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Diverse Audience Unites at Urban Wood Event

by Rich Christianson

Arborists, foresters, sawyers, architects, woodworkers and other professionals came together at the Bringing the Urban Wood Full Circle Conference to learn and share ideas for propelling the urban wood market.

The unique conference focused on converting community trees into lumber and wood products. It was presented by the Illinois Wood Utilization Team March 18 at Hamburger University on McDonald's corporate campus in Oak Brook, IL.

The Illinois Arborist Association (IAA) was a partner of the conference and exhibited at the event. The IAA also helped secure 4.0 ISA CEUs for the conference, an educational bonus of many professional arborists who attended.

While most of these diverse conference delegates hailed from the greater Chicago area, others traveled from southern Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska and even Ontario, Canada.

Among the many highlights:

- Edith Makra, chairperson of the Illinois Wood Utilization Team, kicked off the conference noting that there is an estimated 3 to 4 billion board feet of lumber potentially available from the nation's urban forests. Capitalizing on this greatly underutilized raw material would require local markets throughout the country to strengthen their links in the chain from land managers and tree care services to sawyers and woodworkers.
- Ian Brown, urban forestry district manager for Milwaukee, discussed how Milwaukee

is diverting 100% of its logs to local sawmill and in the process reducing disposal costs by 50%.

- In a similar vein, John Lough, senior city forester of Chicago, shared the Windy City's urban log removal and reclamation plan.
- Separate presentations by August Hoppe, president of Hoppe Tree Services and the Urban Wood Lab in Milwaukee, and Jessica Simons, coordinator of Michigan's Urbanwood Project based in Ann Arbor shared different models for developing retail outlets for urban wood lumber, slabs and wood products.
- Three architects participated in the conference. Lauren Blissard, principal of LTBL Envirotecture presented how urban wood fits into sustainability building programs including LEED. Jeff Perkis, senior project manager for Chipman Architecture Design and owner of Story Wood, recounted how dozens of hardwood trees downed in a freakish 2011 storm in West Chicago were salvaged and turned into furniture and other wood products. One of the most recent is a bell stand Perkins made for the West Chicago museum. Architect Paul Pettigrew, also an associate professor at the Illinois Institute of Technology, showed more than 100 slides of projects made by his students of his popular furniture and architecture class over the years.
- Ken Wier, owner of i2i Design, told the audience why he loves making furniture from urban wood because of its rich and often unpredictable splendor compared to hardwoods harvested from traditional forests. Wier's discerning customers include Starbucks, Mariano's and Freshii.

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Illinois Arborist Association Mission Statement

*"Foster interest, establish standards, exchange professional ideas
and pursue scientific research in Arboriculture"*

President's Message

Don Roppolo

The holidays have passed and we are well into 2016. The IAA board has been working on plans for the New Year since the end of 2015. The board of directors and a few passionate met for a full day working on the strategic plan for the IAA. We reviewed all the initiatives we worked on in 2015 and planned what we would like to work on in 2016. The requests for funding were made and now the 2016 budget has been approved. Many existing initiatives as well as new ones are being funded.

One of our items with continued funding is the Advanced Training program. We are fortunate to have a very unique Advanced Training program in our chapter. The IAA developed the program to deliver training in various aspects of Arboriculture for those individuals who want to continue to learn and grow professionally beyond the Certified Arborist credential. If individuals complete five classes in each of the four domains they receive the IAA Advanced Training Qualification. The domains are: Tree Site and Selection, Pest Diagnosis and Management, Tree Work, and Urban Forestry. The Advanced Training program delivered several great classes last year. Steve Lane is the new Advanced Training chair and is planning to offer even more classes this year. In the strategic plan meeting we decided to allocate more money to the program to help expand and offer more training opportunities. One of the areas added for this year is aerial lift training. Keep an eye out for upcoming classes for opportunities to continue to invest in yourself and or your employees. Read more about the program on our website.

<http://illinoisarborist.org/cart/advanced-training-for-certified-arborists/>

There are many other great initiatives that could help save lives which will continue to be funded this year like electrical hazard training, invaluable chainsaw training, TRAQ (tree risk assessment qualification, a new ISA credential) training, chipper training and outreach to fire departments regarding aerial rescue. We have also increased funding for outreach to students and potential arboriculture students.

These are just some of the great initiatives your valuable membership dollars are going toward funding in 2016. Thank you for your support of the IAA and its mission to "foster interest, establish standards, exchange professional ideas and pursue scientific research in Arboriculture".



