

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

March 7, 2014

Board Members Present:

Michael Sultan
Susan Henson
Markus Smith
Oscar Mestas
Lara Schuman
Nevic Donnelley

Matt Churches
Terry Kirkland
Vincent Debrock
Misti Perez
Ed Dolphin
Lee Evans

Board Members Absent:

Orlando De La Garza
Margaret Hall Spencer

John Warner
Jim Dossett

Others Present

Paul Johnson, ISA BOD, TFS
Melinda Adams, City of Fort Worth

John Giedraitis, Executive Director

I. Call to order

Michael Sultan called to order the regular meeting of the ISAT Board of Directors at 10:30 am on March 7, 2014 at the Texas Ranger Museum, Waco. A quorum was declared present.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

A motion was made by Smith to approve the Minutes of the December 13, 2013 meeting. Motion seconded by Debrock. Motion passed.

III. Welcome and Introductions

IV. Executive Director Report

Executive Director: Giedraitis reported that he has two basic functions: manage the day-to-day Chapter business and assist committees. On the day-to-day business of the Chapter: Membership: 647 ISA members, 725 Texas/ISA, 53 just Texas. ISAT window clings printed. January and February email blasts sent along with TRAQ invitation to 2,532 on email list. Revised sponsor and exhibitor brochure and posted it as online registration. Refiled ISAT corporate information with the Secretary of State. Renewed our ProPay merchant services account – we pay 2.9% and .25 per transaction for registrations. Lee Evans is now the Treasurer and he is listed as a viewer on the Wells Fargo account. 1099's were all sent out and George McCoy, our CPA is preparing our tax return. The ISAT website has been upgraded and we have begun working with ISA Keely Row to develop a template for ISA Chapter websites. The Oak Wilt Vendor payment system is set up and the link mailed to all Oak Wilt Certified Arborists. It is \$100 registration fee with all the proceeds going to ISAT. Assisting Committees: will be covered under Committee Reports. Events since the December meeting include:

- Arboriculture 101: Jan 16, 17, 23, 24. 82 registered. ISAT gets a flat fee of \$2,500

- North Central Texas Urban Forestry Workshop: ISAT booth at the event
- Basic Tree Climber Training: March 5th (rain date) 11 registered
- Call for Presentations: online and closes on March 14th.
- Climbing Competition May 16-17 online registration will begin soon.
- North American Tree Climbing Competition in Pasadena, CA - Miguel Pastenes and Vincente Pena will represent ISAT on April 5th.

V. Committee Reports

- Finance/Treasurer: Evans reported that the ISAT balance sheet shows \$193,601.92 as of Dec. 31, 2013. The Profit Loss for fiscal year 2013 was presented and discussed. Net income for 2013 was \$12,756.94. Evans noted that he is looking at various investment opportunities for ISAT and will report back to the board.
- Editor: Mestas reported that he has reviewed ad rates. He noted that articles that are sent in need to be directed towards the membership and not advertising/sales oriented. Please submit articles before the 15th of the month before the newsletter is sent out.
- COR: Spencer was absent but sent in the attached report.
- Certification: Perez reported that there are 12 new Certified Arborists since Jan. 1. There will be eight tests this year and they are posted online. Looking for more proctors. There was discussion on using the certification logo in advertising when there are no CA's on staff. It is a deceptive trade practice. There is a link on the ISA website for reporting. Misti noted that she will be speaking to Sharon Lilly at ISA about the issue.
- Texas Tree Conference: Smith is Chair for 2014. This year's theme will be "Surviving ExTREEmes". See attached report.
- Texas Tree Climbing Championship: Kevin Bassett will chair again this year. Guy LeBlanc will once again serve as Head Judge. Arborological Services will be providing administrative support. The theme is "Let's Gather at the River". The event will be held in New Braunfels May 15-17, 2014. The Thursday workshop and Friday preliminaries will be held in Cypress Bend Park and the Saturday Master's event will be Landa Park. Gary and Jared Abrojena will present the pre-climbing workshop on climbing techniques. See the attached report.
- Educational Events Committee: Debrock reported that his committee is moving ahead with several events. Smith reported that the Basic Tree Climbing class went well but there needs to be a tech to assist Guy LeBlanc. No date has been set for the next class. See attached report.
- Membership: Henson reported that her committee is working on a survey of members and a membership brochure. Would like to start with personal phone calls. Evans, Perez, Mestas and Smith volunteered to assist. John will send the new member list to Susan.
- Arbor Day: Churches reported that Arbor Day will be Nov. 7th in 2014 (first Friday in November).
- Publicity: Evans reported that he will reorder flags and a table cloth.
- Scholarships: Warner was absent but presented the attached report. The report was tabled until the next meeting.
- Research: Dossett. No report.
- Sponsors and Exhibitors: Smith presented the ISAT Exhibitor and Break Sponsorship Policy for educational events. It is patterned after the Florida Chapter. It allows for \$450 exhibitors and \$300 lunch sponsors at educational events. **Smith moved to accept the Exhibitor and Lunch Break Policy as presented. Seconded by Debrock. Motion passed.**
- Nominations: Henson reported that we are now holding electronic voting with the assistance of ISA. If current Board members want to run when their terms are up, they must submit a

nomination. The slate will be drawn up and sent in the summer and she asked for the Boards assistance with suggested nominees.

