

IAA Advanced Training Revamped

By April Toney

Previously known as Advanced Training, our Advanced Qualification program has been updated to better serve you. Under Advanced Qualification there will be four (4) domains with a variety of training modules within each domain. The mission of the Illinois Arborist Association (IAA) is to educate and provide our members with the latest information and trends within the industry. People are always searching for reliable ways to measure the performance of individuals. The IAA Advanced Qualification program can help members define excellence, quality and acceptable performance within the field. Holding the IAA Qualification enables you to stand out within the profession as someone who is a qualified and reliable arborist. The IAA Advanced Qualification program is designed to prepare you to be the best that you can be.

The IAA Advanced Qualification program is designed to take three years to complete a domain. All members who completed the Advanced Training program will be grandfathered into the Advanced Qualification program. Those of you who have completed the Advanced Training domains will receive new patches and pins soon.

Tree work is a dangerous profession. Knowing safe and proper climbing and felling techniques could save a life. According to the U.S Bureau of Labor Statistics Loggers/Tree Workers have the 2nd most dangerous occupation. Arborists work at great heights in trees with running chain saws usually suspended on a rope. The massive weights of falling trees and limbs and often in inclement weather in remote locations put arborists at great risk.

These modules are designed to better prepare arborists safely and accurately perform their day to day duties. The programs are designed



with small classes in an effort to give the best training and student/teacher interaction possible. We've outlined the domains as well as their respective modules in the tables below. Also, for your convenience, below is a list of our upcoming classes along with their descriptions.

Upcoming Classes Available:

Pruning (TW)

April 21, 2015

Cantigny Park, Wheaton, IL

Course Highlights:

This is a "hands-on" class. All class participants will be cutting woody plants using the following arborist tools: handsaw, pole saw, pole pruner, hand pruner and loppers. This class will focus on the proper pruning of shade trees and ornamentals, following the ANSI A300 Standard-Part 1. The difference between pruning a shade tree and an ornamental will be demonstrated. A pruning "collar cut" will be demonstrated, showing the proper angle of the cut that will promote the health, vigor and wound sealing of the plant. The instructor will explain using the proper tool for the task at hand. The removal of deadwood, thin-

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President's Message

Steve Ludwig

The IAA Board of Directors recently approved the annual budget, which hopefully is summarized in this issue. As we move through the process each year, I am amazed at how many educational opportunities are available, and how much outreach the IAA is providing representing our industry. The particularly interesting aspect of our operation is the volunteers. I offer a very sincere thank you to everyone who selflessly supports our mission by spending time in the industry getting things done that just need to be done.

Training is sometimes a difficult point for very busy individuals. After all, there is work to done, deadlines to meet, and bottom lines to respect. We often forget that training is the backbone of what prepares us for what we are about to encounter. We teach our children right behaviors and attitudes, we train in the knowledge and wisdom of the world, we get degrees or training so that we can best navigate our careers. Let's face it, training is preparation. Unfortunately, I typically fail to prepare to budget for the preparation of my teams and their good work. Taking a good look at the IAA annual budget at the beginning of each year can typically give me a good vision of some of the many training opportunities provided annually for my teams. Whether they need certification classes, tree risk qualification training, or the many educational offerings provided at our annual conference, a bulk of my annual training and its costs can be found in the annual IAA budget. Not only are the offerings of great quality, and support the preparation of my teams, they support the great work of your IAA. Please consider our educational opportunities when preparing your teams. I hope you see in this budget great opportunity and great potential. If you need to further your education, you can do that right here. If you have a teaching, training, or class to offer, you can do that right here. If you need to find some way to give back to the people around you, you can do that right here. As Mother Teresa said, "One of the greatest diseases is to be nobody to anybody". Want to be somebody to someone? The Illinois Arborist Association; you can do that right here. I thank you for your participation in our great work.

Steve

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ning of interfering or rubbing limbs, water sprout thinning/removal and basal sprout removal will all be covered. A handout listing pruning time frames will be distributed (ex. American elm and oak pruning shall be done during the non-growing season). The different pruning terms will be reviewed and some will be demonstrated, i.e.; crown raising, crown thinning, subordinate pruning.

This course is worth 7 CEUs.

Intro to Plant Healthcare (PDM)

May 2, 2015

Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield, IL

Course Highlights:

This IAA Qualification Course will provide an in-depth study of modern plant health care and integrated pest management. It is guided by the principal that the best way to manage insect and disease problems (pests) is a mixture of cultural, biological, chemical, mechanical, and sometimes regulatory means. The goal is to reduce pest populations or maintain them at a point where they cause minimal damage. It is an attempt to develop a more holistic approach, one that focuses on total plant health care and less on pest management. During the class attendees will learn: 1) cultural practices that can be implemented to improve plant health; 2) how to monitor for pests and apply timely treatments; 3) how to use growing degree days, plant phenology, pheromone traps, and different tools and techniques for applying treatment. Materials will be covered through power point slides and field demonstrations. A 20 question multiple choice quiz will be given at the end of class.

This course is worth 7.5 CEUs.

