

January 2007

CSLA Meeting – **Tons of Updates**

All topics discussed by Matt Mayle unless otherwise noted.

**OLD NEWS:**

**\*\*\*Poinsettia Sale** – We had a profit of \$1,173 on poinsettias and \$295 on bulbs. This wasn't as high as previous years, but still a great addition to our CSLA funds. There was a lot of confusion this time around, which may have been part of the decrease. Bulb kits and tropical plants were added to the mix this year. There was some incorrect information on the order form (due to miscommunication) and a delay in some deliveries. Overall, the sale was a success.

**\*\*\*Dues** – The fee is \$20 per member and can be paid to any officer. Students attending student career days **MUST** pay per SCD rules. Please contact Dean (treasurer) if you have any specific questions about the payment.

**NEW NEWS:**

**\*\*\*Annual Holiday Party (Emmy Morrow)** – This year's party has a Hawaiian theme. Because the party is "post-holiday time" and because we are not able to associate a school function with a religious connotation, the party simply has a fun theme. The event will be held at Steve O'Neal's house this Saturday starting at 5:00. An email was sent out with all the information. A poster was also displayed outside the drawing lab.

**\*\*\*CENT Show** – This year's event is being held from January 22 thru January 24. The job fair is from 5-7 on Tuesday evening (23<sup>rd</sup>) and students will need to be there by 4:30 in order to attend. Please plan to attend the job fair, even if you are not looking for a position. There are many companies attending and it's always helpful to see what options are out there. It will also be beneficial to have as many CSCC students as possible. After Tuesday night's job fair, the CSLA will be hosting the annual Barley's social. If you have not attending the CENTS show, the job fair or the Barley's event, please contact any of the officers if you have questions or want more details. Parking is available near the convention center but will cost up to \$10. There is a CSCC student lot within walking distance (by Ross Labs). Be sure you have a current parking sticker! Some students get away with parking on campus without one, but this lot is more patrolled and will most likely result in a ticket if you park illegally. It is also recommended that you use the "buddy system" when walking to and from this lot. Please contact a fellow student to try and coordinate a time to walk together.

**\*\*\*Barley's Social (Jason Douglas)** – The event is Tuesday January 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at 7:00. Please do not arrive before 7:00!!! Barley's is located on High St. very close to the Convention Center. There is free food and a cash bar. The event is being sponsored by 5 Seasons. There will be many people from local companies attending. This is simply a meet and greet, not a job interview process. There are fliers available in the drawing lab or in the Const. Science Office. Please take a few and pass them out to employers at the CENTS Show or job fair. They

may have already received an invitation (via mail) but additional enthusiasm from the students may encourage them to attend.

\*\*\*Valentine's Day Sale (Bela and Brian Keith) – Roses, chocolates and teddy bears are right around the corner. The CSLA is selling flowers again for Valentine's Day. This year, carnations have been added to the sale. There is a very good chance we will be getting all the flowers at an even more reduced cost this year..., which can lead to higher profits. Volunteers are needed to assist in the flower preparation and selling. We will be having 2 locations this year (Nester lounge and Technology building). Members are needed Monday February 12<sup>th</sup> thru Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup> from 10-6. I have attached a copy of the order form. Please contact Bela, Brian or any of the officers to volunteer or if you have questions. (bela\_vaghela@hotmail.com or bcougarcat@aol.com)

\*\*\*"How to Succeed at CSCC" – We are trying to start prepare fellow students for future classes. Between the officers, we have been thru all the courses (and then some) needed to complete the landscape program. Some of the courses can be demanding and intimidating. We would like to offer advise, study guides, sample notes, etc. to help other students succeed. This can be done as a one-on-one session, a group session, or as a tutoring option. If anyone is interested, please contact an officer to make arrangements. The information is not limited to only classes offered Winter quarter....keep in mind the rest of your quarters as well. This also leads into the future digital library that is in the works. A grant is being proposed for a new computer workstation that will allow students to share plant ID photos, sample flashcards, designs and so much more.

