

**Texas Chapter International Society of Arboriculture  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

June 24, 2016

**Board Members Present:**

Vincent Debrock  
Markus Smith

Lara Schuman  
Nina Alexander  
April Rose  
Rebecca Johnson  
Micah Pace

Nevic Donnelley  
Gene Gehring  
Jim Carse  
Jim Dossett  
Matt Churches  
Jim Carse  
Misti Perez  
Matt Grubisich

**Board Members Absent:**

Keith Brown

Michael Sultan

**Others Present**

John Giedraitis, Executive Director

Paul Johnson, Texas A&M Forest  
Service

**I. Call to order**

Vincent Debrock called to order the regular meeting of the ISAT Board of Directors at 10:23 AM on June 24, 2016 in College Station, Texas. A quorum was declared present.

**II. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

The March minutes were approved with the correction that Matt Weaver was in attendance.

**III. Welcome and Introductions**

**IV. Executive Director Report**

Executive Director: Giedraitis report is attached. (p. 5-6 )

**V. Committee Reports**

- a) Governance: Debrock. Discussed under New Business.
- b) Finance/Treasurer: 2015 Year End and Year to Date P&L and Balance Sheets are attached. Fiscal year ended with a net income of \$10,630.65. Current net income is \$21,801 and total equity is \$266,414. (p. 7-9)
- c) Editor: Johnson. Please submit articles by the 15<sup>th</sup> every other month
- d) COR: Sultan no report.
- e) Certification: Perez reported that there are 1,078 Certified Arborists, 33 BCMA, 87 Utility Specialists, 49 Municipal Specialists, 29 Certified Tree Workers and 8 Aerial Lift

Specialists. There will be six exams this year. Evaluators will be trained at the July aerial lift exam in Austin.

- f) 2017-2019 Texas Tree Conferences: Smith reported that he has reserved the dates through 2021 and received preproposals from the Waco Convention Center. Smith and Rose will be meeting with WCC Rhonda Bailey.
- g) Texas Tree Climbing Championship 2017: Smith and Jim Dossett have agreed to co-chair in 2017. Visited San Gabriel Park in Georgetown. Still need to firm up dates. Next year considering the workshop on Friday with gear inspection on Friday evening and all the competition completed on Saturday.
- h) Arbor Day: Alexander. Will be held the first Friday in November with TFS. Location in East Texas.
- i) Membership: Weaver reported that he will be updating the membership brochure and that he, Donnelly and Smith are making welcoming calls to new members. Giedraitis is sending a welcoming email to each new member. Rose reviewed draft survey questions to send this September. Johnson noted that ISA may be sending one out soon so Kelli should be contacted first.
- j) Educational Events Committee: Rose reviewed the schedule of workshops and reported on the events (# attendance). March 3: Bilingual Worker Workshop in San Antonio (60 English, 162 Spanish). March 21-23: TRAQ with Skip Kincaid instructor, (20), Fort Worth. April 1-3: International Tree Climbing Championship, Arbor Fair and Workshop, San Antonio, Brackenridge Park. April 20-21: Fire Smart workshop alpha test with ISAT Board and TFS. May 19: Phillip Kelley Pre-Competition Workshop in New Braunfels (26). May 20-21: Texas Tree Climbing Championship in New Braunfels (32). June 9-10: Oak Wilt Management and ID Workshop in Granbury. (26). August 18-20: TNLA Expo in Houston. August 13-17: ISA Conference in Fort Worth. Jim Carse, ISAT Chair gave a report on Rangers game event on Saturday and the Texas Chapter reception. Planning is proceeding for two Oak Wilt Qualification courses next year and a January Masters Series in Dallas and Austin with Paul Reise. Rose also reported that she is putting a standard operating checklist for workshops. (p. 10-13)
- k) Publicity: Debrock reported that ISAT has engaged the Berry Company, a marketing firm to optimize our website for searches (SEO). They will publish two articles a month and improve the ranking of the 'Find a Certified Arborist' web search. R. Johnson has agreed to assist with additional editorial content.
- l) Scholarships: Churches reported that the SFA scholarship was awarded this year.
- m) Research: Gehring reported that with the ISAT \$10,000 donation to the TREE Fund, ISAT is a 2016 Gold Sponsor of the International Conference in Fort Worth and the Tree Climbing Championship in San Antonio and our logo was on display.
- n) Sponsors and Exhibitors: Carse noted that we are currently seeking exhibitors and sponsors for the ISAT reception at the International Conference in Fort Worth. They can register online at [www.isatexas.com](http://www.isatexas.com).
- o) Nominations and Elections: Smith. June 22<sup>th</sup> deadline for nominations. ISA will assist again with online voting. Debrock and Schuman are also on the committee. (p. 14)
- p) Legislation: Alexander reported that she will call the Texas Forestry Association to find out the status of licensing bills.
- q) Digital and Social Media: Weaver reported that there were 430 Facebook 'likes' and 319 followers on Twitter.
- r) Awards: Smith noted that nominations are closed and that TFS is cohosting the awards at the 2016 Fort Worth ISA Conference at the Texas Reception.
- s) TFS Update: Johnson reported that emerald ash borer has been found in Texas and they have funds to set up workshops in Texas. Rebecca Johnson will chair ad-hoc

