida and has worked at Montgomery Botanical Center, Miami, Florida since 1994 as their palm specialist, collections manager, and palm biologist. He has been a member of the IPS since 1987. In 2004, he was nominated as a director and became the administrative secretary in 2006, currently continuing to serve the IPS in both capacities.

**Jack Sayers (Southwestern USA)** – Jack is an Astronomer at California Institute of Technology. He moved from Denver to Los Angeles in 2002. Lindsey (his wife) and Jack now have a few hundred palms growing in their garden and several hundred more coming along in containers. He has been interested in plants since childhood and even convinced Lindsey to choose their home based partially on the palm-friendly microclimate! They joined both the International Palm Society and the Palm Society of Southern California (PSSC) in 2004. In 2006, Jack became a board member for the PSSC, on which he has served continuously since that time (and on which he continues to serve.) For PSSC, Jack has mainly worked on the production of the ***Palm Journal***. Lindsey has also been a board member for the PSSC since 2006, serving as Secretary. Jack and Lindsey have attended the past three International Palm Society biennials, including pre- and/or post-tours for the past two biennials. He and his wife have also travelled on their own to see palms in habitat, including trips to Mexico, Madagascar, Australia, and Namibia. Jack writes “I would like to contribute to the International Palm Society by serving on the board of directors. In particular, I would like to use my love of palm-related travel to help with future biennial planning. I am also happy to assist with any committee work or general tasks that require additional support.”

**Grant Stephenson (South Central USA)** – Grant’s fascination with the plant world began at the age of three while working with his grandmother in her garden. After studying landscape design and architecture at Louisiana State University, Grant entered the horticulture industry. In the mid 1980's Grant joined the IPS. In 1993, Grant started Horticultural Consultants, Inc (HCI), with a vision of assembling one of the largest collections of cold hardy species of palms. HCI became a wholesale nursery focused on sale and distribution of specimen palms, bamboo and cycads worldwide. Grant designed and patented the Oasis Palm Tree Anchoring System, along with the Oasis Palm Cart, which can be used to move large specimens weighing up to 4500 lbs by hand. Zoos, botanical gardens, arboreta, and architects alike frequently rely on Grant as a consultant and for his ability to procure superior specimens and rare and coveted species. Grant has fielded gardening questions on popular local radio programs, provided advice to community groups and businesses concerned with environmentally sound solutions to landscape problems, and helped provide greenery to decorate the sets of PBS’s Austin City Limits TV series. He also brought in rare, hard-to-find palms for local Texas chapters and sponsored lectures by Paul Craft, Alan Meerow, and Larry Noblick to educate and excite people about the wonders of palms. Grant was elected to the IPS Board of Directors in 2008 and looks forward to advancing the efforts of the IPS.

**Scott Zona (Southeastern USA – Editor, PALMS, non-elected Director)** –Scott is Florida International University’s Conservatory & Greenhouse Curator, a position he has held since February, 2008. Previously, he was Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden’s Palm Biologist, a position he held for 14 years. He holds a B.S. in horticulture and an M.S. in botany from the University of Florida. His Ph.D. in botany is from Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden and Claremont Graduate University, California. Scott grew up among pines and palms of Boynton Beach, Florida. He has explored for plants in Florida, California, Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean, Bermuda, the Pacific islands, Indonesia, Malaysia and Madagascar. His interests are in horticulture and plant diversity of tropical plants, especially palms, orchids, salvias and bromeliads. He has over 100 publications, both scientific and popular, on palms and other tropical plants. Scott is co-editor of the IPS quarterly journal, ***PALMS***. He gardens in South Miami, where, ironically, his favorite palm, *Jubaea chilensis*, does not grow.



## Ballot for IPS Directors (Term 2012-2016)

**Several of the regional Directors' slots are contested so the IPS Nominations Committee strongly requests that all IPS members vote!** Following instructions on the Ballot, please vote now for the Board of Director candidates you think will best serve the organization. Mail your ballot today. Please remove and use this original ballot form. Do not use a photocopy. The ballot is easily removed and **only original ballots will be counted. Each member must mark his/her own ballot.**

All active IPS members, worldwide, should vote for the indicated number of nominees in each of the geographic groups by placing a check by the candidates of choice for the given geographical category. Please vote for the instructed number of candidates in each category.

In addition to the Director position automatically filled by Scott Zona (Co-Editor of *PALMS*), the IPS has seventeen (17) positions in this election for IPS Directors serving the 2012-2016 term, divided into appropriate groups to maintain desired geographic distribution as shown below. Each IPS member, regardless of residence area, should vote for his/her choice of these directors nominated in accordance with the geographical groups given below. For those regions with contested races, the candidate receiving the least number of votes for that region will not be elected. Candidates are listed alphabetically by principal surname.

### AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND and SOUTH PACIFIC ISLANDS

(No candidates from Nominations Committee from this area in this election.)

### EAST ASIA and NORTHERN PACIFIC

(No candidates from Nominations Committee from this area in this election.)

### AFRICA, MIDDLE EAST and INDIA

(Vote for **one (1)** candidate in this group.)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Haresh, India

### EUROPE

(Vote for **one (1)** candidate in this group.)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Francisco "Paco" Marti Navarro, Spain  
\_\_\_\_\_ Carlo Morici, Spain

### CANADA and NORTHWESTERN USA

(No candidates from Nominations Committee from this area in this election.)

### SOUTHWESTERN USA

(Vote for **five (5)** candidates in this group.)

\_\_\_\_\_ David Bleistein, California  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jeff Brusseau, California  
\_\_\_\_\_ Tom Jackson, N. California  
\_\_\_\_\_ Leland Lai, California  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jack Sayers, California

### HAWAII and US ISLANDS

(Vote for **two (2)** candidates in this group.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Tim Brian, Hawaii  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mike Merritt, Hawaii

### NORTHEAST USA

(No candidates from Nominations Committee from this area in this election.)

### SOUTHEASTERN USA

(Vote for **five (5)** candidates in this group.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Cindy Adair, Virginia  
\_\_\_\_\_ Paul Craft, Florida  
\_\_\_\_\_ John DeMott, Florida  
\_\_\_\_\_ Susan Hubbell, Puerto Rico  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ken Johnson, Florida  
\_\_\_\_\_ Larry Noblick, Florida

### CENTRAL USA

(Vote for **three (3)** candidates in this group)

\_\_\_\_\_ Jim Cain, Texas  
\_\_\_\_\_ Romeo Montalvo, Texas  
\_\_\_\_\_ Kathryn Morgan, Louisiana  
\_\_\_\_\_ Grant Stephenson, Texas

### NORTH / SOUTH AMERICA

(No candidates from Nominations Committee from this area in this election.)

## TO VOTE, REMOVE THIS ORIGINAL BALLOT AND SUBMIT IT BY MAIL

Original Ballots (not photocopies) must be returned to the address indicated below and postmarked no later than July 31, 2012. Ballots are normally returned to the IPS Administrative Secretary, Larry Noblick, but since Larry is a candidate in one of the contested elections, your ballots for this election should be returned to the IPS Corresponding Secretary, Horace Hobbs.

Mail your ballot to: **IPS Corresponding Secretary, c/o Horace Hobbs**  
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If you have any questions, contact the Nominations Committee Chairperson Faith Bishock or any of the Nominations Committee members listed below:

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Original Ballots (not photocopies) must be returned to Horace Hobbs at the address indicated below and postmarked no later than July 31, 2012. Election results will be announced in advance of the 2012 Biennial to be held in Thailand in September 2012.

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