



Texas Chapter International Society of Arboriculture Business Meeting Minutes

8:00 a.m., Thursday, September 29, 2022
Waco Convention Center – 2022 Texas Tree Conference

Present

Mark Bird, President	Priscilla Files, Director	John Giedraitis, ISAT Exec Dir
A.J. Thibodeaux, Past President	Ronny Nelson, Director	Gene Gehring, Assist. ED
Rebecca Johnson, President-Elect	Amy Heath, Director	Megan Wood, Program Manager
Gary O’Neil, Vice Pres	Penny Swanner, Director	
Neil Manich, Treasurer	Rachel McGregor, Director	
Courtney Blevins, COR Liaison	Haywood Morgan, Director	
Kirsten Schneider, Director	Star Quintero, Director	

Absent

Beth Corbin, Director	Heather McKnight, Editor
Jesse Neumann, Cert. Liaison	

- I. Call to order at 8:05 a.m. Mark Bird, President
- II. Welcome Mark Bird
- III. Executive Director Report John Giedraitis
- IV. Recognition of Committee Chairs Mark Bird
- V. New Business
 - a. ISA International update Caitlyn Pollihan, President ISA
 - b. ISAT Year in Review Mark Bird
 - c. 2023 – 2025 Texas Chapter ISA Strategic Plan Mark Bird
 - i. **A motion was made by Susan Henson to accept the 2023 – 2025 Strategic Plan as presented by the ISAT Board. Dana Karcher seconded, and the motion passed.**
 - d. Recognition of 2021-2022 ISAT Officers and Directors Mark Bird
 - e. Installation of Rebecca Johnson as ISAT President for 2022-2023 Mark Bird
 - f. Recognition of Mark Bird for service as ISAT President Rebecca Johnson
 - g. Recognition of 2022 Texas Tree Conference Committee Rebecca Johnson
 - h. Installation of new ISAT Officers and Directors for 2022 - 2023 Rebecca Johnson
- VI. Questions and comments from the membership
- VII. Next Board Meeting/Retreat Date: December 2022, Location: TBA
- VIII. Adjourn 8:55 a.m.

**Mark your calendars: 43rd Annual Texas Tree Conference
Texas Chapter ISA – September 20-22, 2023, Waco Convention Center**



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2020-2021 Committee Chairs

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

ISAT Staff

John Giedraitis, Executive Director
 Gene Gehring, Assistant Executive Director
 Megan Wood, Program Manager

2021-2022 ISAT Sponsored or Co-Sponsored Activities

October 2021

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

November 2021

Texas State Arbor Day - Weatherford

Certified Arborist, Municipal, Utility, Tree Worker Written Exam- Ft Worth

Non-Profit Arbor Chat Online Meeting

Texas Tree Care Business Owners Arbor Chat Online Meeting

December 2021

Municipal Arbor Chat Online Meeting

Tree Risk Assessment Qualification Course and Assessment – Austin

Tree Risk Assessment Qualification Renewal – Online with the Southern Chapter

ISAT Annual Board of Directors Retreat and Quarterly Board Meeting – College Station

Wildfire Risk Reduction Qualification with the Florida and Southern Chapters –TN & FL

January 2022

Texas Oak Wilt Qualification Three-Year Renewal with Dr. Appel

Tree Risk Assessment Qualification course and Assessment in Austin

Texas Chapter ISA Day of Service with the Texas Rangers - Ranger Oaks - Seguin

February 2022

Certified Arborist, Municipal, Utility, Tree Worker Written Exam – Austin

North Texas Urban Forestry Conference – Hurst

March 2022

San Antonio Arborist Association Bilingual Workshop - Schertz

Texas Tree Care Business Owners Arbor Chat Online Meeting

Tree Diagnosis Workshop at Texas A&M - College Station

Master's Series Workshop: The Science of Pruning - Georgetown

April 2022

Tree Risk Appraisal Qualification Renewal - Houston

Tree Risk Appraisal Qualification Course and Assessment - Houston

Texas Tree Care Business Owners Arbor Chat Online Meeting

Texas Wildfire Risk Assessment Qualification – Oak Hill

Women's Tree Climbing Workshop - Wimberley

May 2022

ISAT 2023-2025 Strategic Planning Session with Dr. Paul Ries – San Antonio

Texas Tree Care Business Owners Arbor Chat Online Meeting

Municipal Arbor Chat Online Meeting

Texas Oak Wilt Qualification Course and Assessment with Webinar Component – Glen Rose

Texas Tree Climbing Workshop – New Braunfels

Texas Tree Climbing Competition – New Braunfels

Non-Profit Arborchat Online Meeting

June 2022

Texas Oak Wilt Qualification Online Renewal

Oak Wilt Qualification Course and Assessment, Fieldwork for Webinar- Fredericksburg

Oak Wilt Qualification Course and Assessment – Fredericksburg

Texas Tree Care Business Owners Arbor Chat Online Meeting

Tree Risk Appraisal Qualification Course and Assessment - Dallas

July 2022

ISAT Board meeting - Waco

August 2022

TNLA Nursery/Landscape Expo San Antonio Convention Center

North American Tree Climbing Championship – Minneapolis

September 2022

International Tree Climbing Championship - Copenhagen

42nd Texas Tree Conference, Academy, Trade Show and Tree Schools, Waco

Tree Risk Assessment Qualification Renewal with Skip Kincaid - Waco

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