ISAT EAB Committee and Weaver will assist. He also noted that the City of Austin will host a Lunch and Learn about EB on July 8.

## VI. Old Business

- a) Leadership Workshop attendance Oct. 24-27, 2016. It was suggested that Rose, Johnson, Carse and Alexander attend this year.

## VII. New Business

- a) Wildfire Mitigation Qualification agreement with TFS: Donnelly reported on the alpha workshop held in Bastrop. Paul Johnson handed out a Scope of Work. **Smith made a motion to accept the Scope of Work presented by the Texas A&M Forest Service. The motion was seconded by Donnelly. Motion passed.** The ISAT Fire Smart Committee was directed to check on legal and insurance requirements for this program with ISA. Paul Johnson noted that TFS would like to hold a beta test by the end of the year. (p. 15)
- b) Saluting Branches Support: Debrock received an email from the Saluting Branches Arborists United for Veterans organization that requested support for the September 21<sup>st</sup> volunteer work day. **Smith made a motion for ISAT to support the Saluting Branches Arborist Organization for work days at National Cemeteries in Texas with education and outreach. Seconded by Donnelly. Motion passed.** Schuman will assist with Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery and Grubisich will assist with DFW Texas National Cemetery. (p. 16)
- c) 2017 ISAT Dues: **Smith made a motion to raise the Texas ISA Chapter dues by \$10 for 2017. Seconded by Donnelly. Motion did not pass. Smith made a motion to raise the Texas ISA Chapter dues by \$5. Seconded by Donnelly. Motion did not pass.** (p. 17)

## VIII. Next Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be at the annual meeting and retreat on September 29-30, 2016.

## IX. Adjournment

Vincent Debrock adjourned the meeting at 3:05 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Giedraitis

### ISAT June 24, 2016 Board Meeting

Action Items (deleted as completed)	Board Member		Comments
Dates for 2017 TTC Championship in Georgetown	Smith/Dossett		
Arbor Day – 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday in November	Alexander		
Survey of Members	Weaver/Rose		
TNLA Expo Booth in Houston	Churches		
Elections for 2016-2017	Smith		
Legislation status of licensing bill	Alexander		
Wildfire Mitigation Qualification Insurance and Legal Issues	Donnelly		

### ISAT March 9, 2016 Board Meeting

Action Items (deleted as completed)	Board Member		Comments
Financial Audit	Brown		

### ISAT Dec. 11, 2015 Board Meeting

Action Items (deleted as completed)	Board Member		Comments
Governance: Policy on co-sponsoring events	Debrock		
TTC: Negotiate 2017-2019 dates and contracts with Waco Convention Center and Hilton/Courtyard	Smith/Rose		
Membership: Update brochure and call new members	Weaver		
Publicity: Review TFS marketing report for possible use	Pace		
Legislation: Arborist Licensing	Alexander and Smith		

### ISAT March 27, 2015 Board Meeting

Action Items (deleted as completed)	Board Member		Comments
Create committee to look at lack of arboricultural and urban forestry research, education and extension publications	Dossett	<input type="checkbox"/>	

## June 24, 2016 ISAT Executive Director Report (from March 1 to date)

1092 Members total

890 ISA and ISAT, 1023 ISA, 960 ISAT

2015 year-end balance: \$10,630.57

2016 Current net income: \$21,801

Current total equity: \$266,414

Sent out March, April, May and June TreEmail blasts. 3,649 active contacts on list. Also Oak Wilt Vendor registration/signup/payment complete (13 total), TRAQ registration, Bilingual Workshop registration (English and Spanish), Tree Climbing Championship climber registration, Phillip Kelley workshop registration, Tree Climbing Championship Sponsors and Exhibitors registration (5). Setup online registration for the new Oak Wilt Qualification Course and Assessment.