Felling (TW)

May 5, 2015

Cantigny Park, Wheaton, IL

Course Highlights:

Statistics have indicated that tree felling is “the single, most dangerous act” performed by an arborist. This course is designed to drastically reduce the chance of an incident occurring while

felling a tree, with heightened safety and situational awareness. The six (6) step precision felling plan is explained and demonstrated in detail. A thorough tree risk assessment is demonstrated to detect any hazards and defects before the felling operation begins. We will explain and demonstrate the “Command Response” system for Tree Care Operations. The use of non-metallic felling wedges is demonstrated to help prevent “sit-back” and steer the tree into the drop zone. The use of a tag line and using mechanical advantage to safely drop a backward leaning tree is demonstrated. Notch placement in side leaning trees is demonstrated to fell a tree in the designated drop zone. To help prevent “barber chairing”, the plunge (bore) cutting technique is explained and demonstrated on forward leaning trees. Each participant is given the opportunity to fell a tree in a designated “drop zone”, while explaining each step of the felling plan as it is happening. Chainsaw experience is a plus for this course.

This course is worth 7 CEUs.

Tree Diseases (PDM)

July 11 & 18, 2015

Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield, IL

Course Highlights:

This IAA Advanced Qualification Course will provide an in-depth study of the common tree and woody plant diseases found throughout Illinois and surrounding areas. We will cover basic tree disease concepts, disease identification, life cycle and management and the plant diagnostic process. We will learn how to identify, understand and manage seventy-five (75) disease-causing pathogens such as fungi, bacteria and viruses. The following categories will be discussed: cankers, needle, wood decay, foliar, root rot and vascular wilt. We will become familiar with the following diagnostic tools: Increment borer, Kelway pH/moisture meter, soil compaction probe, and various small tools to aid in proper disease diagnosis. We will review the plant diagnostic process and the steps necessary for proper disease ID. We will also become familiar with the U of I Plant Clinic

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and the Morton Arboretum and the proper methods of submitting plant specimens for disease diagnosis. Materials will be covered through power point slides and field demonstrations. A 20 question multiple choice quiz will be given at the end of class.

This course is worth 11 CEUs.

Abiotic Problems (PDM)

Sept. 19 & 26, 2015

Lincoln Land Comm. College, Springfield, IL

Course Highlights:

This IAA Qualification Course will provide an in-depth study of common abiotic stresses on trees and woody plants. We will discuss specific abiotic disorders associated with environmental conditions, nutrient deficiencies, chemical injury, animal and mechanical damage along with various other stresses people inflict on plants. We will also cover diagnostic skills needed to

recognize these stresses and suggest remedies to correct, minimize or prevent these problems. We will discuss the importance of laboratory analysis of soil, water and tissue samples in properly diagnosing plant problems.

There will be afternoon field trips to hone your diagnostic and decision making skills. We will diagnose common abiotic stresses and look-alike disorders. During the outdoor sessions we will also evaluate various signs and symptoms, site conditions and plant history, so that we can accurately identify the cause of the problem. We will focus on the types of stresses that predispose trees to decline. Materials will be covered through power point slides and field demonstrations. A 20 question multiple choice quiz will be given at the end of class.

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Training

Scholarships for Professional Development
Articles for Newsletter as requirement
Champions: Steve Ludwig & Executive Committee
Amount Requested: \$5,000

Aerial Lift Safety Course
Champions: Norm Hall
Amount Requested: \$6,000

SAWW Training or equivalent
Investigate how to take it statewide
Partner with Council on Forestry Development
Champions: Jim Semelka and Don Roppolo
Amount Requested: \$5,000

IAA/TCIA Joint Training
EHAP
Chipper Operator
Champions: Norm Hall and Peggy Drescher
Cost: \$5,000

Advanced Training Program
Curriculum & Teaching Aides
Printed and out by February
Create a Course Catalog
Champions: Mark Duntemann & Reinee Hildebrandt
Cost: \$2,000

Update all Certified Arborist and Municipal Specialist PowerPoint's
Review from speakers
Champions: Mark Duntemann
Cost: \$1,000

Setup and Conduct Fire Department Training
Funding Sources?
Champions: Norm Hall
Cost \$4,000

Total funds requested for training: \$28,000

Marketing

Create "Snip-It" Videos

* Fire Department Training
* What is an arborist?
* Careers in arboriculture
* Municipal
* Why hire an arborist?
Champions: Tom Milas and Steve Ludwig
Cost: \$10,000

Day of Service in Springfield
Champions: Guy Sternberg
Cost: \$0

Link Resource Video with TCIA

Total funds requested for marketing: \$10,000

IAA Outreach

Social Media
Expand use of Facebook and Twitter
Champions: April Toney and Jeannie Kelley
Cost: \$0

Student Outreach

Younger Targets
Sponsor HS students to attend the IAA Conference
Champion: Paul Blome and Don Roppolo
Cost: \$0