- o) Legislation: Kirkland reported that he has spoken to several chapters and has not found any with a written policy.
- p) Outreach: Sultan asked for volunteers to assist with the TNLA Landscape Expo on August 14-16. Johnson and Evans volunteered.
- q) Digital and Social Media: Spencer absent but sent in the attached report.
- r) Awards: Johnson. No report
- s) 2016 ISA Conference in Fort Worth: Henson gave a report on her meeting with ISA in Atlanta. Kevin Bassett will chair the International Tree Climbing Championship for the ISAT. There was discussion on the letter from Bassett to ISA concerning the timing and location of the ITCC. Sultan agreed to draft a letter from the Board to ISA expressing ISAT's concerns and opinions. **Kirkland moved to appoint Susan Henson as the 2016 ISA Conference Chair and Melinda Adams as Co-Chair with the provision that ISAT pick up any associated costs for the Co-Chair to attend Conference Education Committee meetings. Donnelly seconded. Motion passed.**

VI. Old Business

- a) Scholarships to TAMU and SFA: Warner absent. The report was presented and will be discussed at the next meeting.

VII. New Business

- a) Event Sponsorship Policy. **See (m) above.**
- b) ArborJet statewide luncheon seminars co-sponsorship. The Board agreed to pass on this opportunity. Debrock will inform ArborJet.
- c) Research: Debrock noted that more needs to be more done to promote urban forestry and arboriculture research in Texas at the University and Extension level.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be in Waco on June 6, 2014.

IX. Adjournment

Michael Sultan adjourned the meeting at 2:15pm.

Minutes submitted by: Giedraitis

ISAT Dec. 13, 2013 Board Meeting

Action Item	Board Member		Comments
Scholarships: Need written policy. Are we ready to send checks?	Warner	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Research/Tree Fund: Contact Janet Bornancin to establish ISAT Chapter Liaison	Dossett	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Executive Committee: Political Action Policy	Sultan	<input type="checkbox"/>	.
Finance: Open TDA Ameritrade account. Explore alternative investments	Evans	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Membership: Online survey and membership brochure	Henson	<input type="checkbox"/>	

ISAT March 7, 2014 Board Meeting

Action Item	Board Member		Comments
Reorder flags and tablecloth	Evans	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Send new members list to Susan	Giedraitis	<input type="checkbox"/>	
TNLA booth	Sultan		

Council of Representatives

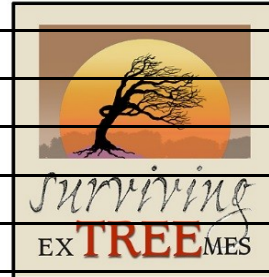
- The council will be having a conference call on or before April 1.
- Croatia chapter has signed a MOU and ISA has it for signature.
- Arboriculture Australia has a draft MOU that is in process.
- The European CoR subgroup is planning on meeting during the European Conference of Arboriculture in May.
- The CoR elects five members of the ISA Board of Directors. We recently had elections for three positions. The voting closed on Sunday, March 2, and results have not been released. Candidates were:
 - Seat 1 (to serve one, 1-year term)
 - Don Winsett, Davey, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
 - No opposition
 - Seat 2 (to serve one, 3-year term)
 - Anne Beard, Public Service Co of NM, Albuquerque, NM
 - Dennis Swartzell, Horticulture Consultants, Inc. , Henderson, NE
 - Seat 3 (to serve one, 3-year term)
 - John Gaithright, Arborist Training Institute, Seto, Japan
 - Geoff Kempter, Asplundh, Grand Rapids, MI
- I have accepted the nomination to serve on the Executive Committee as Secretary for the Council. Elections will be held at our meeting at the ISA Conference in Milwaukee.
- Paul Johnson is now the ISA Board Member serving as Board liaison to the CoR.

Digital & Social Media

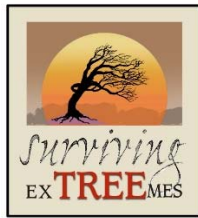
- Facebook page data 1/1/14 – 3/6/14 (sum of daily hits)
 - 346 - The number of people sharing stories about your page. These stories include liking your Page, posting to your Page's timeline, liking, commenting on or sharing one of your Page posts, answering a question you posted, responding to one of your events, mentioning your Page, tagging your Page in a photo or checking in at your location. (Unique Users)
 - 678 - The number of people who engaged with your Page. Engagement includes any click or story created. (Unique Users)
 - 4050 – The number of people who have seen any content associated with your Page. (Unique Users)
 - 0 – Unlikes
 - 22 – New Likes
- Current # of likes – 260
- Social Media Policy – John got a copy of the Wisconsin Arborist Association's policy and forwarded it to me. I will discuss with John, make needed changes, and present at the next board meeting.