[www.TexasOakWilt.org](http://www.TexasOakWilt.org) being modified to list new OWQ holders. Setup online registration for the Chapter sponsored Ranger baseball game and the ISAT reception sponsors.

Launched *Find an Arborist* advertising registration for ISAT website. 18 registered.

Educational Services Committee: Regular conference calls with the committee. (\*Registrations)

March 3: Bilingual Worker Workshop in San Antonio (60 English, 162 Spanish)

March 21-23: TRAQ with Skip Kincaid instructor, (20), Fort Worth

April 1-3: International Tree Climbing Championship, Arbor Fair and Workshop, San Antonio, Brackenridge Park

May 19: Phillip Kelley Pre-Competition Workshop in New Braunfels (26)

May 20-21: Texas Tree Climbing Championship in New Braunfels (32)

June 9-10: Oak Wilt Management and ID Workshop in Granbury. (26)

August 18-20. 2016, TNLA Expo in Houston

August 13-17: ISA Conference in Fort Worth

Attended, conducted on-site registration and had booth at the Bilingual Workshop in San Antonio.

Attended ITCC with booth.

Attended TTCC and Kelly workshop.

Attended the Oak Wilt Qualification Course and Assessment.

ED contract renewed.

ISAT Quick Statistics:	2015	2014	2013	2012	12 to '15 % Change	2016 (YTD)
Certified Arborists	1,061	1,017	956	937	11.69%	1079
ISA ISAT membership	1,123	989	890	829	26.18%	890
ISA Members	1,024	898	831	816	20.31%	1023
ISAT Members	1,025	893	791	715	30.24%	960
Email Subscribers (Active)	3,310	2,888	2,327	1,850	44.11%	3649
Total Income	\$350,873	\$342,975	\$286,803	\$246,631	29.71%	\$99,060
Net Income	\$10,631	\$44,950	\$26	\$16,302		\$21,801
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$244,613	\$233,983	\$189,032	\$179,845	26.48%	\$266,414

# ISAT 2016 Quick Stats



**ITCC San Antonio**

Networking, Education, and Safety

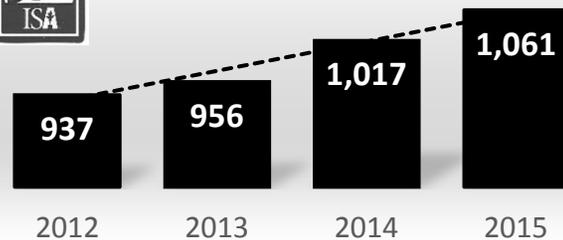
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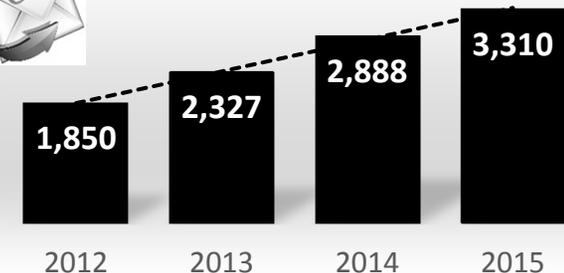
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## ISAT Certified Arborists



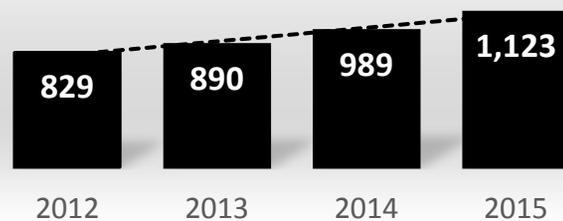
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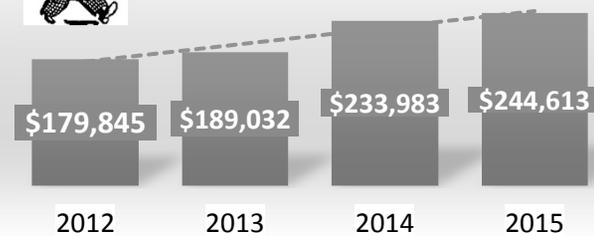
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## ISA ISAT Membership