- How to hire interested students
- Kids do not know what tree care is
- Vocational tests (? Arboriculture) – want to go to big cities
- Contact Chicago School of Ag (IAA Conference)
- Go to HS career days (talk to Industrial Ed)
- Try and contact counselors in HS
- Grade school – Arbor Day (create a video on why tree care is fun, climbing)
- RTI - provide feedback to get kids involved
- Reach out to rock climbing outfitters
- Meet with Teacher Association and educate them to teach about trees
- Arbor Day Foundation
- Non-college route – not everyone goes to college

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- Billboard - “Arborists making the world a better place – one tree at a time.” (keeping yourself in shape – immediate openings)

Reach out to insurance companies and realtors
Educate homeowners on arborists for tree care
Champions: April Toney
Cost: \$0

Total funds requested for IAA outreach: \$0

Legislative

Write Policy / Create IAA Board Liaison
Policy to include how to review proposed bills, how often and how to communicate back to the IAA Board
Champion: Mark Duntemann
Cost: \$0

State License Plates
Champion: April Toney
Cost: \$0

Continue to work with IFDC and other partners to lobby for funding or low interest loans and Reinee’s Grant Program.
Champion: Reinee Hildebrandt
Cost: \$0

Investigate resources/partnerships or develop a committee to monitor bills that would impact the IAA membership (ongoing)
Champions: Mark Duntemann
Cost: \$0

Foster support for state funded grant programs addressing EAB tree removal / reforestation and treatment (5 year plan)
Champions: Steve Ludwig
Cost: \$0

Total funds requested for legislative: \$0

Invasives

Have representation on the National Invasive Species Council
Champions: Stephanie Adams (will report back

to the board)
Cost: \$1,000

Illinois Invasive Species Council - DNR

Total funds requested for Invasives: \$1,000

Internal Administration

Board Committee Review
Champion: Derek Vannice and April Toney
Cost: \$0

Develop Job Descriptions for October, 2015:
- Board Members
- Committee Chairs (Term Limits)
Champion: Derek Vannice, April Toney and Ron Gatewood
Cost: \$0

Write Advertising Policy
Use of Member Lists – What we should & shouldn’t release
Champion: Derek Vannice and April Toney
Cost: \$0

Finance Committee Procedures (UAA) March
- Chair, 2 terms – 2 years
- Vice Chair?
Champions: Ron Gatewood, Derek Vannice, and April Toney
Cost: \$0

Review Procedure for Executive Director, April 2015
Champions: Derek Vannice, Ron Gatewood and April Toney
Cost: \$0

Review the need for additional committees based on Strategic Plan?
- Safety Committee
Champion: Derek Vannice and April Toney
Cost: \$0

Total funds requested for Internal Administration: \$0

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Urban Wood Utilization

Develop or approve the following:

- » Uniform standard or specification for Urban Timber Harvesting (ANZI, A300 Part 11)
- » Gauge interest in municipalities, FPD's, park districts, golf courses (residential), lot clearing
- » Gauge interest or opposition from tree care companies involved in tree removal operations
- » Co-operation with competition for traditional forestry
- » 4% timber tax – Harvest Fee (SAWW Training)
- » Develop alternative markets for more sustainable products made from urban timber
- » Marshaling/ movement / storage
- » Cost vs. “free” pickup

Wood Utilization App

Create

Champions: Jim Semelka

Cost: \$1,000

Total funds requested for Internal Administration: \$1,000

Review & Evaluate

MUTCF

Evaluate where the conference needs to go.

Champion: Peggy Drescher will follow-up with committee

Cost: \$0

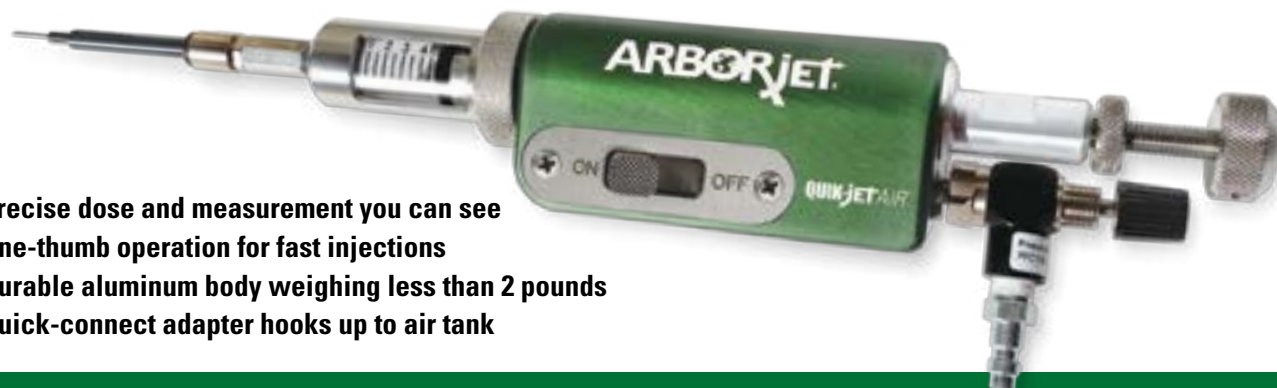
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This year’s conference will provide an update on the status of EAB, share funding sources for urban and community forestry, provide an update on nursery standards, share new tornado Re-leaf program results and provide an opportunities to comment on the future urban and community forestry endeavors. There will be suggestion boxes placed around for your input on the GROWTH AWARD program and the ILLINOIS FORESTRY PLAN ADDENDUM. **All participant communities and campuses will receive a copy of updated standards for nursery practices and a CD with current references materials.** *(NOTE: There will be two TREE CITY USA/TREE CAMPUS USA CONFERENCE & AWARDS CEREMONIES this year for your travel convenience. You only need to sign up for one conference. Please note: Fees vary by location due to local costs for conference facility and food charges.)*

DATE: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 - Registration from 8:00-8:30 AM; est. end time 3:00 PM
NOTE: Pre-registration (before March 25th) is \$65 per attendee. On-site registration is \$85 using a credit card or cash.

