

**Texas Chapter International Society of Arboriculture
ISA Texas Chapter Business Meeting Minutes**

September 29, 2017

Board Members Present:

Lara Schuman	Misti Perez
Micah Pace	Emily King
Rebecca Johnson	Gene Gehring
Chris Lane	Nina Alexander
Jason Alfaro	Jim Dossett
Michael Sultan	Steve White
Keith Brown	April Rose
Vincent Debrock	Matt Weaver
Nevic Donnelley	Zaina Gates

Others Present

John Giedraitis, Executive Director

I. Call to order

President Lara Schuman called to order the regular meeting of the ISAT Board of Directors at 8:00 am on September 29, 2017 in Waco, Texas. A quorum was declared present.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

A motion was made by Gehring to accept the June 2017 minutes. Pace seconded and the motion passed.

III. Welcome and Introductions: Schuman

IV. Executive Director Report

Giedraitis reported on annual activities (attached) and financial status.

V. Recognition of Committee Chairs by President Schuman

VI. New Business

- a. ISA Headquarters update by Paul Johnson, ISA Board of Directors.
- b. TREE Fund update from Eric Smith, Executive Director, TREE Fund
- c. 2017 Defender of Texas Trees Award. Texas Campaign for the Environment
- d. Texas Chapter ISA 2017 Volunteer of the Year Award – Gene Gehring
- e. Recognition of 2016-2017 ISAT Officers and Directors
- f. Recognition of retiring Keith Brown, Jim Dossett, Nevic Donnelley and Matt Weaver for service to the ISAT Board and Members

- g. Installation of Micah Pace as ISAT President for 2017-2018
 - i. Installment of new ISAT Officers and Directors for 2017-2018
 - ii. Request for committee volunteers

VII. Questions and comments from the membership

VIII. Next Board Meeting/Retreat Date: December 2017, Location: Dallas

IX. Adjournment

Schuman adjourned the meeting at 8:45 am

Minutes submitted by Giedraitis

2016 - 2017 ISAT Sponsored or Co-Sponsored Activities

October

ISAT Membership Meeting, Waco
Tree Risk Assessment Qualification Course (TRAQ), Austin, Houston
ISA Certified Arborist Exam, Waco

November

127th Arbor Day in Lufkin

December

ISAT Annual Board of Directors Retreat, Tonkaway Ranch, College Station
ISA Certified Arborist Exam, Amarillo
Tree Risk Assessment Qualification Course (TRAQ), Austin, Houston

January

Arboriculture 101, College Station
ISAT Municipal Masters Series - Ries in Dallas & Cedar Creek
2017 Update Texas Supplement to the Guide for Tree Appraisal

February

North Central Texas Urban Forestry Conference, Grand Prairie
Certified Tree Worker Exam, Austin

March

Awarded Scholarships to Students at Stephen F. Austin University
Lone Star Appraisal Workshop, Buda
ISAT Board Meeting, Waco
SAAA Bilingual Tree Care Workshop, Schertz
Lone Star Appraisal Workshop, Fort Worth
Wildfire Risk Assessment Qualification, Elgin
ISA Certified Arborist Exam, San Antonio

April

Amarillo Tree Care Workshop, Amarillo
ISA Certified Arborist Exam, Dallas

May

Oak Wilt Qualification Course and Assessment in Austin
Pre-TTTC workshop with Phillip Kelley, Austin
Texas Tree Climbing Championship, Austin

June

TCIA Texas Workforce Initiative meeting, Houston, Dallas
ISAT Board meeting, Waco
Oak Wilt Qualification Course and Assessment, Fredericksburg

July

ISA Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C
2017 International Tree Climbing Championship, Washington, DC
ISA Certified Arborist Exam, Austin

August

ISAT Booth at TNLA Expo, San Antonio
ISA Certified Arborist Exam, Dallas

September

4,125 subscribers to the ISAT monthly email newsletter
ISA Certified Arborist Exam, Waco
37th Texas Tree Conference, Academy, Trade Show and Tree Schools, Waco

October

Tree Risk Assessment Qualification Course (TRAQ), Fort Worth
ISA Certified Arborist Exam, Waco

November

Women's Tree Climbing Workshop, Camp Texlake

December

Board Retreat and Quarterly Board Meeting, Dallas