## Total Liabilities and Equity



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**ISAT**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of May 31, 2016

	<u>May 31, 16</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Checking/Savings	
Wells Fargo	131,798.34
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>131,798.34</u>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
Wells Fargo CD #3	25,000.00
Wells Fargo CD #2	25,000.00
Wells Fargo CD #1	50,000.00
Federated Gov Income Securit...	34,012.12
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<u>134,012.12</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	265,810.46
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
Office Equipment	604.03
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<u>604.03</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>266,414.49</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Equity</b>	
Retained Earnings	244,613.33
Net Income	21,801.16
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>266,414.49</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>266,414.49</u></b>

**ISAT**  
**Profit & Loss**  
 January through May 2016

	Jan - May 16
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
2016 ITCC	538.00
2016 ISA Conference	9,365.00
Online Learning Revenue Share	584.00
<b>Advertising</b>	
Advertising - website	1,654.70
Advertising Newsletter	2,841.37
Oak Wilt Vendors	1,367.70
<b>Total Advertising</b>	5,863.77
<b>Certification</b>	
Recertification	6,033.00
Certification Exams	4,343.00
<b>Total Certification</b>	10,376.00
<b>Membership</b>	20,475.00
<b>Misc.</b>	4,886.25
<b>TTCC &amp; Workshop</b>	
Misc Sales TTCC	1,185.75
Registrations (climbing)	2,035.77
Registrations (for workshop)	2,124.85
Sponsors	3,607.65
TTCC & Workshop - Other	-4,020.48
<b>Total TTCC &amp; Workshop</b>	4,933.54
<b>Workshops</b>	
2016 TRAQ March	12,363.41
2016 Rinn Tree Safety Worksh...	14,113.60
Bilingual Tree Worker Worksh...	9,297.00
Oak Wilt ID and Mgnt Workshop	6,264.07
<b>Total Workshops</b>	42,038.08
<b>Total Income</b>	99,059.64
<b>Gross Profit</b>	99,059.64
<b>Expense</b>	
2016 ITCC Expense	2,181.00
2016 ISA Conference Expense	11,986.50
Accountant	950.00
Board Expenses	1,393.01
<b>Conference Expenses</b>	
Speaker	564.66
Registration	320.00
<b>Total Conference Expenses</b>	884.66
<b>Executive Director</b>	
Misc. Office	431.30
Executive Director Salary	9,999.00
Executive Director Travel	5,016.40
Executive Director Utilities	740.00
<b>Total Executive Director</b>	16,186.70
<b>Fees</b>	
Bank Fees	80.25
Credit Card Fees	226.17
<b>Total Fees</b>	306.42
<b>Insurance</b>	1,984.00
<b>Member Services</b>	50.00
<b>Newsletter Expenses</b>	7,158.30
<b>Publicity</b>	1,882.40
<b>Special Projects</b>	5,300.00
<b>TTCC and Workshop</b>	8,014.59
<b>Web Site</b>	388.85

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**ISAT**  
**Profit & Loss**  
January through May 2016

	<u>Jan - May 16</u>
Workshop Expenses	
2016 TRAQ March	7,316.63
2016 Rinn Workshop	11,025.42
Oak Wilt ID and Mgnt Workshop	250.00
<b>Total Workshop Expenses</b>	<u>18,592.05</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>77,258.48</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>21,801.16</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>21,801.16</u></u>

