

## ***NCCABS Meeting Minutes 9/11/05***

### Announcements

- Rosy mentioned a garden installed by former NCCABS President Hastings Schmidt at Mason and Pacific in San Francisco.

### Board election – New officers for 2005:

- [Darrel DeBoer](#) (Alameda): President; Term Expires 30.June.08.
- [Bob Stewart](#) (Fremont): Vice President, Alternate Board Member; Term Expires 30.June.06.
- [Rick Hood](#) (San Francisco): Secretary, Alternate Board Member; Term Expires 30.June.06.
- [David King](#) (Benicia): Treasurer/Membership and ABS Board rep.; Term Expires 30.June.06.
- [Rosalie Ross](#) (San Francisco): Term Expires 30.June.07.
- [Henry Bankhead](#) (San Jose): Board Member; Term Expires 30.June.06.
- [Suzanne Coffee](#) (Angwin): Board Member; Newsletter; Term Expires 30.June.08.

### U P C O M I N G.....

- Sept. 17, 2005 – construct a circular bamboo structure in a community garden / non-profit nursery in Alameda. (post-meeting note: the structure is now built, and more splits will be added to provide shade in a workday: Wed. Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>) They are also open to hosting a bamboo sale as they plan to have sales of their own once a month beginning in October. Contact Christopher Shein [cwildseed@hotmail.com](mailto:cwildseed@hotmail.com)
- Oct. 29, 2005 – bamboo furnituremaking workshop with a unique opportunity to learn from visiting Costa Rican master craftsman/designer, Martin Coto. NCCABS members \$30, non-members \$60. Contact [Darrel@DeBoerArchitects.com](mailto:Darrel@DeBoerArchitects.com)
- Feb. 4, 2006 meeting – Arboretum Building, Golden Gate Park. Program: 45 minute synopsis of ABS National Meeting, 45 minute bamboo pot division demonstration, plant auction (bring some of your potted plants to be professionally divided, extras will be auctioned to benefit NCCABS projects) [Rick.Hood@Schwab.com](mailto:Rick.Hood@Schwab.com)
- March meeting – tentatively a cleanup / planting day at a public or private garden with lots of clumping bamboos allowing members to prune and take home poles for crafts or propagated plants. Stay tuned for location. (possibly Hakone Gardens in Saratoga where we might

- establish the only public collection of mountain bamboos in the U.S. or a private garden in Berkeley) [bobs@streaktechnology.com](mailto:bobs@streaktechnology.com)
- April 29, 2006 – Spring Bamboo Festival – we already miss member Carole Loverde who is moving to Portland. We need a member to step in and coordinate the organizing for this great event.

## **Projects**

- Grant request: To facilitate the teaching of bamboo working skills in the U.S. and in Costa Rica, NCCABS will grant for craftsman Martin Coto: \$500 – For bamboo tools, \$700 – For a laptop computer, and \$400 – airfare to help bring two American bamboo artisans to the Houston ABS national meeting. For more information on Martin (in Spanish), go to [www.bambues.com/referencias.htm](http://www.bambues.com/referencias.htm) The vote was unanimous to grant the request.
- Create a permanent ABS temperate species collection? This project is still at the “Dream” stage. It would be very useful for academics and the public to see all the bamboo species available in Northern California in their mature form. We have some grant money available and members willing to donate plants, but need a public institution with the desire, the space (15-20 acres), the available water and maintenance budget to host such a collection. One possibility is a new botanical garden just getting established in Humboldt County.  
[Jphelps11@earthlink.net](mailto:Jphelps11@earthlink.net)
- Public Groves project – a standing offer to supply plants and expertise to plant a bamboo grove in a public place. The courtyard of a hospital in Sacramento? A new municipal park? A levee that you don’t want to have breeched? A hillside subject to erosion?  
[Darrel@DeBoerArchitects.com](mailto:Darrel@DeBoerArchitects.com)
- Funding the Bamboo of the Americas project (BOTA) – request for unspecified amount. There was positive discussion, but no resolution.
- Quarantine greenhouse location / relationship with Foothill College – continues to remain unresolved pending the completion of construction around the Foothill College bamboo garden.
- Newsletter/email announcements to members – send to David King  
[david@king-usa.com](mailto:david@king-usa.com)
- Bamboo pole “bank” – many of us receive requests for bamboo pole sources. Perhaps a member will step in and help establish a clearinghouse for such precious material. It could be purely virtual, or

there might be a tangible location where poles could be brought and sold/traded.

- Library requests – members can check out any of our extensive book/magazine collection. Email Bob Johanneson [rjohannessen@comcast.net](mailto:rjohannessen@comcast.net)
- Bamboo Tools project – Darrel DeBoer is working on getting a set of traditional and improved tools from a company in India. The set was developed and improved by professor A.N. Rao. [Darrel@DeBoerArchitects.com](mailto:Darrel@DeBoerArchitects.com)
- Media – publicity for events will be coordinated by Rosy Ross, [rosyross@aol.com](mailto:rosyross@aol.com)