2014 Texas Tree Conference Committees

Conference Chair	Markus Smith (Recruit and Coordinate Committee Chairs)
Program	
Commercial Track	Jim Dossett - Michael Sultan, Vincent Debrock, Ed Dolphin
Municipal Track	Lara Schuman - Susan Henson, Paul Johnson, Emily King, Brad Hammel, Kelly Eby
Utility Track	Orlando De La Garza - Rich Hendler, Ray Henning
Academy	Michael Sultan
EHAP Training	Margaret Spencer
Moderators	Kelly Eby
Tree Schools	Mark Duff, Salvador Alemany
Trade Show	Jim Carse
Awards/Luncheon	Paul Johnson
Student Program	Matt Churches
Wed. Social	Susan Henson
Thurs. Reception	Markus Smith ?
Bookstore	John Warner
Silent Auction	Terry Kirkland
Fri Annual Meeting	Michael Sultan and Markus Smith
Audio Visual	Paul Johnson
SWAG and T-Shirts	Susan Henson
CEU's and Testing	Misti Perez
Evaluations	Gretchen Riley
TFS Scholarships	Paul Johnson
Logo	Markus Smith
Administrative	John Giedraitis
	Assist Markus and Committees
	Contract with Convention Center and Hilton Hotel
	Bid and Contract for Food
	Marketing, event brochure & on-site program
	Sponsors & Exhibitors Solicitation
	Signs, Registration, Evaluations, Finances



3/6/2014



March 5, 2014 Program Committee Conference Call “Surviving ExTREEemes” 2014 Texas Tree Conference

Present: Markus Smith (Chair) Ed Dolphin, Vincent Debrock, Lara Schuman, Orlando De La Garza, Mark Duff, Brad Hammel, John Giedraitis

Absent: Jim Dossett, Michael Sultan

Notes:

1. Call for Presentations: John created a survey in Constant Contact. Lara will circulate the announcement to other organizations. There are currently nine responses. Deadline extended and due back March 14th.
2. Utility Track – Orlando – Some speakers have fallen through but is working to fill the slots. A “What to Do” slot and panel discussion. Looking at Bill Conn from Vermont for hazard trees, John Ball for safety and climbers as athletes, Jeff Kempter for storm response. Both Ball and Kempter are keynote material. Also, Frank Hernandez from AEP on community involvement.
3. Municipal Track – Lara – Susan and Paul are working to get Mathew Wells on disaster recovery and Dave Sexton from Colorado. They have a large list including Jeff Donovan, Jan Davis, and Peter McDonough. They will go through the list with the speakers who have applied through the call for presentations survey.
4. Commercial Track – Jim – No report. Markus asked Ed to assist and will ask the Board for assistance this Friday at the Board meeting.
5. Academy – Markus – Dr Appel and Dr. Watson on Diagnosis. A+B room then switch to handle 200. Appel will do specimens and ask folks to bring in their own. He will bring his assistant and some microscopes.
6. EHAP – Spencer – Markus reported that there will be a EHAP in Spanish. Comments were made on the quality of last year’s speaker.
7. Tree School – Guy (English) with TFS help and Mark Duff (Spanish). Brad will check with Paul about who will be helping Guy this year.
8. End of April is target for having all speakers set for program.

Next call April 19 at 4pm.

Attached:

- Call for presentations
- Conference speaker slots outline
- Speaker Agreement form
- Track Chair outline of duties

TTCC Report March 7th 2014

Prepared for the ISA T Board by Kevin Bassett

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The preparations for the 2014 are well under way. The speakers for the Thursday Seminar are confirmed. Gary and Jared Aborjena of the Western chapter will present and all day seminar in two parts: The evolution of tree climbing Past to Present in the morning session and Single Rope Technique for Ascent and Work positioning in the afternoon session.

A promotional newsletter article was produced to inform the Chapter members.

Web site forms and information has been posted detailing the event on the Chapters web site. All of last year's sponsors have been called and either spoken with or left a message about this year's event. To my knowledge no commitments or registrations have been made. At least one if not two e-mail blasts have been sent by John. A registration for the event is now open via the web site.

Saturday Feb. 22. The TTCC site set up Team consisted of Myself, Head Judge Guy Leblanc, Nevic Donnelly, Vincent DeBrock and two of his best climbers, along with 4 time past TTCC champion Nicolas Martinez, Cooper Egan? And Kelly Eby formed the tree preparation team and managed to trim three Live Oaks and one Cedar Elm in Landa Park in preparation for the Saturday events and an additional six trees in Cypress Bend park for the preliminary events. Not counting Kelly, since she is a City employee the eight man crew worked a total of 56 man hours which I estimate an in kind value of \$4760.00 of donated tree work. The two sites are ready for event set up scheduled for May 15th prior to the event.

