



## 2017 STAFF DEVELOPMENT/TRAINING TRAVEL REQUEST FORM

Date Request Submitted: **July 3, 2017** Dates of Travel: **July 26-27, 2017**

Staff Name: **Adam Strehlow**

Name of Conference/Event: **Sentinel Plant Network Workshop (SPN)**

Will you be speaking/presenting at this development/training session? **no**

Where is this conference located? **Bernheim Arboretum - Louisville, KY**  
Have you attended this conference before? **No** When last?

What is the purpose/topic for your attending development/training session?

**To represent the Como Park Zoo & Conservatory at the Midwest Regional SPN Workshop outlining the resources available from APGA's SPN and to learn how CPZC can play an active role in plant conservation by helping stop serious pests and diseases.**

What are three objectives that you feel you will get out of attending?

- **Gain an understanding of the resources available from the SPN**
- **Improve plant diagnostic skills**
- **Bring back information intended to better utilize the SPN resources to advance our on campus conservation efforts by engaging the public.**

What is the expected cost the for this development/training session?

**Only professional leave requested**

**Reimbursement will be made by the organization. CPZC will need to pay up front costs**

Air/Travel cost: **\$0**

Registration Fees: **\$0**

Lodging cost: **\$0**

Other costs: car **\$0**

**TOTAL: \$0**

Employee paid cost estimate: \_\_\_\_\_ Requested City supported cost estimate: \_\_\_\_\_  
(includes all City and Society sources)

Would you attend if only granted professional days? **YES**

Would you attend if only partially funded? **NO**

Year and title of most recently attended development/training session:

**Texas – tea garden construction, pond building, detailed maintenance project with John Powell – 2017**

Staff Signature: **Adam Strehlow**

Date: **11/30/2016**

*I have read the Staff Development/Training Travel Guidelines and understand that, as a condition of my request and if approved, I would be willing to provide for some of my expenses as outlined in the Guidelines.*

Manager's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**All associated costs (travel, lodging, and registration) are to be reimbursed by the SPN. The only remaining question is whether or not there needs to be a request submitted thru Legistar.**

**The skills and resources gained from this workshop are directly relevant to our woody landscapes, outdoor plant collections and could aid in the conservation of park specimens by early detection of invasive species (Emerald Ash Borer). As a free public institution we regularly engage with citizens and can readily act as liaison between the public and the National Plant Diagnostic Network (co-host of the workshop and partners with APGA). It will pair public education with conservation of native plants and ecosystems. As an outdoor gardener it would be straightforward for me to apply the resources from SPN, and my updated diagnostic skills, to my everyday work, as well as collaborate with other departments on campus that more directly interface with the public.**

**The SPN is offering full reimbursement for two staff members, and I would recommend either Mindy, or someone from the education department attend as well.**