



# 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: 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Texas Tree Conference  
Texas Chapter ISA - September 21-23, 2022, Waco Convention Center**

**2020-2021 Board of Directors**

Jason Alfaro, Past-President  
 A.J. Thibodeaux, President  
 Mark Bird, President-Elect  
 Rebecca Johnson, Vice-President  
 Heather McKnight, Editor  
 Neil Manich, Treasurer  
 Oscar Mestas, ISA COR Liaison  
 Ronny Nelson, Director  
 Priscilla Files, Director  
 Rachel McGregor, Director  
 Amy Heath, Director  
 Beth Corbin, Director  
 Gary O'Neil, Director  
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 Kirsten Schneider, Director  
 Haywood Morgan, Director  
 Jesse Neumann, ISA Certification Liaison

**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  
 Priscilla Files, Director  
 Rachel McGregor, Director  
 Amy Heath, Director  
 Beth Corbin, Director  
 Penny Whisenant, Director  
 Star Quintero, Director  
 Kirsten Schneider, Director  
 Haywood Morgan, Director  
 Jesse Neumann, ISA Certification Liaison

**2020-2021 Committee Chairs**

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**

41<sup>st</sup> 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