LOCATION: Moraine Valley Community College
<http://www.morainevalley.edu/ContactUs/>

Moraine Valley Community College
9000 W College Pkwy
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TRAVEL DIRECTIONS:

QUICK TRAVEL MAPS:

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Written Travel Directions:

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From Indiana and the Southeast

Take the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) north to 95th Street west. Take 95th Street west to 88th Avenue. Turn left on 88th Avenue. The campus is on the right after 107th Street.

From the South

Take I-57 north to I-80 west. Take I-80 west to LaGrange Road/Route 45. Take LaGrange Road/Route 45 north to 111th Street. Turn right at 111th Street. Proceed about one mile, and the campus is on the left at College Parkway.

From the Southwest

Take I-80 east to LaGrange Road/Route 45. Take LaGrange Road/Route 45 north to 111th Street. Turn right at 111th Street. Proceed about one mile, and the campus is on the left at College Parkway.

From the West

Take the East-West Tollway (I-88) east to the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) south. Take the Tri-State Tollway south to 95th Street west. Take 95th Street west to 88th Avenue. Turn left on 88th Avenue. The campus is on the right after 107th Street.

From Oak Brook Area

Take Route 83 south to Archer Avenue (Route 171). Veer left at Archer Avenue stoplight onto 107th Street. Follow 107th Street through forest preserve past LaGrange Road/Route 45. The college is on the right after Kean Avenue.

From the Far West and Northwest

Take the North-South Tollway (I-355) south to the Stevenson Expressway (I-55) north. Take the Stevenson Expressway north to LaGrange Road (Route 45) south. Take LaGrange Road south to 107th Street. Proceed about one mile, turn left on 107th Street and the campus is on the right after Kean Avenue.

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If you have questions concerning registration, please contact: April Toney, Illinois Arborist Association; Phone: 877-617-8887 E-mail: april@illinoisarborist.org For all other questions about Illinois TCU program and conference contact: Reinee Hildebrandt at 217-785-8771 or E-mail: reinee.hildebrandt@illinois.gov



NORTHERN ILLINOIS
2015 ILLINOIS REGISTRATION FORM
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The **2015 TREE CITY USA CONFERENCE & AWARDS CEREMONY** WILL BE HELD at the MORAIN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, 9000 W College Pkwy , Palos Hills, IL 60465



**CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN
2015 ILLINOIS REGISTRATION FORM
ILLINOIS TREE CITY/TREE CAMPUS USA CONFERENCE/AWARDS CEREMONY
“BUGS, WIND AND MONEY- WHAT’S IN THE FUTURE?”**

This year’s conference will provide an update on the status of EAB, share funding sources for urban and community forestry, provide an update on nursery standards, share new tornado Re-leaf program results and provide an opportunities to comment on the future urban and community forestry endeavors. There will be suggestion boxes placed around for your input on the GROWTH AWARD program and the ILLINOIS FORESTRY PLAN ADDENDUM. **All participant communities and campuses will receive a copy of updated standards for nursery practices and a CD with current references materials.** *(NOTE: There will be two TREE CITY USA/TREE CAMPUS USA CONFERENCE & AWARDS CEREMONIES this year for your travel convenience. You only need to sign up for one conference. Please note: Fees vary by location due to local costs for conference facility and food charges.)*

DATE: **Tuesday, March 24, 2015** Registration from 8:00 to 8:30 AM; est. end time 3:00 PM

NOTE: Pre-registration is \$50 before March 18, 2015. On-site registration is \$75.

CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN ILLINOIS TCU CONFERENCE LOCATION

NEW LOCATION: POES CATERING

295 E. Andrew Rd., Springfield, IL 62707; Phone: 217-487-7601

<http://mapq.st/1BVBlfD>

HOTEL LINK: The I-55 Sangamon Avenue exit still has the closest/most convenient location of hotels closest to the Conference site. It is suggested that you get back on I-55 and travel north to the Sherman exit per the instructions above. The Northfield Center and Ramada Springfield on Sangamon Avenue have both hosted the TCU Conference in the past. There is not a room block is reserved but do check for government rate, if applicable. For other possible hotels check out: <http://www.visit-springfieldillinois.com/Where-to-Stay/>

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS: See registration form below. The registration fees of \$50.00 must be received prior March 18, 2015 or a late fee of \$75.00 will be charged at the door.