CEU's have been approved by Misti and sign in sheets for the CEU's have been received.

The Arbor Master Champions prize package has been applied for as in past years.

Other details are being accomplished as the event grows closer.

For John, I did not see an insurance application in the book sent to me from the December retreat as there was last year. I will need that or a similar form to request the normal Insurance for the event. We will need to get this done in a timely manner so we can provide the City of New Braunfels with certificates naming them as additionally insured as is the S.O.P.

Vincent has made contact with a chain saw carver and details of his inclusion into the Saturday mix is being worked out.

A flier advertising the event has been produced and will be distributed. Kelly produced a PSA for the event and a booth registration form for other non-profit tree minded organizations to participate in the Saturday Tree Fair.

Overall the Event seems to be on track and shaping up to be one of the best ever TTCC events.

Please find attached copies of these documents along with my take on the 2015/2016 ISA conference and the decoupling of the ITCC with an analysis and recommendation for the 2016 conference and ITCC.

Miguel Pastenes and Vicente Pena are registered to represent the Texas Chapter at the NATCC to be held April 4-6. I have applied to the Judging team. So far, I do not know what my capacity will be at the NATCC.

If there are questions from the Board I will do my best to be available on cell # 972-877-0358 when the TTCC and other competition related events are discussed.

We Shall Gather at the River

Respectfully,

Kevin Bassett

Texas Chapter ISA Board and ISA/ ITCC Committee,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

As the Texas Chapter TTCC Chair and the liaison to the 2016 ITCC I have been asked by the current President of the ISAT and the President –Elect to present an opinion on when /where the ITCC should be held in Texas in 2016. I am sure that many of you have also struggled with the decoupling of the ISA conference and the ITCC for 2015 in Florida and 2016 in Texas. It is my understanding that this move was asked for by the ITCC committee based on safety due to the heat extremes these two areas commonly experience in July and August when the Conference and ITCC is normally held. Having worked in a warm area for over 30 years I can say that working in hot conditions can be a challenge but we do not consider heat to be a major threat to the health and safety of our workers. If we did, we would not work at all. Warm weather climbers have simply learned how to take care of their bodies during the summer heat just as Cold weather climbers have adapted to working in very cold temperatures. Each extreme presents its challenges to the Arborists who are working outdoors. Regardless the decision has been made to decouple the two events and now we must deal with the issues presented as to timing of the 2016 ITCC in Texas and the 2015 ITCC in Florida.

It has been suggested that Florida and Texas agree on a common time of the year to host the event. It has come to my attention that there is a great divide between us. I have been told that Florida would favor a Spring ITCC in 2015. I can understand that because the Fall is hurricane season in that part of the world. In North Texas, our most volatile season is the Spring . We have tried different times to hold our event and the March - April timing has proven to be the most problematic by far. In recent years we have held the TTCC event in the third week of May. While we are always at risk for damaging thunderstorms and tornados, this timing has worked well for us. Our very best weather season is late October or possibly early November. If I had to make a judgment for the best time for us to host this event it would be the third week of October just before Halloween. I also believe that timing would work well for Florida as that is the very end of the hurricane season and the ITCC could be held at that time in Florida as well. This timing avoids the hot months and works around the volatile periods each of our areas experience. I am aware that there are many other factors to consider as every chapter has its own idea on when their competition is best scheduled. It seems that regardless of the date chosen there will inevitably be someone who does not like it because of interference with Chapter activities or other factors unknown to me.

The Texas Chapter conference is normally held in October. If I am not mistaken a long term agreement is in place for the City of Waco to host this important annual event for Texas Arborist's. The ITCC event could possibly compliment this event. I think the pluses of a Late October ITCC in Texas far outweigh the negatives. Plus it could also provide additional educational activities as well by having the Chapter conference in concert with the ITCC. If we cannot come to an agreement on any dates in the late October early November time frame and the Spring is selected as the ITCC Event timing then I would suggest that the ITCC should look at a date after May 1 for Texas. Bear in mind some traditional American dates such as Mother's day and Memorial Day must be avoided. An attempt to hold the ITCC before May 1 in the early Spring is very risky. An early Spring event would also be very close to the timing of the NATCC event assuming it would be held about the same time as this year's event in California April 4-6. The ITCC dates for 2015 and 2016 seem s to work best timed in the Late Fall when all factors are considered. I have heard no concrete proposals as to what else the ISA /ITCC want to do as far as educational opportunities. It could be nothing more than the competition as was the case with the 2013 NATCC in New Jersey. Or, the 2011 NATCC was in conjunction with a North American conference since the ISA conference was in Australia that year. Class room Seminars and Trade Show on the ISA conference model was the solution in 2011. My question to everyone is what kind of an event are we

building? If it's a conference Trade Show then joining ITCC with the ISAT in the Fall 2016 works best for Texas and maybe for the ITCC as well.