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- Mike Dimitroff, manager of art initiatives for the Chicago Park District, showcased a variety of projects that use wood reclaimed from city parks including the Bears Den at Solider Field and at CPD community wood shops. Dimitroff was joined by Jim Semelka, urban forestry advocate for Sterling Tree Solutions, to discuss how the public and private company partner on urban wood tree reclamation programs.
- Dimitroff also showed how thermally modified urban wood is being used as a decking material for the CPD's harbor dock. Brian Mitalo, regional salesperson for Tournesol Siteworks, which makes outdoor furniture and more from thermally modified lumber (TML), agreed that there is great potential for converting urban wood into TML.
- Prof. Dan Cassens, wood extension specialist at Purdue University, pulled double duty. First he lectured on how urban wood sellers can compete with traditional hardwood lumber and wood products by not only being novel, but by being nimble. Cassens also conducted a live portable sawmill demonstration using logs generously donated by Ron Meyers of Meyers Woodworking & Lumber of Batavia, IL.

Rounding out the event were plenty of networking opportunities, including a networking reception featuring table top exhibits and more than a dozen furniture and other items displayed in the Urban Wood Products Showcase.

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Calendar of Events

June 23 & 24, 2016

IAA Summer Conference at Allerton House
Monticello.

July 18, 2016

Certification Exams
Downers Grove Public Works Department.

September 12, 2016

Certification Exams
Downers Grove Public Works Department.

September 19, 2016

Certification Workshops
Downers Grove Public Works Department.

October 18 & 19 2016

IAA Annual Conference & Trade Show
Tinley Park Convention Center.

November 21, 2016

Certification Exams
Downers Grove Public Works Department.



IAA Annual Golf Outing

You are invited to join us for a day on the course and a fine dinner at Old Orchard Country Club in Mt Prospect, IL. on **Friday, August 26.**

Old Orchard is a mature and challenging course with narrow fairways.

We have a 9:00am shotgun start so arrive early to catch up with old friends. Lunch will be provided from 12:00-2:30 and dinner will be at 3:30pm followed by the raffle. So take a three day weekend and come out and have some fun!

Pre-registration is required. Please fill in the registration form and mail or fax with your check or credit card information by **August 12, 2016.**

We will notify you to confirm your registration via e-mail, so please provide an e-mail address or phone number so we may contact you.

Game play will be scramble.



Agenda

8:00AM	Registration Table Opens
9:00AM	Shotgun Start
12:00PM	Lunch
3:30PM	Dinner
4:00PM	Raffle

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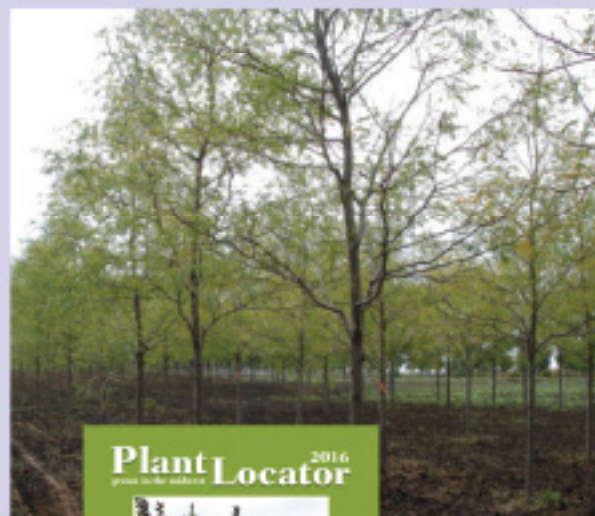
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“Arborists, urban foresters and tree care professionals can now provide two-year control of EAB with no drilling damage using our new product, Boxer Insecticide-Miticide,” said Chip Doolittle, president of ArborSystems in Omaha, NE. “Applicators can increase the number of trees treated per day using our advanced technology for tree treatment.”

Boxer Insecticide-Miticide is available in 120 ml and 1000 ml Quick-Connect Chemical Packs. It is for the control of mature and immature insect and mite pests of deciduous and coniferous trees and palm trees including those growing in residential and commercial landscapes, parks, plantations, seed orchards and forested sites in private, municipal, state, tribal and national areas. Boxer contains the active ingredient Emamectin Benzoate and is formulated to translocate in the tree’s vascular system when injected. It must be placed into active sapwood and will actively control pests for up to two years.