If you have any questions concerning registration contact: April Toney, Illinois Arborist Association; Phone 877-617-8887; E-mail: april@illinoisarborist.org For all other questions about Illinois TCU program and conference contact: Reinee Hildebrandt at 217-785-8771 or E-mail to reinee.hildebrandt@illinois.gov



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Make checks payable to: **ILLINOIS ARBORIST ASSOCIATION** and send the checks to Illinois Arborist Association, P.O. Box 860, Antioch, IL 60002. Please state: TCU Conference on memo line if paying by check and mailing the registration. OPTION#2 Or you can call 877-617-8887 to register by phone and use your credit card. OPTION#3 This form can also be faxed to 262-857-6677 (IAA's exclusive fax machine) with credit card information. Do not send cash in the mail.

PAYMENT INFORMATION: TOTAL Registration fee enclosed: \$_____

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COMMUNITY:_____ Check #:_____

Primary contact:_____

Name:_____ Title:_____

Address:_____ State: IL Zip:_____

Phone:_____ Fax:_____

E-mail:_____

Additional attendees:

1) Name:_____ Title:_____

Address:_____ State: IL Zip:_____

E-mail:_____

2) Name:_____ Title:_____

Address:_____ State: IL Zip:_____

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2015 Proposed Budget

Activities	Income	Expense	Net Income
Aerial Lift Training - SP			
Advanced Training - SP	30,000.00	-20,000.00	10,000.00
Annual Meeting/Awards	165,000.00	-100,000.00	65,000.00
Certification	50,000.00	-16,000.00	34,000.00
Certified Tree Worker	3,300.00	-3,200.00	100.00
SAWW Training - SP	0.00	-5,000.00	-5,000.00
Create Short Educational Videos Marketing - SP	0.00	-10,000.00	-10,000.00
Day of Service - SP	0.00	0.00	0.00
EHAP - SP (TCIA)	3,750.00	-2,750.00	1,000.00
Chipper Operator (TCIA)Annual Conference estimate	2,750.00	-2,750.00	0.00
Golf Outing	10,000.00	-8,000.00	2,000.00
IPSI - Fire Department - SP (grant money)	0.00	-5,500.00	-5,500.00
Summer Conference	10,000.00	-15,000.00	-5,000.00
Tree Climbing Competition	8,000.00	-9,000.00	-1,000.00
TRAQ Training - SP	20,000.00	-15,000.00	5,000.00
Tree City USA	18,000.00	-17,000.00	1,000.00
Strike Team / Programs - SP	0.00	0.00	0.00
Student Outreach - SP	0.00	-2,500.00	-2,500.00
Trade Shows	0.00	0.00	0.00
Volunteers - SP	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	320,800.00	-231,700.00	89,100.00
Administration	Income	Expense	Net Income
IDES	0.00	-300.00	-300.00
Payroll Salary	0.00	-71,500.00	-71,500.00
Payroll Assistant Jeannie	0.00	-17,500.00	-17,500.00
Payroll Assistant Monica		-16,250.00	-16,250.00
Postage, Office Supplies, Rent, Accountant, Lawyer	0.00	-17,000.00	-17,000.00
Sales Tax Expense (cost of goods sold)	0.00	-500.00	-500.00
Telephone (Internet)	0.00	-3,500.00	-3,500.00
Bank Fees	0.00	-6,000.00	-6,000.00
Total	0.00	-132,550.00	-132,550.00

2015 Proposed Budget

Board & Committee	Income	Expense	Net Income
Travel Expenses		-15,000.00	-15,000.00
Ballot/Committee/Strategic Plan/Board		-15,000.00	-15,000.00
Insavie Species Council SP		-1,000.00	-1,000.00
Wood Utilization App		-500.00	-500.00
Refund/Insurance/Professional		-2,000.00	-2,000.00
Marketing/Web Design		-1,000.00	-1,000.00
Legislative (this fee moved under committee)			
Misc.	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Total</i>	0.00	-34,500.00	-34,500.00
Donations	Income	Expense	Net Income
Donations/TREE Fund	2,500.00	-12,000.00	-9,500.00
MUTCF	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Total</i>	2,500.00	-12,000.00	-9,500.00
Membership	Income	Expense	Net Income
Dues-In	55,000.00	0.00	55,000.00
Newsletter	4,000.00	-5,000.00	-1,000.00
Publications/Merchandise	8,000.00	-4,000.00	4,000.00
<i>Total</i>	67,000.00	-9,000.00	58,000.00
Totals:	390,300.00	-419,750.00	-29,450.00

Signup for the IAA Summer Conference at Allerton Park
June 4th & 5th

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Wood Utilization - And the 4% Timber Harvest Fee by Reinee Hildebrandt

Including an Interview with Paul Deizman, IDNR Wood Utilization Program Manager
By Reinee Hildebrandt, IDNR State Urban Forester
1/14/15

With the advent of Emerald Ash Borer and the abundance of potential logs from the urban forest, I have received many questions about the 4% timber harvest fee. Does it apply to urban areas? Who is responsible for paying the 4% fee? Where does the money go? What are the penalties for non-compliance? The simple answer is here is the link to the law. And here it is: <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=1395&ChapterID=24>