If our current commitment to the WACO convention Center is set then we might have to look at using one of the sites in WACO for the ITCC site. Or if the ISAT Conference can easily change the meeting site to Fort Worth then the Trinity Park site can be used in the October – November time frame. The other problem for a May event in Fort Worth is May Fest. Melinda Adams will need to advise us as to the use of Trinity Park during the month of May. We will need to reserve these Parks soon to even be assured that we can even move forward. I have not closely considered and evaluated the Waco tree possibilities from an ITCC point of view. It has been a number of years since the TTCC was held in Waco. If we were looking at a Waco site then Andrew Hordyke or someone from the ITCC would need to meet with me to look at the tree possibilities in Waco. Just as Mr.Scott Prophett did for Trinity Park when he was the ITCC Chair. The final question as far as combining the ITCC with the ISAT conference would be in relation to capacity, # of Hotel rooms etc. I guess that all depends on how many extra people the ITCC would add to the current ISAT attendance.

I think it is an exciting challenge for all of us to be able to Architect or produce a model for an ITCC/Chapter collaboration for future competitions such as the NATCC , the ETCC and the APTCC and even the ITCC . Remember this is not a permanent solution but rather a trial. None the less decisions need to be made. It is already 2014 and time is getting more critical. This is especially true for our friends in Florida. No matter what, we all need to know the answers to three questions: What are we going to do? When we going to do it? Where we going to hold it? Once we all agree on these basics the details can be filled in. I think the Texas Chapter should draft an invitation to the ISA & ITCC to have the ITCC in conjunction with the ISAT conference, educational opportunities and Outdoor Field day. To be held in either Waco or Fort Worth Wednesday October 19th through Saturday October 22, 2016. The location would depend on the current ISAT commitment to the Waco Convention Center and the approval of a new site in Waco agreeable to the ITCC committee. At this point I would lobby for a substantial counter proposal from the ISA/ITCC. I would encourage our friends in Florida to consider doing the same in 2015 at about the same time just a year earlier. I am ignorant of any plan the Florida Chapter may have put forward in regard to the decoupling issue they are facing for 2015.

In summation: The ISA conference in August 2016 in Fort Worth would be educational sessions and ISA meetings with an Indoor Trade Show. No ITCC but there is the possibility of a climber demonstration stage / Climber's Corner at the Indoor Trade Show. The ITCC would be held in concert with the 2016 ISAT conference in late October with an Outdoor Field Day. This is the best I can come up with as a recommendation and the best solution for Texas and the ITCC, in my humble opinion.

Once again, Lets gather at the river. Just let me know -which river when.

Trinity or Brazos? Fall or Spring? I'm ALL In - either way - 100%

Respectfully,

Kevin Bassett

TTCC Chair – ITCC Chapter Liaison

Note to ISA T Board if you want to forward this on to the ISA/ITCC please do so. I will not send it to the ITCC or the ISA without your review agreement and approval. I suggest you decide the main points and make a motion for the Chapter to make a proposal to the ISA and the ITCC as outlined in the Summary above.

Kevin Bassett

Prepared for the March 7, 2014 ISAT Board Meeting – March 1, 2014

ISAT Educational Events Committee Call

Notes

Date: 03/19/14

Location: Conference Call

Called by: Vincent Debrock, Educational Events Committee Chair

Present: Vincent Debrock, Nevic Donnelly, Lara Schuman, Markus Smith, Paul Johnson, Jim Dossett, John Giedraitis, Susan Henson, Orlando De La Garza, Kevin Bassett

Absent:

Agenda Topics

1. Commercial Master Series

Dr. Ali will be in Houston on March 25 and March 27 in Austin. Registration is still live. Lee Mangun from ArborJet will be an exhibitor in Austin for \$450. Misti has the TNLA CEU's. 46 have registered for Austin (max - closed) and 22 for Houston (closes online on Wed. March 26th will take at door). Jim, Nevic and Mickey will help with travel plans. **Monday, March 24 Mickey will pick AD up at the airport and take him to the site. Nevic Donnelly and Jim Dorsett will be meeting AD for dinner at the Hilton Garden Inn NW Willowbrook and will get him to the Houston venue on Tuesday morning (one hour before the start). Tuesday, March 25 after the event, Jim will drive AD to the Courtyard Austin South on South IH 35 in Austin. Wednesday, March 26 Jim or Nevic will drive AD to the Wildflower Center so he can scope it out. Thursday, March 27 Nevic/Jim? will get AD to the Wildflower Center one hour before the workshop starts and will shuttle him to the airport when it is time for him to leave.**

2. Municipal Specialist

Paul reported that Jeri says that it can be held in six hours with three instructors this summer – one from SMA. **Paul, Susan and Lara will continue to explore options.**

3. TRAQ

John reported that David Vaughn will host the San Antonio TRAQ for April 21, 22 and 23. Ed Dolphin will host in Houston on April 24-26 at the TFS office in Conroe. Skip Kincaid will instruct. Limited to 20 per location. **Registration closes the 21st for San Antonio and March 24th for Conroe. To date: 18 San Antonio, 6 Conroe. What is the minimum we need to break even at Conroe?**

4. TTCC Pre-competition workshop

May 15, 2014. Jared and Gary Abrojena will teach at the workshop in Cypress Bend Park. They will cover tree climbing systems in the morning and SLT in the afternoon. **Kevin will get information to John for registration.**

5. Tree Climbing Workshops

11 participated on March 5th rain date.