6.23.2016 ISAT Ed Events Schedule.xlsx - Summary 2016

2016	ISAT Event	Non ISAT Event	Location	Committee	Chair	Notes
Jan. 14, 15, 21, 22		Arboriculture 101	College Station			ISAT not directly involved
January 23		Tree Talk Winter Walk	Austin Wildflower Center	TBD	EC	Donnelly hosting kids climb, ISAT has booth as supporter of Arb. - man & education materials
Feb	Houston Area Urban Forestry Council		Houston	Executive Committee	EC, Mickey Meritt (TFS)	ISAT has provided marketing and registration 70/30 split for this annual event
Feb	Lower Valley Tree Worker		Edinburg	Executive Committee	EC	Not happening in 2016 according to John
Feb 6	ITCC Workday & Gear Inspection Class		San Antonio	ITCC Committee	Bassett, Dossett	
Feb 18 & 19	Commercial Masters Series - Biomechanics		Austin	Ed Events - Commerci	Dossett	Local host: Dossett, Rose, Hamel
Feb 15 & 16	Commercial Masters Series - Biomechanics		Houston	Ed Events - Commerci	Dossett	Local host: Weaver
Feb 19	TBUFC Tree Worker / NCTUFC	ISAT cosponsor	Grand Prairie		Grubisich	TBUFC don't need us except for promotion (Matt G manning booth)
March	Certified Tree Worker Workshop		TBD	Ed Events - CTW	Dossett	
March 4	SAAA Bilingual Tree Worker	ISAT cosponsor	Shertz	(Duff, Kroeze)		ISAT does registration, John has a booth (131 spanish, 41 english)
March 9	ISAT Board of Directors Meeting		Waco	Board	Debrock	Quarterly Board Meeting
March 21, 22, 23	TRAQ Ft. Worth		Ft. Worth Botanic Garden	Ed Events	Churches	Local host: Micah Pace
April 2-3, 2016	ITCC and Arbor Fair		San Antonio	ITCC Committee	Kevin Bassett, Schumann	Coordinate ISAT booth coverage - what do we want at the booth?
April 20 & 21, 2016	Fire smart alpha workshop		McKinney Roughs	Board & TFS employe	Donnelly & Johnson	
May 19, 2016	Pre-climb Workshop		New Braunfels		Bassett	
May 20-21, 2016	Texas Tree Climbing Championship		New Braunfels	TTCC Committee	Bassett	
June 9 & 10	Oak wilt qualification		Granbury	Executive Committee	Gehring	25 took course and passed assessment
June 24	ISAT Board of Directors Meeting		College Station	Board	Debrock	Quarterly Board Meeting
Aug. 13-17, 2016	ISA Conference		Fort Worth	ITCC Committee	Carse	
Aug. 18-20		TNLA Conference	Houston	Ed Events	Churches	Churches coordinate volunteers to man a booth
Fall	Fungus Workshop with Appel?		College Station?		Churches	John has sent inquiry to Appel
Oct 23 - 26	Leadership Workshop		Champaign, IL			
Nov 3, 4, 5	TRAQ		Austin - LCRA Redbud Center	Ed Events	Churches	
Oct 31, Nov 1 & 2	TRAQ		Houston - Arboretum/ Herman Park or Harris County flood control	Ed Events	Churches	
Nov.	West Texas Urban Forestry Conference	??	El Paso	Ed Events	Rose	Support again?
Nov 4		Arbor Day	TBD	AD Committee	Alexander, Johnson	
	Retreat			Executive Committee		

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Jan 15, 15, 22, 23, 2015	Arboriculture 101	College Station	Jan. 14, 15, 21, 22	Arboriculture 101	College Station	Jan/Feb	Municipal Master's: Paul Ries open mid Jan - mid Feb	Dallas & Austin
						January	Arboriculture 101	College Station
						January	Tree Talk Winter Walk	Austin Wildflower Center
20-Feb-15	Emerald Ash Borer Workshop	Houston	January 23	Tree Talk Winter Walk	Austin Wildflower Center	Feb 24 - tentative	NCTUFC	Ft. Worth
6-Mar-15	Certified Tree Worker Workshop	Austin, They Might Be Monkeys, 1402 E 5th Street	Feb	Houston Area Urban Forestry Council	Houston	February	Commercial Master's: Appraisal?	?
March 16-18	TRAQ	Forth Worth Botanic Gardens	Feb 6	ITCC Workday & Gear Inspection Class	San Antonio	Feb?	Houston Area Urban Foestry Council	Houston
March 19-21	TRAQ	Phil Hardberger, San Antonio	FEb 15 & 16, 18 & 19	Commercial Masters Series - Biomechanics	Houston, Austin	March?	TRAQ	San Antonio
March 13-	ISAT Board of Directors Meeting	Austin	Feb 19	TBUFC Tree Worker / NCTUFC	Grand Prairie	March?	Wildfire Mitigation Qualification	
Feb. / March/May ?	Commercial Masters Series	Dallas, San Antonio, Austin	March	Certified Tree Worker Workshop	TBD	Spring?	UAA partnership	?
March 5 -	TBUFC Tree Worker	Dallas	March 4	SAAA Bilingual Tree Worker	Shertz			
March 21-22	ITCC Tampa, March 21-22	Tampa	March 9	ISAT Board of Directors Meeting	Waco	April?	Tree Injection - technologies/chemicals/physiology for OW & EAB	Granbury or Waco ??

