



Texas Chapter International Society of Arboriculture Business Meeting Minutes

8:00 a.m., Friday, October 1, 2021

Waco Convention Center – 2021 Texas Tree Conference

Present:

A.J. Thibodeaux, President
Jason Alfaro, Past President
Mark Bird, President-Elect
Rebecca Johnson, Vice Pres
Heather McKnight, Editor
Neil Manich, Treasurer

Priscilla Files, Director
Ronny Nelson, Director
Amy Heath, Director
Gary O'Neil, Director
Rachel McGregor, Director
Haywood Morgan, Director

John Giedraitis, ISAT Exec Dir
Misti Perez, Mem Servs Spec
Gene Gehring, Ed Pgrm Mgr.

Absent:

Oscar Mestas, COR Liaison
Kirsten Schneider, Director

Jesse Neumann, Cert.
Liaison
Star Quintero, Director

Beth Corbin, Director

- I. Call to order at 8:02 a.m. A.J. Thibodeaux, President
- II. Welcome A.J. Thibodeaux
- III. Approval of Minutes A.J. Thibodeaux
A motion was made by O'Neil to accept the March 11, 2021, Board meeting minutes. Manich seconded, and the motion passed.
- IV. Executive Director Report John Giedraitis
- V. Recognition of Committee Chairs A.J. Thibodeaux
- VI. New Business
 - a. ISA International update Dana Karcher, President ISA
 - b. ISAT Year in Review A.J. Thibodeaux
 - c. Recognition of 2020-2021 ISAT Officers and Directors A.J. Thibodeaux
 - d. Installation of Mark Bird as ISAT President for 2021-2022 A.J. Thibodeaux
 - e. Recognition of A.J. Thibodeaux for service as ISAT President Mark Bird
 - f. Recognition of 2021 Texas Tree Conference Committee Mark Bird
 - g. Installation of new ISAT Officers and Directors for 2021-2022 Mark Bird
- VII. Questions and comments from the membership
- VIII. Next Board Meeting/Retreat Date: December 2021, Location: College Station
- IX. Adjourn at 8:55 a.m.

**Mark your calendars: 42nd Annual Texas Tree Conference
Texas Chapter ISA - September 21-23, 2022, Waco Convention Center**

2020-2021 Board of Directors

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2021-2022 Board of Directors

A.J. Thibodeaux, Past-President
 Mark Bird, President
 Rebecca Johnson, President-Elect
 Gary O'Neil, Vice-President
 Heather McKnight, Editor
 Neil Manich, Treasurer
 Courtney Blevins, ISA COR Liaison
 Ronny Nelson, Director
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 Penny Whisenant, Director
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2020-2021 Committee Chairs

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| Advocacy | Keith Mars |
| Certification | Jesse Neumann |
| Council of Representatives | Oscar Mestas |
| Digital and Social Media | Rachel McGregor |
| Educational Events Committee | Rebecca Johnson |
| Executive Committee | A.J. Thibodeaux |
| Member Services | Priscilla Files |
| Newsletter | Heather McKnight |
| Nominations and Elections | Jason Alfaro |
| Outreach | Amy Burkett |
| Students and Scholarships | Ronny Nelson |
| Texas Regional Plant Appraisal | Micah Pace, Greg David |
| Texas Tree Conference | Mark Bird |
| Treasurer | Neil Manich |
| Tree Climbing Championship | Markus Smith, Jackson McIntosh |
| TREE Fund Liaison | Amy Heath |

ISAT Staff

John Giedraitis, Executive Director
 Gene Gehring, Educational Events Program Manager
 Misti Perez, Member Services Coordinator

2020-2021 ISAT Sponsored or Co-Sponsored Activities

October 2020

Texas Tree Conference and Academy - Virtual Edition
Certified Arborist, Municipal, Utility, Tree Worker Written Exam- Selma
ISA Leadership Workshop - Virtual

November 2020

Texas Arbor Day, Virtual
Certified Arborist, Municipal, Utility, Tree Worker Written Exam- Ft Worth

December 2020

ISAT Annual Board of Directors Retreat and Quarterly Board Meeting, Virtual
Certified Arborist, Municipal, Utility, Tree Worker Written Exam- Dallas

January 2021

What's Up Doc Quiz Review Webinar with Dr. Appel and Sheila McBride– Webinar

February 2021

Certified Arborist, Municipal, Utility, Tree Worker Written Exam - Round Rock

March 2021

Texas Trees and the Blizzard of '21 What's Next – Webinar
Intro to Entomology - Laws and Regs Webinar
Intro to Entomology - Feeding Parts - Webinar

April 2021

Intro to Entomology - Class /Order - Webinar
Intro to Entomology - Common Tree - Webinar
Intro to Entomology – IPM - Webinar
TRAQ Course and Assessment with Skip Kincaid - Dallas

May 2021

TRAQ Renewal with Skip Kincaid – San Antonio
TRAQ Course and Assessment Skip Kincaid – San Antonio
Oak Wilt Qualification Course and Assessment with Webinar Component – Glen Rose
Certified Arborist, Municipal, Utility, Tree Worker Written Exam- Dallas

June 2021

Oak Wilt Qualification Course and Assessment Fieldwork for Webinar- Fredericksburg
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July 2021

UAA Regional meeting – Fort Worth
Texas Trees and the Freeze of '21 Follow Up - Webinar

August 2021

TNLA Nursery/Landscape Expo San Antonio Convention Center, San Antonio Texas
Certified Arborist, Municipal, Utility, Tree Worker Written Exam- San Antonio

September 2021

41st Texas Tree Conference, Academy, Trade Show and Tree Schools, Waco
TRAQ Renewal with Skip Kincaid
Texas Tree Climbing Championship, Waco
Certified Arborist, Municipal, Utility, Tree Worker Written Exam- Austin

October 2021

Certified Arborist, Municipal, Utility, Tree Worker Written Exam- Waco