6. Certified Tree Worker Class/Test

Nevic reported that he has contacted Jim Carse for a UT Austin test this summer. **Need date by beginning of May for July classes.**

7. Aerial Lift Specialist

Markus has spoken with Jim Carse and will meet to discuss

8. ArborJet and Rainbow Workshops

Will discuss at the Board meeting next week and look at policy on event sponsorship.

Next Conference Call: Wed. March 19, 2014, 3 PM.



Guy LeBlanc
Certified Arborist #TX-0108
Owner, Arbor Vitae Tree Care, Austin, TX

Guy is a second generation arborist who began his tree care career in Boston, MA over 35 years ago. He established Arbor Vitae Tree Care in Austin in 1983, and still personally operates all aspects of the business today. He has worked in Massachusetts, Texas and Hawaii, as well as in Europe. In 1992 he took the first I.S.A. Certified Arborist exam given in Texas, and has maintained certification ever since. In 2012 he was named Texas Arborist of the year by the Texas A&M Forest Service and Texas I.S.A. He is a former I.S.A. Texas Tree Climbing Champion, and has twice competed at the International Tree Climbing Championship. He was also a head judge at the I.T.C.C. for several years and has been head judge of the Texas chapter competition on and off for over a dozen years.

For over ten years he has taught all aspects of tree care to both the general public and professional arborists, as well as to students as a guest lecturer at colleges including Texas A&M University. He has authored numerous articles on tree care in various publications including the International Journal of Arboriculture and has made several appearances on the PBS show Central Texas Gardener.

Basic Climber Training
ISA Texas Chapter
2013 Oakwood Trail
College Station, TX 77845



Basic Climber Training

with
Guy LeBlanc

Due to the hands-on nature of the workshop, class size is very limited
REGISTER TODAY

Wednesday, February 26, 2014
9:00am to 3:45pm
(Rain Date March 5, 2014)

Rosewood Park
 Britton, Durst, Howard and Spence
 Building
 Corner of Pleasant Valley Rd. and
 Chestnut Ave.

1183 Chestnut
 Austin, Texas 78702



Training Agenda

9:00 am – 11:30 am: Job briefing overview: Area hazards, Tree hazards, Hazard mitigation, Work Plan, Emergency Plan. Equipment types and inspection: PPE, ropes, saddles, connecting hardware, hitches and hitch cord, lanyards. Physical readiness and ergonomics. Tie-in-point assessment. Throw line use. Installation and safety for doubled rope climbing. Friction saver types and installation.

11:30 am – 12:00 pm: Lunch

12:00 pm – 1:45 pm: Doubled Rope ascent techniques (DdRT): Footlock, Prusik push, body thrust, Sliding bridge, Pantin ascents. Proper conversion to work system and work positioning in the tree. Pruning purposes. Pruning types

1:45 pm – 2:00 pm: Break

2:00 pm – 3:45 pm: Pruning cuts: Branch collar, Reduction, Codominant Stem. Injurious pruning techniques overview. Proper cutting techniques and ergonomics of tool use. Aerial chain saw use.

The following knots will be needed to successfully complete the course. Instructions on how to tie the knots can be found online at

www.sherrilltree.com/Learning-Center/Knots

- Anchor hitch
- Fisherman's bend
- Blake's hitch
- Schwabisch
- Distel Hitch
- Valdetaín Tresse
- Bowline/Running Bowline

Workshop Cost

ISAT Members: \$225

Non-Members*: \$275

(*ISAT membership included in price)

Basic Climber Training

Basic Climber Training is the first of a series of three workshops intended to teach tree climbing, pruning, and aerial rescue techniques. This first course will focus on basic climbing techniques and working in a tree. Topics will include site assessment, job planning, equipment, safety, ascent techniques, work positioning, pruning and cutting techniques, and aerial use of a chain saw. The second class in the series will focus on aerial rescue, and the third on advanced climbing techniques, including SRT. There will be an introductory classroom segment followed by outdoor instructor demonstration and hands-on participation by students. Participants must provide their own climbing gear*, subject to inspection and approval by the instructor.

Prerequisites:

Minimum 3 months climbing experience required

*Required Equipment:

All gear must meet manufacturer's specifications for use and shall be inspected prior to the workshop. There will be a gear inspection process as part of the training.

