

# ***COMMITTEES***

## **- EXECUTIVE-BUDGET COMMITTEE -**

President.....Joe Gruber  
President Elect.....Derek Ruhter  
Vice President.....John Updegraff

This committee is made up of the President, President-Elect and Vice President. They are responsible for the annual financial management plan. At each board meeting the committee makes recommendation on financial and policy matters.

## **- LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE -**

Chair ..... Matt Wolff  
Committee Members.....Seneca Hull,  
Jon Wilkes, Bill Clayton,  
Kurt Eidam, and Patrice Smith

These committee members are active, informed political influences to elected officials that ensure the nursery industry’s views are well represented. When needed they prepare position statements, attend hearings and give testimony on behalf of the membership.

### **Sub Committee– Buy Idaho**

INLA participates as an exhibitor in the Buy Idaho show. Committee members (and other volunteers) man the booth and let legislators and staff know about the importance of the Green Industry in Idaho.

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## **- RESEARCH COMMITTEE -**

Research Chairman..... Walt Coiner  
Committee Members ..... Gary Paulson,  
Kathy Noble, Mike & Joan Mount,  
Eric Celmer, and Dave Anderson

This committee stays aware of research being done in surrounding states and universities that benefit Idaho's Green Industry. They meet once per year to discuss current research being done and make recommendations to the Idaho State Nursery Advisory Committee (ISNAC) for future research projects. The ISNAC awards grants for research projects, using a portion of the fees collected annually by the Idaho Department of Agriculture Nursery License Assessment.

## **- CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE -**

CNP Chairman ..... Debbie Hepworth  
CNP & CPD Committee Members..... Mike Sandmann,  
Joe Gruber, Eric Celmer, Jennifer Jensen,  
Hollie Arnell, William Hablett, Derek Ruhter, and  
Seneca Hull, Liaison to College of Western Idaho

Certification programs are intended to recognize individuals as trained professionals with knowledge and experience in the Green Industry. The committee strives to enhance and promote the professionalism of owners and employees in Idaho.

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**- LANDSCAPE INDUSTRY CERTIFIED COMMITTEE -**

- State Chair ..... Kermit Morris
- Site Chair ..... Jim Jenkins
- Hardscape Installation Chairs.....Michael Addis and Brett Groves
- Softscape Installation Chairs..... Abraham Miller
- Ornamental Maintenance Chair.....
- Irrigation Chairs.....Robin Pearl and Richard Sims
- Turf Maintenance Chairs.....Tony Peck and Joe Plehal
- Written Test/Education Coordinator.....William Habblett
- Administrator .....Ann Bates
- Administrative Assistant.....Seneca Hull

Landscape Industry Certification is a national hands-on testing program that seeks to recognize proficiency in the landscape workforce, upgrade the status of the landscape professional, and provide the public with a means of identifying qualified landscape professionals. Landscape Industry Certified Certification designations are Softscape Installation, Hardscape Installation, Turf Maintenance, Ornamental Maintenance and Irrigation.

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**- EDUCATION, EVENTS & EXPO COMMITTEE -**

- Chair.....Joe Gruber
- Assistant Chair.....Derek Ruhter
- Committee Members.....Hollie Smith, Debbie Hepworth, Han Ellis,  
Sara Cimbalik, Erin Monnie, Steve Love, William Habblett, Hailey Bodle,  
Janet Murray, Richard Simms, Dan Coates, Carla Carter, Leslie Blackburn
- Arborist Committee..... Brian Jorgenson, Dennis Matlock,  
Matt Perkins, Ryan Rodgers, Debbie Cook, Terri Ham,  
Darin Turner, Joshua Chaves, Elroy Huff, and Gerry Bates

These committee members work together to organize seminars that address local issues and professional education programs of a broad scope for the Idaho Horticulture Expo and other local events. INLA events provide an environment for the development of business relationships and the exchange of ideas within the Green Industry.

**Sub Committee—Boise Flower and Garden Show.....Hans Ellis and Joe Gruber**

INLA is a sponsor of the Boise Flower & Garden Show and uses this opportunity to promote the preference of INLA members’ goods and services.

Scholarship Review Team .....Dan Ritchie, Jeremy Peirsol, Ruth Main,  
Rodger Erstad and Rex Andersen

The Scholarship Review Team, a sub-committee, reviews applications and awards scholarships based on a criteria set up by the committee and INLA board of directors

**- IDAHO NURSERY & FLORAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE -**

- Chairman .....Howard Hughes
- Council Members .....Bob Reggear, Joe Clayton,  
Gary Paulson, and Dan Ritchie
- INLA Liaison .....Ann Bates
- University of Idaho Liaison..... Paul McDaniel

This council maintains close contact between the Department of Agriculture and the nursery industry. The functions of the committee shall be to advise and council with the department of agriculture in the administration of the provisions of sections 22-2301 through 22-2318 of the Idaho Code.