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26-Mar	Lower Valley Tree Worker	Edinburg	March 21, 22, 23	TRAQ Ft. Worth	Ft. Worth Botanic Garden			
20-Apr	SAAA Bilingual Tree Worker	San Antonio	April 2-3, 2016	ITCC and Arbor Fair	San Antonio	May	Oak Wilt Qualification	Johnson City/Fredricksburg
May	Municipal Masters Series	Austin/Dallas	April 20 & 21, 2016	Wildfire Mitigation Qualification Alpha	McKinney Roughs, Cedar Creek, TX	May	Pre-climb Workshop	New Braunfels?
May	ISAT Board of Directors Meeting	Waco	May 18, 2016	Pre-climb Workshop	New Braunfels	May	Texas Tree Climbing Championship	New Braunfels?
June	Oak Wilt ID and Management	Austin Wildflower Center	May 19-21, 2016	Texas Tree Climbing Championship	New Braunfels			
June 12-14	Texas Tree Climbing Championship	Fort Worth	June 9 & 10	Oak wilt qualification	Granbury			
July	ISAT Board of Directors Meeting	Waco	June 24	ISAT Board of Directors Meeting	College Station			
Aug 8-12	ISA Conference Orlando Aug. 8-12	Orlando	Aug. 13-17, 2016	ISA Conference	Fort Worth	October?	Retreat	
			Aug 18 - 20	TNLA	Houston	August?	TNLA Conference	?
August?	Certified Tree Worker Workshop	Waxahachie or Grand Prairie	October?	Retreat	Waco	Sept	Oak Wilt Qualification	Waco
Sept 30 - Oct 2, 2015	Texas Tree Conference	Waco	Oct 31, Nov 1 & 2	TRAQ	Houston	Oct	TX Tree Conference	Waco
Nov	TRAQ	Austin, Fort Worth	Nov 3, 4 & 5	TRAQ	Austin	Nov	Arbor Day	
Dec	Retreat	College Station	Oct/Nov	Wildfire Mitigation Qualification Beta?	?	Dec?	Retreat	?

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			Nov.	Arbor Day	TBD			
			?	Fungus workshop with Appel	College Station?			
2016			December?	Retreat	College Station			

# 2016 Texas Chapter ISA Elections – Call for Nominations



Applications are being sought from the ISAT membership to fill seven positions on the ISAT Board of Directors. **You may apply yourself or nominate another qualified ISAT member** interested in serving on the ISAT Board. The Nominations Committee will select the slate from the nominations received. Elections will be held in August and newly-elected Board Members will be installed at the membership meeting held at the Texas Chapter ISA Board meeting in Waco this October. A form that can be filled-out and printed or emailed is available at: <http://isatexas.com/about/board-of-directors/>

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BEFORE 5:00 PM, FRIDAY July 22, 2016**

Nominee Name		
Address		
Phone (day)		
Email		
Title		
Employer		
Nominator Name (if different)		
Nominator	Email:	Phone (day):
Position (check one)	<i>Officers: [*Prior Board of Director experience recommended for officer positions]</i> <input type="checkbox"/> President Elect (one year term, becomes President in year two)* <input type="checkbox"/> Vice President (one-year term)* <input type="checkbox"/> Editor (one-year term)* <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer (one-year term)*  <input type="checkbox"/> Director – 3 (three) positions available (3-year term)	

Please provide a few comments regarding why the candidate should be considered for nomination:

(Continue on a second sheet if needed)

Mail, fax, or email this form to: Markus Smith, 2016 Nominations Committee, PO Box 4005, Austin, TX 78765. 512-467-8733 (office) 979-680-9420 (fax) [markus@justtrees.com](mailto:markus@justtrees.com)

**Intent:**

Create, test, and implement a Wildfire Mitigation Qualification for ISA Certified Arborists that will ensure they have the basis of knowledge to assist property owners with assessment of wildfire risk, planning to reduce risk, and implementation of the mitigation plan. This effort will expand the number of qualified individuals that can help protect Texans from wildfire while protecting our trees by ensuring proper pruning.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS) and International Society of Arboriculture, Texas Chapter (ISA Texas) are entering into a partnership to provide this Qualification to ISA Certified Arborists in and around Texas.