- Climbing saddle
- Eye-to-eye split tail, additional single eye is optional
- Approved, triple locking carabineers (min. of 2)
- Micro-pulley for slack tending
- Footlocking prusik cord
- Approved work positioning lanyard
- Personal Protective Equipment:
- Hardhat
- Safety glasses
- Appropriate footwear
- Appropriate clothing
- Approved climbing line of at least 120'
- Throwline / Throwball
- Handsaw and scabbard

Register online at:
www.ISATexas.com

or detach registration form and mail or fax with check or credit card information to:

ISAT
2013 Oakwood Trail
College Station, Texas 77845
Fax (979) 680-9420

Name(s):

Company/Organization:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Telephone #:

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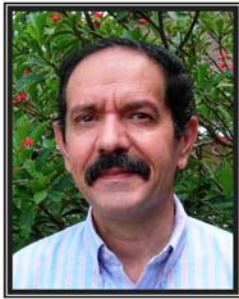
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Technical Advisor
The Davey Institute

For registration, directions, maps and area information, including lodging, please go to:

www.ISATexas.com

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**All You Need to Know About
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**All You Need to Know About
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ISA Texas Chapter
2013 Oakwood Trail
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**All You Need to Know About
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(or: Everything You Wanted to Know About
Bugs in the Landscape - but were afraid to ask...)

with
Dr. A.D. Ali, PhD, BCMA

**Due to the hands-on nature of the
workshop, class size is limited**

Houston—March 25, 2014
North Houston Service Center
Harris County Flood Control
7522 Prairie Oak Drive
Houston, TX 77086

Austin—March 27, 2014
Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center
4801 La Crosse Avenue
Austin, Texas 78739



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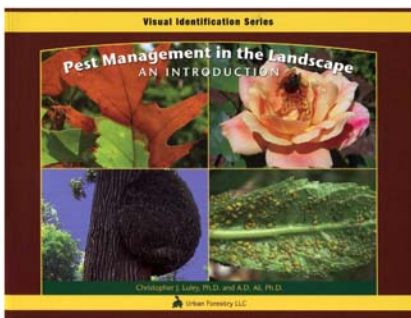


Training Agenda

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8:00 – 8:15	Welcome and Introductions
8:15 – 9:00	The Basics
9:00 – 10:15	Beyond the Basics
10:15 – 10:30	Break
10:30 – 11:15	Biting and Stinging Critters
11:15 – 12:00	The Good Gals
12:00 – 12:45	Lunch
12:45 – 1:45	Sleuthing the Landscape
1:45 – 2:45	Insecticides 101
2:45 – 3:00	Grant CEUs and Adjourn



All You Need to Know About Bugs in the Landscape

This one day Workshop will introduce the world of insects to the practitioner. The program will start with the basics on what insects are made of and what makes them work. Then you will be exposed to the tremendous diversity of insects. From there, we will delve into specifics on pest insects and arthropods one may find in the landscape. Categories and severity of damage will be discussed, as well as identification of plant symptoms. Next, you will be introduced to nuisance biting and stinging arthropods, followed by the wonderful world of the Good Gals, or beneficial bugs. The afternoon session will include a practical, outdoors sleuthing of landscape plants to apply knowledge learned from the morning session. Finally, the program will conclude with an overview of the types, modes of action and proper use of insecticides.

Instructor: Dr. A.D. Ali, PhD, BCMA

Dr. Ali has over 30 years experience in the Green Industry. He provides technical support to Davey field offices throughout the southeast and Texas. He also provides arboricultural consulting services including Plant Health Care seminars, plant problem diagnosis and landscape management. Dr. Ali is an Entomologist by training. He received his BS in Entomology and MS in Plant Protection and Pest Management from the University of California at Davis; and his PhD in Entomology from Louisiana State University. He is a Board Certified Master Arborist, and serves as President and Member of the Board of Directors, Florida Chapter ISA. He is co-author of the Visual Identification Series, Pest Management in the Landscape Guide.

Workshop Cost

ISAT Members:	\$145 through March 19
	\$165 after March 19
Non-Members*:	\$185 through March 19
	\$205 after March 19
	(*\$45 ISAT membership included in price)

Register online at:
www.ISATexas.com

or detach registration form and mail or fax with check or credit card information to:

ISAT
2013 Oakwood Trail
College Station, Texas 77845
Fax (979) 680-9420

I will be attending: (check one)

☐ Houston on Tuesday March 25th, 2014

☐ Austin on Thursday March 27th, 2014

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Tree Risk Assessment Qualification Course

ABOUT THE COURSE

The ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ) program provides an opportunity for professionals in the arboriculture industry to expand their knowledge through education and training in the fundamentals of tree risk assessment. This qualification promotes the safety of people and property by providing a standardized and systematic process for assessing tree risk. The results of a tree risk assessment can provide tree owners and risk managers with the information to make informed decisions to enhance tree benefits, health, and longevity.

