

## Campaign Statements of the Successful Candidates

### Suzanne Coffee

If I was elected to the board one of the things that I would like to accomplish is to try and improve the overall communication within the group. This could be a member contact roster that is circulated by internet and mail. I still feel like with the exception of the core group of us there are a lot of folks that are members but don't know each other - an annual listing of our chapter members with a calendar of events might help bridge that gap. You might have fellow members who are right in your own community and not be aware...

### Darrel DeBoer

My interest is in making the connection between the use of bamboo and habitat preservation around the world. For example, not only should Mexican Weeping bamboo be valued and made into furniture in its native habitat range, but it could also be very useful to builders in other Latin American countries. In supplying our knowledge of where the most useful species grow, along with a few tools, we can have a great impact. Then, because of friendships made, we will hear about plants that flower or new species that are discovered and can work with the botanists of BOTA to ensure their success.

### Rick Hood

I would like to serve on the Board of the NCC ABS, and bring my passion for bamboo to help promote its esthetic and practical uses in northern California through:

- o Cultivation of bamboo,
- o Demonstration of its beauty and uses,
- o Education to a growing population of enthusiasts, and ultimately grow the NCC ABS

membership,

- o And generally to support the organization's Mission & By-Laws.

What I bring to the table: Practical assets I will draw upon in supporting the projects and commitments initiated by NCC ABS:

- o 15 years experience with financial management, product management, marketing, promotion and public relations.
- o 10 years experience growing a variety of bamboo in San Francisco.
- o A powerful interest in establishing a better, broader understanding of bamboo.
- o Deep enthusiasm for the subject and a strong desire to gain more experience.
- o A San Francisco-based venue for hosting Society meetings and functions.

### Bob Stewart

Originally from New York State, I have dedicated much of the last 30 years to arboriculture and landscaping in the Northeast and California. As my enthusiasm for trees grew, I expanded into Reforestation projects in the rain forests of Costa Rica. My interest in Bamboo is a more recent endeavor. I became a member of the Northern California Chapter of the American Bamboo Society just 4 years ago. In that time, my enthusiasm for Bamboo has grown and I have designed and managed incorporation of Bamboo for many residential projects here in the Bay Area.

Goals:

- Continue to educate and introduce to local gardeners the many benefits and beauty of introducing Bamboo into their landscape designs.
- Develop a supply chain that will enable artists and crafts people the ability to purchase at a reasonable cost various species of Bamboo suitable for their projects. These projects can be small objects of art to large scale architectural endeavors.
- To educate and encourage the people and government of Costa Rica the many benefits of planting Bamboo. Help them understand the valuable resource that can be grown in their country. With programs like L.A.F.T.A. in legislation pending approval the export of this resource could be huge. Part of the domestic programs within the country would be to create opportunities for small local towns and villages to set up shops to fabricate items made with Bamboo for export and also use as a food source and to build affordable housing. In the near future I want to build a Bamboo house on our property to use as a model to show how Bamboo can be utilized.