This qualification will follow the format of the Tree Risk Assessment Qualification. Training and assessment are required to gain the credential which will last 5 years. Requalification will be required to continue the credential.

**Scope:**

TFS will:

- Design curriculum
- Prepare all study materials
- Provide instructors to teach the course
- Prepare and score the exam
- Assist with promoting the Qualification to Arborists and potential customers

ISA Texas will:

- Promote the class
- Serve as host for the class (finding locations and scheduling dates)
- Handle registration
- Provide the Qualification credential to Certified Arborists who successfully complete the training and assessment
- Maintain the list of credential holders
- Promote the credential to Texans.
  - isatexas.com
  - "In The Shade" newsletter
  - On social media - @isa\_texas and facebook.com/isatexas

**From:** "Brandon R. Hughson" <[bhughson@treecarescience.com](mailto:bhughson@treecarescience.com)>  
**Date:** June 21, 2016 at 4:14:23 PM CDT  
**To:** "[vincent@txheritagetreecare.com](mailto:vincent@txheritagetreecare.com)" <[vincent@txheritagetreecare.com](mailto:vincent@txheritagetreecare.com)>  
**Subject:** Request from Saluting Branches Arborist Organization

Hello Vincent,

Thanks for your time today and for listening to my request. I thought I would send a follow up email to better explain. Last year Rainbow Treecare created Saluting Branches, a not-for-profit organization that provides vital care to the landscapes dedicated to our United States Veterans. Through this work, Saluting Branches has brought together the green industry and made an impact with community volunteering.

There is a significant need for proper tree care and landscape care at our Veteran Cemeteries. Few resources are available to care for the trees located at the 130 National Veteran Cemeteries and hundreds of state-operated Veteran Cemeteries. These trees need to be inspected for safety, health and be properly pruned or removed if diseased. Without proper care, the cemeteries may be unsafe and will lack the beauty and peaceful environment that the Veterans, families and visitors deserve.

- Saluting Branches was developed by a group of arborists under the commitment of beautifying and improving our National Veteran Cemeteries to show appreciation for the sacrifices made by our troops.
- In 2015, over 1000 arborists volunteered their time, talents and equipment to maintain the trees at 26 Veteran Cemeteries across the United States which was the largest single-day volunteer event by the green industry.
- Saluting Branches, Day of Service, culminated in an estimated 1.1 million dollars in donated tree maintenance services and was believed to be the best volunteer event by leaders at the Veteran Cemeteries. This large scope of work would have taken the cemeteries many years to complete.

In 2016 Saluting Branches formed an official not-for-profit organization due to the overwhelming success of Saluting Branches and the countless requests to continue the project.

We are asking for the support from the Texas Chapter. On September 21<sup>st</sup> we will be volunteering at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, Dallas Fort Worth Texas National Cemetery. Your chapter can help by promoting the event in your member communication and is possible supporting the event financially. Contributions will help provide a safe and successful event on September 21, 2016. Funds are needed to provide lunch, first aid kits, supplies, promotional and printed materials, volunteer recognition and recruitment, trade shows and event travel.

I encourage you to visit [www.salutingbranches.org](http://www.salutingbranches.org) for more information including a list of all cemeteries in 2016 and a Sponsorship Guide for you to review.

The link to the video I talked about is <http://www.salutingbranches.org/2015-saluting-branches-event/>

Sincerely,

Brandon Hughson  
cell: 612-685-5476



I support [Saluting Branches](http://www.salutingbranches.org) Arborists United for Veteran



# International Society of Arboriculture Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Certification ID or CSID (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Member street address: \_\_\_\_\_  Home  Business

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Company: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ (required only for senior membership)

ISA Membership dues are valid for 12 months from date of processing or your current expiration date. Memberships are non-transferable and non-refundable.