The *Tree Risk Assessment Qualification Course* is a two-day educational course followed by a 1/2 day assessment that includes both a written and field component. The course prepares the participant to take the TRAQ assessment to become ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualified. It is required that you attend the course and successfully complete the assessment in order to receive the *ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualification*.

COURSE CONTENT

Tree Biology and Mechanics: Participants will learn how to assess wood structure, decay, and tree mechanics, and evaluate their impact on likelihood of tree or tree part failure. Participants will also learn how to identify and assess defects and conditions that may affect likelihood of failure.



Tree Inspection and Assessment: Participants will learn about types of targets, assess the likelihood of a tree or tree part impacting a target, and estimate the consequences of tree or tree part failure. Participants will also learn how to assess site factors that may influence likelihood of failure.

Data Analysis and Risk Categorization: After learning the tree and target factors that must be assessed, participants will combine likelihood of failure, likelihood of impact, and consequences of failure to derive a risk rating. This rating helps the assessor communicate tree risk to clients and risk managers, and allows comparison of risk levels between trees.

Risk Reporting: Participants will learn skills for clearly communicating tree risk to clients, both in written and verbal reports. Participants will also learn about the key components that should be included in a report after completing a tree risk assessment.

TREE RISK ASSESSMENT QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

The Tree Risk Assessment Qualification is valid for five years from the date the TRAQ exam is passed. The qualification holder is required to retake the course and pass the exam every five years in order to maintain the qualification.

COURSE ELIGIBILITY

To be able to register for the course and take the exam, you must have earned one of the following credentials:

- ISA Certified Arborist or ISA Board Certified Master Arborist
- A national certification or certificate in arboriculture (see a complete list in the TRAQ handbook)
- Licensing or Certification from an approved state program (see a complete list in the TRAQ handbook)
- SAF Certified Forester
- Arboriculture or urban forestry degree that is part of a national qualifications framework or is from an accredited college or university

WORKSHOP DATES AND LOCATIONS

San Antonio, TX: April 21-23, 2014

Conroe, TX: April 24-26, 2014

Hosted by Texas Chapter ISA

REGISTRATION

Fee*:

ISA Member	\$625
Non ISA Member	\$750
Exam Retake only	\$150

*Course registration fee includes workshop, the Tree Risk Assessment manual and TRAQ workbook, along with lunch and breaks during the two-day training.

Registration Deadline:

San Antonio, TX: March 21, 2014

Conroe, TX: March 24, 2014

How to Register:

San Antonio: <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e8ylzx2lfca0de60&llr=wcwmqybab>

Conroe: <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e8ylukl161832412&llr=wcwmqybab>

Visit www.ISATexas.com for additional information!

Participants will receive their course materials a minimum of two weeks prior to the start of the TRAQ event. The manual and workbook will be sent once you are registered and should be taken with you to the course. Participants are also encouraged to complete preliminary work in the workbook prior to arriving at the course.



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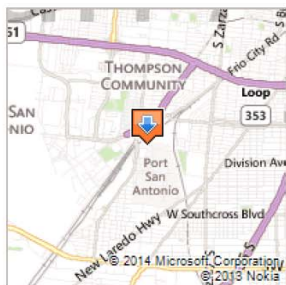
Texas Chapter International Society of Arboriculture

When

Thursday April 17, 2014 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM CDT
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Where

SW Campus of St. Phillips College
203 Norton St
San Antonio, TX 78211



Driving Directions

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SPANISH TRACK - BILINGUAL TREE WORKER WORKSHOP

Jornada Bilingue para el Trabajador de Árboles

Se aproxima el Quinto Taller Bilingue Para Trabajadores de Árboles en San Antonio. Vengan a aprender con los expertos en la industria tal como Eduardo Medina de Davey Tree, Jacob West de Bartlett Tree Experts, Jim Houser del Servicio Forestal de Texas A&M, y Mark Bird de la Ciudad de San Antonio.

Temas incluyen el profesionalismo en la arboricultura, reglas de árbol de COSA, biología de árbol, poda, y el marchitamiento del encino. Habrán demostraciones de una espada de aire, seguridad de motosierras, operaciones de astilladora, y poda de árboles. Esperamos verlos allí.

El espacio es limitado

**Regístrese para el curso en español al fondo
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Hay 20 becas disponibles para este taller.
Contacte a Mark Duff 210-494-1742 para mas información.

It is time for the 5th Annual Bilingual Tree Worker Workshop in San Antonio. Come learn from industry leaders such as Eduardo Medina from Davey Tree, Jacob West from Bartlett Tree Experts, Jim Houser from Texas A&M Forest Service and Mark Bird from City of San Antonio. We will discuss professionalism in arboriculture, COSA tree rules, tree biology, pruning, and oak wilt. There will be demonstrations of an air spade, chainsaw safety, chipper operations, and tree pruning. We hope to see you there.

Space is limited so register today!

Register for the Spanish language track below
([click here to register for the English language track](#))

**Register Now
for the Spanish Track!**