



118th Annual Meeting

January 21, 2026

The Aqua Turf Club, Plantsville, CT

1. Annual Meeting of Connecticut Nursery & Landscape Association

Call to Order	President Chris Valley CCH
Quorum Certification	President Chris Valley CCH
President's Comments	President Chris Valley CCH
Secretary's Report	Secretary/Treasurer Amanda Pezzullo CCH
Treasurer's Report	Secretary/Treasurer Amanda Pezzullo CCH
Legislative Update	Linda Kowalski, Rome Smith Lutz & Kowalski
Old/New Business	President Chris Valley CCH
Award of Merit	
Awards	
Election & Installation of Officers & Directors	Nominating Committee
Newly Elected President's Comments	President Matt Fitzpatrick CHH
Appointment of 2027 Nominating Committee	President Matt Fitzpatrick CCH
Adjournment	President Chris Valley CCH

2. Acknowledgment of Connecticut Certified Horticulturist Program Graduates

Connecticut Nursery & Landscape Association

2025 Annual Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2025

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The CNLA Annual Meeting was called to order by President Chris Valley CCH at 12:31 pm.

CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM Lisa Stevens certified a quorum was present.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT President Chris Vally CCH provided a summary of the year in review.

SECRETARY'S REPORT The minutes from the 2024 Annual Meeting were distributed and were presented.

MOTION: That the 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes be approved as presented. Seconded and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT The 2023-2024 financial report was distributed and presented by Treasurer Kyle Roller CANP.

MOTION: That the 2023-2024 Financial Report be approved as presented. Seconded and approved.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT Linda Kowalski from Rome, Smith, Lutz & Kowalski gave an update on legislative activities.

OLD OR NEW BUSINESS President Chris Valley CCH called for any old or new business. There was no old or new business.

AWARDS

- The CNLA Merit Award was presented to Brandon Hyde CCH.
- Appreciation for Board Service Awards were presented to Dan Maki, CCH and Kyle Roller CCH.

ELECTION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS The slate of Officers and Directors was announced, and the Nominating Committee proposed that they be elected for one-year terms beginning with this election.

President: Chris Valley CCH – Prides Corner Farms

Vice President: Matt Fitzpatrick CCH – SiteOne Landscape Services

Secretary/Treasurer: Amanda Pezzullo CCH – State of CT, DEEP, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, Harkness Memorial State Park

Immediate Past President: Dustyn Nelson CCH – Frank's Landscape Construction Directors:

Chris Goodwin – SiteOne Landscape Services

Cecila Keneally – Glengate Company
Bill Palmer CCH – Sam Bridge Nursery & Greenhouse

MOTION: That the 2025 Proposed Slate of Officers and Board of Directors be accepted as presented. Seconded and approved unanimously.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE President Chris Valley CCH appointed Dustyn Nelson CCH as the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Brandon Hyde, CCH and Christian Williams to serve as Committee Members.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by



Lisa Stevens, CAE
Executive Director

CNLA 2024-2025 Year End Financial Report

INCOME	2024-2025 Approved Budget	2024-2025 Actual
Dues	\$56,000.00	\$56,645.00
Contributions	\$7,000.00	\$7,400.00
Contributions - Other		\$245.00
CCH (CANP)	\$10,500.00	\$11,425.00
CCH (Recertification)	\$100.00	\$130.00
CNF	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Winter Meeting	\$50,000.00	\$40,336.00
Summer Meeting		
Bloom After Hours		\$370.00
Young Professionals	\$300.00	
Social Events	\$500.00	
CNLA Education Program	\$10,000.00	
Credit Cards	\$2,500.00	\$3,048.19
Interest Income	\$12.00	\$8.13
TOTAL INCOME	\$141,912.00	\$124,607.32

EXPENSES	2024-2025 Approved Budget	2024-2025 Actual
Executive Office	\$39,000.00	\$39,000.00
Mileage Reimbursement	\$400.00	\$360.60
Postage	\$300.00	\$415.46
Printing In House	\$300.00	\$426.57
Printing Commercial		\$317.47
Computer Operations	\$700.00	\$296.62
Phone	\$852.00	\$852.00
CPA	\$1,900.00	\$1,933.05
Legal	\$2,000.00	\$1,224.74
Office Supplies & Subscriptions	\$3,600.00	\$4,340.07
Credit Card Fees	\$4,000.00	\$2,337.50
Insurance	\$1,700.00	\$1,996.00
Miscellaneous	\$250.00	\$436.43
Website	\$1,000.00	\$256.87
Sunshine	\$500.00	\$558.00
Board Meetings	\$500.00	
CCH (Accred. Nursery Ed.)	\$7,000.00	\$7,142.06
Bloom After Hours		\$132.59
Winter Meeting	\$30,000.00	\$46,382.65
Summer Meeting	\$2,406.94	\$2,406.94
Membership	\$700.00	\$200.00
Young Professional	\$300.00	
Social Events	\$400.00	
Allied Organizations	\$750.00	\$250.00
CT. Agriculture Day	\$1,000.00	\$75.00
Government Relations	\$29,000.00	\$29,000.00
Sales Tax Govt Relations	\$1,841.50	\$1,841.48
Lobbying Registration	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Secretary of State	\$50.00	\$50.00
ANLA Lighthouse	\$1,600.00	
CNLA Education Program	\$4,161.56	\$1,050.00
Strategic Plan	\$4,200.00	\$4,158.78
Marketing/Advertising	\$500.00	\$2,895.78
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$141,912.00	\$151,336.66
NET INCOME	\$0.00	(\$26,729.34)



REPORT OF THE 2025 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Listed below is the annual report of the Nominating Committee. This report will be presented to the general membership at the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2026. Additional nominations may be presented and nominated from the floor.

President

Matthew Fitzpatrick CCH
SiteOne Landscape Supply, Greenwich, CT

Vice President

Amanda Pezzullo CCH
*State of CT, DEEP
Harkness Memorial State Park, Waterford, CT*

Secretary/Treasurer

Chris Goodwin
SiteOne Landscape Supply, Windsor Locks, CT

Immediate Past President

Chris Valley CCH
Prides Corner Farms, Lebanon, CT

Board of Directors

Lindsay Curran CCH
Prides Corner Farms, Lebanon, CT

Cecilia Keneally
Glengate Company, Wilton, CT

Joe Jones
Northern Nurseries, Windsor Locks, CT

Bill Palmer CCH
Sam Bridge Nursery & Greenhouse, Greenwich, CT