However, as we all know laws have administrative rules and those are subject to interpretation. So let me start with a little history. When I first arrived at DNR (then the Department of Conservation) my colleague John Sester was the utilization forester. He had a full time support staff person to handle the accounting aspect of the program. He worked with law enforcement on monitoring and enforcing the law. John was a very traditional forester and smart man. He could go out on site and in a

glance have an accurate estimate of the board foot volume being handled. His focus was on timber production. As those of you who are degreed foresters know, forestry had a production focus for many years before the strong emphasis on multiple-use forests became the management strategy. This doesn't mean that forestry was only about timber harvesting but that was the number one priority and management focus. Today, recreation and wildlife management can be equal priorities and decisions are more about landowner management goals and helping them get to those goals. That's enough Forestry 101.

During John's tenure, the focus on the 4% harvest fee was on logs cut from private landowners land with the collected 4% funds going back to the landowners in the form of no-cost seedlings for those landowners with a Forestry Development At Forest Management Plan developed by the State District/Regional Forester. At that time IDNR worked with U of I and SIU to create directories of sawmills and secondary wood industries. There was even a document listing those economic contributors from the urban areas in

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IAA Calendar of Events

Tree Citry USA (Central & South)

Where: 299 East Andrew Rd, Springfield, Illinois

When: March 24th (8:30)

Tree City USA (Northern)

Where: Moraine Valley Community College

When: March 31st (8:30am)

IAA Summer Conference

Where: Allerton Conf.Center, Monticello, Illinois

When: June 4th - 5th

IAA Annual Conference & Trade Show

Where: Holiday Inn Convention Center

Tinley Park, Illinois

When: October 21 – October 22

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Row Steward Accreditation - It is all about the process!

by Derek Vannice

“Integrated Vegetation Management” (IVM) is the phrase that has been used by the electric utility industry and other allied rights-of-way industries and institutions (such as roadside, railroad and pipeline) to describe the processes and procedures to manage right-of-way (ROW) vegetation. The phrase reflects a systems approach to vegetation management, where a variety of management components – those processes and procedures needed to perform vegetation management – are integrated together to produce desired, sustainable changes in the managed right-of-way.

The question arose as to, “how do we know that utility right-of-way managers are following IVM principles and what will it look like when we see it?” As a result, through a multi-year process the Right-of-Way Stewardship Council steering committee drew deeply from IVM principles in the development of Accreditation Standards for Assessing IVM Excellence. The purpose was to provide a baseline for evaluating utility performance with the goal of publicly accrediting those utility right-of-way managers as “Right-of-Way Utility Stewards” based on their meeting or exceeding these standards of excellence. A team of experts in IVM accreditation provides an extensive on-site assessment of prospective utility companies, referred to as “Applicants.”

The process has four phases:

Inquiry: The prospective utility completes a preliminary application (see resources Accreditation Application Form and Auditing Process Detail at www.rowstewardship.org.) and pays the application fee. The utility then participates in a conference call with the program administrator and audit committee chair to discuss process and to estimate costs. Prospective utility is now referred to as “Applicant.”

Statement of Work: A lead auditor is assigned and a statement of work (estimate of time, schedule, and cost) is developed after the gap analysis. Applicant participates in a conference call with lead auditor to do a gap analysis of Applicant’s readiness and qualification for a full assessment. Applicant provides lead auditor with

any pre-audit documentation requested (see resource Document Submittal Form). Based on statement of work the Applicant determines go/no-go or deferral of full assessment.

On-site Assessment: The lead auditor forms an auditing team and coordinates with the Applicant to minimize time and cost while ensuring a comprehensive and objective evaluation of the Applicant’s conformance with Right-of-Way Stewardship Council Accreditation Standards. The auditing team(s) will inspect both random and representative sites as well as Applicant documentation, equipment and interview staff. Applicant may provide on-site travel to reduce expense of the audit process.

Report Development: The final report process has three phases: initial draft development by the auditing team, sharing and review by Administrator and Applicant with feedback, and Final Report and recommendations completed by the Lead Auditor. The auditing team’s recommendations go to the Board of Directors of the Right-of-Way Stewardship Council for final accreditation. The Board does not rule on the substance of the report but rather on the sufficiency of the process by the auditing team.

The amount of time required for this process varies greatly dependent on size of the utility involved; size is dominantly dictated by miles of right-of-ways managed. In general, a prospective utility should anticipate at least 90 days for the full process and 6 months for large utilities. Much of this time is predicated on the time and responsiveness of the Applicant to auditor requests for information. A great deal of documentation is required in this process and the clearer and better organized this information is, the shorter the time and the cheaper the process (to some degree).

For further information on Right-of-Way accreditation contact Dovetail Partners, Inc. Program Administrator at 612-333-0430 or info@rowstewardship.org.

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Spring...the birds start singing, the trees leaf out, and the Illinois Arborist Association's phone starts ringing with residents concerned about their trees. We refer them to the IAA website to locate a certified arborist within their area and always suggest that they ask to speak to someone on staff that is certified and to call more than one company.