\*\*\*The CSLA website – A CSLA alumni, Bill Golden, has been volunteering a lot of time to keep our website up to date. There is a lot useful information located on the site. The address is CSLA.ws and is worth taking a look at.

\*\*\*Spring Trip – We have contacts at Cedar Point and Kings Island and are planning on making a trip to one of these parks. The association will spend half the day learning about the parks' landscaping techniques and the other part of the day will be spent enjoying the actual amusement park. The dates and times have not been decided on, but we have had a strong response to this event. Frannie Johnson is the field trip chair and she will be putting together some numbers for us. The trip will most likely happen in May or June (depending on the opening date).

\*\*\*February Mixer – Our group has been doing a lot of fundraising and education events lately. (which is great!) We would like to offer a chance to let our hair down and get to know each other as a team prior to attending the career days competition. Jacob Walker and Jamie Ebright have teamed up to make this happen. It has been suggested that we go bowling in February. Eat some pizza, drink some beverages...throw some heavy balls down a lane (it will be more fun than it sounds). This is just one option. The chairs are open for suggestions.

\*\*\*Panzer Project – This is a new fundraising opportunity. Matt Mayle has been contacted to dig some new drainage systems for a location in German Village. (at least I think that's what it was) This will be hard work, but definitely a great learning experience. Any profit from the event will go directly into the CSLA

funds. The target start date would be in April. Keep this idea in mind and we will be bringing it up again at the next meeting.

\*\*\*Student Career Days (Bob Moreen) – There will be a meeting for anyone going to career days and most of this information will be covered in detail at that point. Contracts were passed out and will need to be signed and returned to Bob ASAP. The payment deadline is February 1<sup>st</sup>. Binders were also passed out to help you prepare for your specific event. Coaches are being assigned to each competitor...please make arrangements to meet with them. They are volunteering time to help and will only be a benefit if you use them. If you are not assigned to an event, but would still like to attend, we still have seats available. If you have never been to Career Days, it is definitely worth attending. Come see what the competition is all about, be a part of the job fair, and get experience for next year's competition. All students, competing or not, will need to pay for their housing and some meals. A \$100 deposit is needed with the signed contract. This will reserve your spot on the bus. The hotel costs will depend on how many people are in your room. There is a breakdown for 2, 3 and 4 people. If you reach the 70% participation, the CSLA will be paying for the registration and transportation. Over ½ the student's cost is covered. If a member has not participated in CSLA events, they may need to pay the entire amount. If you have any questions, or if you would still like to come along, please contact Bob ASAP. (PLANET.chair@gmail.com)

\*\*\*Participation Clause – Yes, here it is again. We've been harping about this since school started. The CSLA bylaws state that in order to receive funding from the association for certain events, a 70% participation limit must be met. This simply means...have you attended at least 70% of all events held by the CSLA (meetings, fundraisers, socials, etc.) Dean has been keeping track of who has participated and will be releasing that information soon. You should already know if you have participated or not over the last 6 months. There are still plenty of opportunities left to get credit: the Valentine's Day sale, the Holiday Party, CENTS Show, etc. Meeting with your event coaches and participating in "How to Succeed" are additional options. There are many ways to still get credit. If you need suggestions, please contact an officer. We do not want to deny anyone the funds, but it is also unfair to allow a handful of people do all the work for the association.

\*\*\*Golf Outing – Summer may seem far off, but our 2007 golf outing will be here before we know it. Matt Mayle and Brian Nelson are chairs for this year's event. We have already started contacting businesses for donations and freebies. Now is a great time to enter a golf store and ask if they would like to donate any items to our event. (the tax information will be provided very soon) Most companies will be more than willing to donate the items (and get a tax credit) than to have to write them off for the year-end inventory. Please contact Brian Nelson for more details or suggestions. (boilrmkr81@aol.com)

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting. We had a great turnout. If you have any questions about this meeting update, please contact any of the officers. I wish the update didn't have to be so long, but we covered a lot of stuff!