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Yellow) and Springer Antibiotic for seasonal suppression of lethal yellow disease in palms. Their plant growth regulator products consist of Mastiff which reduces tree growth up to 70% over three years including stem elongation and wood formation and Pinscher used on ornamental trees to reduce flowering and fruit/seeds production decreasing cleanup and turf maintenance problems without comprising tree health. Their micronutrients product line improves tree health, promotes leaf growth and relieves symptoms of iron chlorosis, manganese deficiency and drought and transplant stress. ArborSystems has eight Quick-Connect Injection Tips for treating all types of trees including hardwoods, conifers and palms.

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2016 Illinois Arborist Association Budget

2016 Proposed Budget

Activities	Income	Expense	Net Income
Aerial Lift Training - <i>SP</i>	4,000.00	-5,000.00	-1,000.00
Advanced Training - <i>SP</i>	30,000.00	-30,000.00	0.00
Annual Meeting/Awards	180,000.00	-120,000.00	60,000.00
Certification	55,000.00	-12,000.00	43,000.00
Certified Tree Worker	3,000.00	-3,000.00	0.00
SAWW Training - <i>SP</i>	4,000.00	-4,000.00	0.00
Create Short Educational Videos Marketing - <i>SP</i>	0.00	-10,000.00	-10,000.00
Day of Service - <i>SP</i>	0.00	-4,000.00	-4,000.00
EHAP - <i>SP (TCIA)</i>	2,500.00	-2,000.00	500.00
Chipper Operator (TCIA)Annual Conference estimate	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.00
Golf Outing	10,000.00	-8,000.00	2,000.00
IPSI - Fire Department - <i>SP (grant money)</i>	0.00	-4,400.00	-4,400.00
Summer Conference	15,000.00	-15,000.00	0.00
Tree Climbing Competition	8,000.00	-9,000.00	-1,000.00
TRAQ Training - <i>SP</i>	10,000.00	-6,000.00	4,000.00
Tree City USA	0.00	0.00	0.00
Strike Team / Programs - <i>SP</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00
Student Outreach - <i>SP</i>	0.00	-7,500.00	-7,500.00
Trade Shows	0.00	0.00	0.00
Volunteers - <i>SP</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	322,500.00	-240,900.00	81,600.00
Administration	Income	Expense	Net Income
IDES	0.00	-500.00	-500.00
Payroll Salary	0.00	-49,959.00	-49,959.00
Payroll Assistant Jeannie	0.00	-18,200.00	-18,200.00
Payroll Assistant Monica	0.00	-16,900.00	-16,900.00
Payroll Taxes	0.00	-35,000.00	-35,000.00
Software	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	-5,000.00	-5,000.00
Total	0.00	-146,559.00	-146,559.00
Board & Committee	Income	Expense	Net Income
Travel Expenses	0.00	-10,000.00	-10,000.00
Committee/Strategic Plan/Board/Muni	0.00	-15,000.00	-15,000.00
Insavie Species <i>SP</i>	0.00	-1,000.00	-1,000.00
Wood Utilization <i>SP</i>	0.00	-1,000.00	-1,000.00
Refund/Insurance/Professional	0.00	-2,500.00	-2,500.00
Marketing/Web Design		-1,000.00	-1,000.00

2016 Illinois Arborist Association Budget

Board & Committee (cont.)	Income	Expense	Net Income
Legislative	0.00	0.00	0.00
Misc.	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	-30,500.00	-30,500.00
Donations	Income	Expense	Net Income
Donations/TREE Fund	2,500.00	-12,000.00	-9,500.00
MUTCF	0.00	-1,500.00	-1,500.00
Total	2,500.00	-13,500.00	-11,000.00
Membership	Income	Expense	Net Income
Dues-In	55,000.00	0.00	55,000.00
Newsletter	2,300.00	-3,200.00	-900.00
Publications/Merchandise	15,000.00	-9,000.00	6,000.00
Total	72,300.00	-12,200.00	60,100.00
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2016 Illinois Strategic Plan

IAA 2016 Strategic Goals

Every year the IAA board of directors revisits the strategic plan and updates our achievements. At that time, we add new goals that may be pertinent to the organization or the industry. The annual revision of the plan helps promote buy in for new directors and establishes creative vision for the new year.

Training

The IAA's mission is to educate arborists Statewide and we take this very seriously. Every year we re-evaluate our goals and the members' needs.

