

BONSAI SOCIETY OF PORTLAND
January 2019 Annual Meeting and Elections
January 22, 2018

Board members present:

- President Lee Cheatle
- Vice-President of Programs Michael (Lime) Allen
- Vice-President of Membership Jan Hettick
- Treasurer Patty Myrick
- Secretary Laura Hudson

The annual meeting was held at the Milwaukie Center on Tuesday January 22, 2019. President Lee Cheatle called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM with over 100 people in attendance. He began by welcoming new members. Then he explained that the Bonsai Society of Portland proposes to add a section on diversity and inclusion to its constitution and bylaws in keeping with the recommendation of the American Bonsai Society. He read the proposed changes and the members voted unanimously to adopt them.

President Lee Cheatle called the members of the outgoing board to the stage and thanked them for their service and presented them with a sweatshirt as a personal gift from him recognizing their effort. Then he called the officers elected for the 2019-2020 term to the stage and introduced them.

- Joe Johanesen – president
- Reid Parham – vice president of programs (with Lime Allen to be his assistant)
- Jan Hettick – vice president of membership
- Patty Myrick – treasurer
- Laura Hudson – secretary
- Lee Cheatle – past president

The outgoing president then read the report from treasurer Patty Myrick noting that BSOP had a very successful 2018 and finished the year with a net income of

\$13,629.01 thanks in large part to the success of the Rendezvous. Lee referred anyone with questions about the financials for BSOP to Patty Myrick who will be happy to share them with everyone.

The outgoing president then read the membership report from VP for Membership Jan Hettick. As of the first of January 2019, BSOP has 376 members. Our overall retention rate (members renewing) is 80%, which is very good. Lee attributed it to our great programs.

VP Programs Reid Parham gave the programs report recognizing the great programs of 2018, and especially the NW Bonsai Rendezvous. He thanked everyone for their participation and said he would be working to get notice out about upcoming programs as early as possible.

Outgoing President Cheadle then gave the Presidents Report and noted the great participation by all members in helping make the monthly meetings so interesting and fun. He thanked everyone for their enthusiasm and willingness to pitch in and said that this is what makes the club great – the best in the country.

President Cheadle presented an honorary membership to Scott Elser in recognition of his years of service to BSOP in various roles, most notably chairing the spring shows and providing displays at each monthly meeting. He presented Scott with a plaque and thanked him.

Finally Lee explained the creation of annual volunteer service recognition awards and that rather than the expected one or two awards, this year the board chose to give awards to 5 people as a way to recognize more of the many people who work so hard to make BSOP a success. The recipients who were present were called to the stage and presented with a medal. Recipients are

- Karl Holmes (webmaster since 2015 and greeter for general meetings)
- Steve Leaming (Heritage Committee co-chair and past VP of Programs)
- Patrice Morrow (Volunteer coordinator since 2016)
- Peter Pelofske (newsletter editor since 2009)

- Harold Yearout (Raffle chair since 2017, hospitality chair since 2018 and auctioneer at oral auctions)

The annual meeting closed at 7:25 PM with the program following.

Respectfully submitted, Laura Hudson