If you are a company that employs certified arborists, please fill out the form below, and fax it to April Toney at the IAA Office (262) 857-6677 to get your company listed on the IAA website.

If you are already listed on the IAA Online Directory, please periodically check your listing and inform the IAA of any updates.

If you have any questions, give April a call @ 877-617-8887.

☐ Yes, I would like to add my company to the IAA Certified Arborist for Hire Online Directory

Company Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Fax Number _____

E-mail Address _____

Website _____

Names of Certified Arborists _____

Certification Numbers _____

ISA Numbers _____

Customers often want to know which companies will perform a specific service. Please select the categories that apply to help specific audiences such as homeowners, municipalities or contactors.

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☐ Tree Fertilization

☐ Tree and Stump Removal

☐ Cable, Bracing, and Lightning Protection

☐ Insect and Disease Diagnosis and Control

☐ Consulting and Appraisal

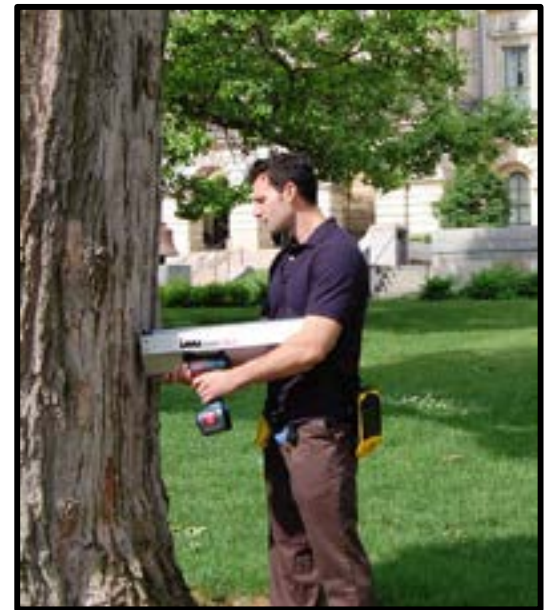
☐ All of the Above

Risk is about uncertainty...

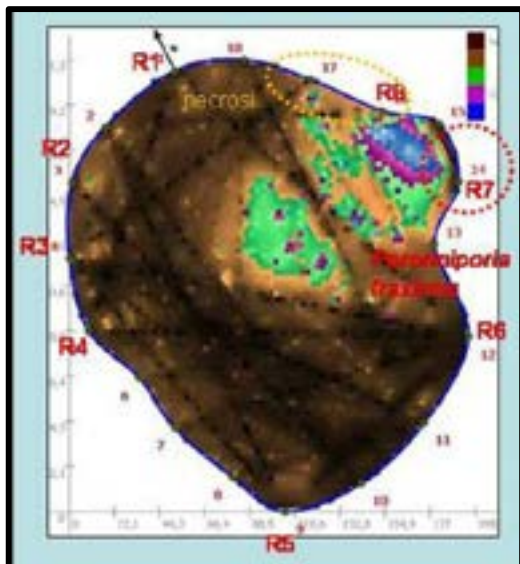


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Capitol grounds in Springfield.



Tomograph cross section display

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northeastern Illinois.

Upon John's retirement, the Forestry Division lost the staff position. The role was considered to be regulatory and the responsibility for gathering the 4% harvest fee went to IDNR's Law Enforcement. During that time the forest utilization information and networking was at an all-time low in the state. During this time we have had the introduction of an epidemic in our urban areas and a renewed interest in urban wood utilization. There is an abundance of ash trees that are being looked at for value added products and not just for mulch. The view of forestry has broadened to include multiple uses and associated benefits from our privately owned rural forests as well as the urban forest. The vision has broadened. Couple this with changes in the IDNR handling of the Wood Utilization program and this means it is an appropriate time to re-vis-



it how the 4% timber harvest law will be applied.

Just recently the DNR Division of Forestry has had the program returned to the Division for administration. The first order of business was to hire a support staff person to handle the 4% fee funding. Amy Strong currently holds that position. Just this last year the position of DNR – Division of Forestry Wood Utilization came open. Paul Deizman fills that position. Paul is of the generation of foresters where multiple uses was stressed over a primary focus on timber production. Even though during this time management

for wood production still reigned supreme as the most important of the multiple uses.

Since Paul will be on the front line to address the wood utilization and 4% harvest fee questions, I thought it would be best if I simply interviewed him with the types of questions that I have been getting over the last few years so that you can get the most current interpretation of the law and administrative rules.

Here are the answers to the questions above and others per my interview with Paul Deizman.

Does it apply to urban areas?

According to Paul Deizman, "Law applies to all timber that becomes logs in all areas including urban."

Who is responsible for paying the 4% fee? When is the fee paid and to whom (before harvest, after harvest, upon purchase of the logs from the municipality)?

Any and all forestland and tree owners may only sell timber to an Illinois Licensed Timber Buyer (Timber Buyer) and Timber buyers are required to submit quarterly reports and payments to no later than 30 days after each calendar quarter to DNR Forestry Headquarters in Springfield detailing each sale, by county, by landowner name documenting gross sale amount or value and the date of transaction or transfer of timber. That form is on the DNR Law and Forestry Websites."