Joint Training IAA/TCIA Aerial Rescue

Host two aerial rescue trainings

- 1st dates—May 17 & 18 at Cantigny

- 2nd dates will be part of a TCIA grant and will run after August 15, 2016 in Central/Southern, IL.

Champions: Norm Hall and Peggy Drescher

Amount Requested: \$4,500

Offer EHAP Training

Offer in conjunction with the IAA Annual Conference, October 17, 2016.

Champion: Peggy Drescher

Amount Requested: \$1,000

Offer Aerial Lift Training

Host an aerial lift training at Cantigny before June 1, 2016. Utilize OSHA, TCIA, ASTI Grant—only commercial arborists are eligible for the grant funds.

Champions: Norm Hall and Peggy Drescher

Amount Requested: \$1,000

Offer Chainsaw Safety and Operation Training

Utilize TCIA Grant Money.

Champion: Norm Hall

Amount Requested: \$1,000

Offer Hands-on Climbing and Large Tree Pruning Workshops

Champion: Norm Hall

Amount Requested: \$1,800

Evaluate Tree Risk Assessment Training and Educational Competition

Champions: Steve Lane, Jake Miesbauer

Amount Requested: \$0

Fire Department Training

Partner with Elevated Safety / Nate Paulsberg to host a program created by Nate to teach TRT teams in rescue techniques using fire department equipment. Need to purchase gear that TRT teams use to facilitate a rescue; i.e., Petzl ASAP, Petzl Rescue harness (Petzl Avao), Petzl Croll, NFPA approved rope, various webbing loops for anchors, 1 additional camming device. All instructions must have their own gear.

Champion: Norm Hall

Amount Requested: \$3,000

Advanced Qualifications Program

- Pare down classes in the Urban Forestry domain
- Write curriculums for all classes
- Assign time/location of classes (North/South) for 2016
- Create teaching materials (PPTs/handouts)
- Create tests for each module
- Stay consistent with ISA Certifications/BMP/ANSI standards
- Complete & distribute course catalog
- Decide on number of hours for each course
- Decide on compensation for teaching, aides and material prep
- Enhance field component
- Research training for teachers to keep objective and delivery consistent
- Figure out the number of classes we should offer per year. Up cycle time from 2-3 years for domain completion? 6 classes per year (N/S)
- Decide if Pesticide Safety / Application should be an IAA class or online through U of I
- Pesticide license allow to clep out?
- Re-evaluate required and elective classes

Champions: Steve Lane, Bill Bolt, Eric Hendrickson, Norm Hall

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Total Amount Requested for Training: \$22,300

Internal Administration

Internal administration goals are for IAA staff and the board of directors/committee members.

- Develop committee job descriptions
- Review the need for additional committees
- Write advertising policy
- Write finance committee procedures

Champions: Ron Gatewood, April Toney, Jeannie Kelley

Amount Requested: \$0

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IAA Outreach

The heart of the IAA's mission is to inform and educate members and non-members about arboriculture, as well as, be active in recruiting students into the industry. Continuing research is imperative to keeping the IAA at the forefront of the issues that face the industry.

MUTCF

Contact Midwestern professors and see if they are interested in committing to dates and sending students to the Midwest Urban Tree Care Forum (MUTCF). Survey past attendees and see what dates/days work best for them. Professor "buy in" is important to the success of this program.

- Form a Committee
- Pin down a date/survey past and potential attendees
- Locate sites and presenters
- Reach out to sponsors
- Outreach to faculty (marketing)
- Logistics

Champions: Steve Lane, Don Roppolo, Steve Ludwig, Peggy Drescher, Jake Miesbauer
Amount Requested: \$0

Student Outreach

Recruit students into the green industry.

- Contact tech schools / high schools
- Find mentors
- Distribute materials (pencils/pamphlet)
- Design in-class presentations
- Make Tree Care "sciency" / "salesy"
- Show "coolness" of tree care (cranes and saws)
- Let students know that there is money to be made in the tree care industry
- Sectors / advancement opportunities

Champions: Steve Lane, Don Roppolo, Steve Ludwig
Amount Requested: \$7,500

Mooseheart Student Outreach / Day of Service Combined

Mooseheart Child, City and School is a home and school maintained and owned by Moose International for all qualifying children in need.

- Run a student climb for the children of Mooseheart
- Possibly host a Tree Climbing Championship on Mooseheart grounds

Champions: Don Roppolo, Eduardo Medina, April Toney
Amount Requested: \$500

AVID

Connect with guidance counselors to see how we can get more students interested in the industry.