Select Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior	<input type="checkbox"/> Student
<b>Price</b>	\$130	\$65	Free with chapter membership. (See table below for chapter membership pricing.) Or \$30 for ISA only if no local chapter.
<b>Eligibility Requirements</b>	Anyone in good standing with ISA who wishes to help promote the professional practice of arboriculture.	Must be 62 or older, retired or working less than 15 hours and have been an ISA member for the last 10 years.	Must be a high school, undergraduate, or graduate student approved for membership in the local chapter or meet additional requirements below.
<b>Additional Requirements/ Information</b>	None	Must submit a letter or email stating individual meets all of the above requirements for eligibility; Send email to isa@isa-arbor.com.	If joining through ISA, you must include a copy of your current or upcoming schedule showing a minimum of six credit hours.
<b>Magazine Options</b> * Unless online only is selected below	One bimonthly print edition included*; Online access to both magazines.	One bimonthly print edition included*; Online access to both magazines.	Online access to both magazines.
<b>Select magazine type:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Arborist News (AN) <input type="checkbox"/> Arboriculture & Urban Forestry (AUF) <input type="checkbox"/> AN and AUF (\$30 Extra) <input type="checkbox"/> Online only (Access to online publications only)			

I would like to receive a PRINT copy of the Membership Directory.

## ISA CHAPTER MEMBERSHIPS (Optional) Prices subject to change. Prices shown as: Chapter Price/Student Chapter Price

The following chapter memberships are valid for twelve months from date of processing or your current expiration date.

<input type="checkbox"/> Atlantic .....\$70/\$30 (NB, NS, PE, NL)	<input type="checkbox"/> Italy ..... \$97/\$30	<input type="checkbox"/> New Zealand..... \$125/ \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> Southern ..... \$30/Free (AL, AR, GA, LA, MS, NC, PR, SC, TN, VI)
<input type="checkbox"/> Austria .....\$110/\$30	<input type="checkbox"/> Kentucky ..... \$40/\$5	<input type="checkbox"/> Norway ..... \$69/ \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> Texas**..... \$45/ \$30
<input type="checkbox"/> Brazil .....\$75/\$30	<input type="checkbox"/> Michigan ..... \$79/\$10	<input type="checkbox"/> Ohio .....\$45/\$10	<input type="checkbox"/> Utah ..... \$45/Free
<input type="checkbox"/> Dutch .....\$80/\$80	<input type="checkbox"/> Mid-Atlantic** ..... \$50/\$25 (DC, MD, VA, WV)	<input type="checkbox"/> Ontario .....\$110/\$75	<input type="checkbox"/> Western** ..... \$40/\$25 (AZ, CA, HI, NV)
<input type="checkbox"/> Florida***..... \$30/Free	<input type="checkbox"/> Midwestern ..... \$30/\$25 (IA, KS, MO, NE, ND, OK, SD)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Northwest** ... \$50/\$30 (AK, BC, ID, OR, WA)	<input type="checkbox"/> Wisconsin ..... \$45/\$15
<input type="checkbox"/> Hong Kong ..... \$13/None	<input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota ..... \$40/\$30	<input type="checkbox"/> Penn-Del .....\$47/\$30	<input type="checkbox"/> ISA Student Only.....\$30
<input type="checkbox"/> Illinois .....\$45/\$25	<input type="checkbox"/> New England ..... \$35/\$25 (CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rocky Mountain.....\$52/\$25 (CO, MT, NM, WY)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Indiana..... \$40/\$10			

\*\*Add \$10 for chapter-only memberships.

\*\*\*Add \$20 for chapter-only memberships.

The following chapter memberships expire on December 31 annually. (31 December) Prices shown as: Chapter Price/Student Chapter Price

<input type="checkbox"/> Czech Republic.....\$55/\$35	<input type="checkbox"/> Germany .....\$135/\$30	<input type="checkbox"/> Prairie .....\$125/\$15 (AB, MB, SK-Canada)	<input type="checkbox"/> Spain ..... \$80/ \$40
<input type="checkbox"/> Denmark..... \$95/None	<input type="checkbox"/> New Jersey..... \$35/\$30	<input type="checkbox"/> Quebec.....\$150/\$40	<input type="checkbox"/> Sweden..... \$78/ \$30
<input type="checkbox"/> New York.....\$65/\$15			

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION MEMBERSHIPS (Optional) Prices subject to change.

- Utility Arborist Association (UAA) \$40  Arboricultural Research and Education Academy (AREA) \$25  
 Society of Commercial Arboriculture (SCA) \$35  Society of Municipal Arborists (SMA) \$85

Please read and complete the reverse side of this form.

Total: [ \$17 ]