Under what circumstances does a person/company have to pay the 4% harvest fee?

All buyers, traders, barterers of logs must hold an Illinois Timber Buyers License.

What if a person is bartering for logs aka a municipality provides logs and they provide them with a percent of the lumber, do they still have to pay the 4% harvest fee?

If a town uses logs from town for town's use it is exempt. All other transactions the 4% harvest fee applies.

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Here's a quote from the law.

"Timber" means trees, standing or felled, and parts thereof which can be used for sawing or processing into lumber for building or structural purposes or for the manufacture of any article.

"Timber" does not include firewood, Christmas trees, fruit or ornamental trees or wood products not used or to be used for building, structural, manufacturing or processing purposes.

"Timber buyer" means any person licensed or unlicensed, who is engaged in the business of buying timber from the timber growers thereof for sawing into lumber, for processing or for resale, but does not include any people who occasionally purchase timber for sawing or processing or uses their own timber and logs for personal use and not for resale.



"Buying timber" means to buy, barter, cut on shares, or offer to buy, barter, cut on shares, or take possession of timber, with or without the consent of the timber grower.

"Timber grower" means the owner, tenant or operator of land in this State who has an interest in, or is entitled to receive any part of the proceeds from the sale of timber grown in this State

and includes persons exercising authority to sell timber.

REFERENCE:

(225 ILCS 735/9a) (from Ch. 111, par. 709a)

Sec. 9a.

When a timber buyer purchases timber in this State, the buyer shall determine the amount to be paid for such timber, or the value of items to be bartered for such timber, and shall deduct from the payment to the timber grower an amount which equals 4% of the purchase price and shall forward such amount to the Department of Natural Resources, along with a report of the purchase on forms provided by the Department.

Where does the money go? If fees from logs grown and harvested in urban areas contribute to this fund will there be funding going back into a grant program/cost share program for municipal public lands also?

Funds are deposited in the Illinois Forestry Development Act Fund which assures dollars go to fund the State of Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forest Resources, The Illinois Forestry Development Council, and programs that help Illinois landowners manage forestland. The fund has leeway based on appropriations internal to IDNR but does not specifically earmark funds to any local area

Here is the Illinois Forestry Development Act:

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=1736&ChapterID=44>

What are the penalties for non-compliance?

Penalties and Fines (from IL Timber Buyers Licensing Act Link above):

(225 ILCS 735/11) (from Ch. 111, par. 711)

Sec. 11. Penalties.

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Except as otherwise provided in this Section any person in violation of any of the provisions of this Act, or administrative rules thereunder, shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

(a-5) Any person convicted of violating Section 3 of this Act shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor and fined at least \$500 for a first offense and guilty of a Class 4 felony and fined at least \$1,000 for a second or subsequent offense.

(b) Any person convicted of violating subsections (a) or (b) of Section 5 of this Act is guilty of a Class 4 felony if the aggregate value of the timber purchased, cut, caused to be cut or appropriated is over \$300 but not more than \$2,500.

(b-5) Any person convicted of violating subsection (a) or (b) of Section 5 of this Act is guilty of a Class 3 felony if the aggregate value of the timber purchased, cut, caused to be cut, or appropriated is over \$2,500 but not more than \$10,000.

(b-10) Any person convicted of violating subsection (a) or (b) of Section 5 of this Act is guilty of a Class 2 felony if the aggregate value of the timber purchased, cut, caused to be cut, or appropriated is over \$10,000.

(b-15) The aggregate value of the timber purchased, cut, caused to be cut, or appropriated shall be determined as provided by administrative rule.

(c) A person convicted of violating subsection (f) of Section 5 of this Act is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor. A person convicted of a second or

subsequent violation is guilty of a Class 4 felony.

(d) All amounts collected as fines imposed as penalties for violation of this Act shall be deposited in the Illinois Forestry Development Fund for the purposes of the "Illinois Forestry Development Act".

(e) In case of a failure to pay any harvest fee required under Section 9a of this Act on the date as required by regulation of the Department, there shall be added as a penalty an amount equal to 7.5% of the harvest fee due the Department for each month or fraction thereof during which such failure continues, not to exceed 37.5% in the aggregate. This penalty shall be in addition to any other penalty determined under this Act.

(f) In case of failure to file the appropriate report of the purchase harvest fee form stipulated under Section 9a of this Act on the date prescribed therefore, a penalty in the amount of \$25 for each individual report shall be added to the amount due the Department. This penalty shall be in addition to any other penalty determined under this Act.

(Source: P.A. 92-805, eff. 8-21-02.)

(225 ILCS 735/13) (from Ch. 111, par. 713)

Sec. 13. License revocation.

Any person who knowingly or intentionally violates any of the provisions of this Act, or administrative rules thereunder, when his or her license has been revoked or denied or his or her ability to engage in the activity requiring the license has been suspended under this Section, is guilty of a Class 4 felony.

For further questions, please contact Paul Deizman at 217-782-3376, IDNR – FORESTRY, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702 or paul.deizman@illinois.gov

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