Champions: Steve Lane, Brian Sprinkle, Eric Hendrickson, Don Roppolo

Amount Requested: \$0

Reach out to insurance companies and realtors

Educate homeowners on arborists for tree care

Champion: April Toney

Amount Requested: \$0

Reach out to non-profits like ILCA, APWA & IGIA

See if we can collaborate on any events or support each other in some way.

Champions: Jim Semelka, Jake Miesbauer

Amount Requested: \$0

Award grants that would allow members to attend training from other non-profit associations.

2 IPSI Grants

Award 2 grants at \$500 each for an IAA member to attend the Illinois Public Service Institute (IPSI).

TCIA grant

Award a \$400 grant to an IAA member to attend the TCIA Expo

Champion: Steve Ludwig

Amount Requested: \$1,400

Total Funds Requested for Outreach: \$9,400

Invasive Species

Have representation on the National Invasive Species Council. Jake Miesbauer will contact Stephanie Adams to see if she would still like to champion this. If not, Brian Sprinkle would like to see if Mike Priller would like to champion this.

Research

Research Steering Committee

- Form a committee
- Survey membership for perceived gaps in research
- Communicate results to the TREE Fund to solicit call for proposals
- Develop sustained funding for research

Champions: Jake Miesbauer, Rob Sproule

Amount Requested: \$500

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Urban Wood Utilization

Utilizing wood from trees infected by invasive species or diseases in an effort to be environmentally conscience.

Develop or approve the following:

- Utilities and Cost Sharing
- Logistics
- Yards
- Develop specifications
- Leave on site?
(costs for utility)
- Location of removals
- Size limitations
- Leave "Spars"
- Appeal to "Green" aspects to lessen costs
- Create Wood Utilization App for phones

Champions: Jim Semelka, Brian Sprinkle, Jake Miesbauer, Steve Lane

Amount Requested: \$1,000

Marketing

IAA promotes the profession by educating the public about Certified Arborists, the importance for proper tree care and the value of trees. It's important for members to seek continuing education and value the ISA mission.

Create "Snip-It" Videos

- Find Contractor / Issue Contract
- Create Storyboards / Script
- Film
- Find Market Avenues

Champions: Steve Ludwig, Tom Milas

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Develop a Kit for Homeowners

- Determine target audience and distribution methods (HOA's)
- Possible partnership w/CRTI
- New or existing H.O.—How to get new H.O. info and availability
- Determine contents of kit (pamphlets, give aways, etc.)
- Develop sample kits for comment (range of material and costs)
- Goal 2017 roll out

Champions: Peggy Drescher, Eric Hendrickson

Amount Requested: \$2,000

PSA on "Poisonous or Perceived Dangerous" Trees

Separate myth versus truth. Educate the public.

Amount Requested: \$1,000

Day of Service

Create an Application Form / Site Selection

Logistics / Sponsors? Utilities?

Market to local area members/companies

Costs—Shirts, Food, Insurance

Champions: Brian Sprinkle, Todd Haefke

Amount Requested: \$4,000

Legislative

IAA spreads the word about what a great investment our urban forest can be. We also speak up when certain bills or legislation impact our industry.

Foster Grants for Small Communities

Maintain issue on agendas of UFC and IFDC.

Find/review potential other avenues (Council of Mayors, etc) Gather support and documents as required.

Review Bills

Form a committee to review bills that could impact our industry.

- Look for other possible local partnerships to help with bill review and to provide a larger voice for any concerns that may arise in the industry —ILCA, OGA, ComEd, CRTI, The Morton Arboretum, Forestry Development Council of Illinois and Illinois Forestry Association.
- Search for possible services or resources to provide bill information for committee members to review.
- Possible grants to pay for cost (\$750/month—\$5,000)
- Establish a small committee to review and determine importance of bills that could impact our members or industry
- Draft responses for bills.

Champions: Jake Miesbauer and Rob Sproule

Amount Requested: \$0

TCIA Lobbyist Information

Contact TCIA and see if they would be interested in sharing a lobbyist.

Champion: Peggy Drescher

Amount Requested: \$0

Total funds requested for legislative: \$0

Total amount requested for all strategic plan goals: \$ 50,200

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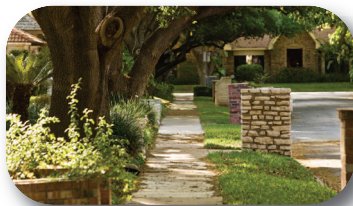
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