IAA: Who We Are
What you will learn...

- the Mission Statement,
- the Board of Directors,
- the Executive Committee,
- our Tax Status, and
- our Membership Breakdown.

Committees and Chairs.
IAA: Who We Are

Mission Statement

“Foster interest, establish standards, exchange professional ideas and pursue scientific research in Arboriculture.”
## IAA: Who We Are

### Board of Directors

The IAA Board of Directors are composed of...

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## Executive Committee

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**Tax Exempt Status**

The **IAA is a 501 (c) 5**

- Exempt from federal, not state tax
- (c) 5 organization means that we are related to labor, agricultural, and horticultural occupations
- We are allowed to lobby

**We are a member-based association focused on providing services and education to our members.**
IAA: Who We Are

Current Membership

Membership Breakdown

As of December 28, 2020, IAA had 1232 Total Members

- 431 - Commercial
- 389 - Municipal
- 308 - Not Specified
- 60 - Utility
- 44 – Associations/organizations
## IAA: Who We Are

### Current Membership

### Membership Comparison

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IAA: Who We Are

IAA Committees

Committees and Chairs

- **Advanced Training** – Steve Lane and Norm Hall
- **Certification Liaison** – Emily Renshaw and staff
- **CRTI and IFDC** – Rob Sproule
- **Day of Service** – Todd Haefke
- **Finance** – Executive committee
- **Fire Dept Training** – Norm Hall
- **Golf Outing** – Mark Simon
- **Legislative** – Aaron Schulz, Jake Miesbauer, Rob Sproule
- **NEMF/NWMF** – Municipal Directors
- **Nominations** – Past Pres is chair
- **Plant Appraisal** – Aaron Schulz
- **Programs** – Chris Evans
- **SAWW** – Don Roppolo and Aaron Meyer
- **Spanish Training** – Eduardo Medina
- **Sponsorship** – Dan O’Brien
- **Student Field Days** – Roger Smith and Dr. Groninger
- **TCC** – Don Roppolo and Eduardo Medina
- **TRAQ** – Don Roppolo
- **Tree City USA** – Mike Brunk
- **TREE Fund** – Ron Gatewood
- **Tree Planting Memorial** – Aaron Schulz
- **Workforce Development** – Paul Filary
IAA Board Meetings

What you will learn...

- Meeting logistics,
- Meeting requirements (quorum),
- What to expect before the meeting,
- How the meeting is run,
- What to expect after the meeting, and
- Electronic Voting.
IAA Board Meetings

Meeting Logistics

IAA board meetings are...

- run every other month;
- all dates are set by incoming president;
- agenda and meeting reminder sent 3-weeks in advance;
- 4-6 board meetings. Our bylaws state we must have 4 per year.
IAA Board Meetings

Meeting Logistics

IAA board meetings are...

- run by relaxed version of Robert’s Rules;
- called to order by the President;
- run by the President; and
- run by the President Elect in the absence of President.
Quorum defined is...

the number of members of a group or organization required to be present to transact business legally.

- 7 members constitute a quorum of the Board of Directors
- 25 voting members constitute a quorum at Annual Meeting
- 3 members constitute a quorum of the Executive Committee.
Before the meeting...

- A call for agenda items will be sent 3 weeks in advance;
- You will be asked to provide your report(s) 1-2 week(s) prior;
- You will receive all reports to review, and
- You will be asked to review the reports **PRIOR** to the meeting.
IAA Board Meetings

During the Meeting

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Approve minutes from previous meeting,
- Changes and/or corrections can be made via e-mail
- APPROVED minutes are legal binding.
Making a motion is equal to saying, “I propose that...” or “I think we should...”

- The person making the motion is assumed to be in favor of it, so is not allowed to speak against it. However, discussion might change one’s mind, so the motion maker may vote for or against it;
- All motions should be made in the affirmative, to avoid confusion from a negative vote on a negative motion.
How the meeting is run...

Seconding a Motion

- All ordinary motions must be seconded, to prove that at least two people want the subject discussed;
- If there is no second, the motion cannot be considered. The motion then becomes “lost for want of a second.”
- Once the motion is seconded, the President states it, or repeats it clearly so everyone will understand exactly what is proposed.
IAA Board Meetings

How the meeting is run...

Calling a Vote

When a discussion is finished...

- A vote is taken;
- All in favor will say, “aye” and all opposed will say “no”;
- After the vote is taken the President will announce the results.
Amending a Motion

A motion may be amended in four ways...

- striking out,
- adding,
- striking out and adding, and
- substituting.

Substituting is adding, removing, and/or substituting words in the original motion.
Amending a Motion (cont.)

- Only one amendment to an amendment can be considered at any one time to avoid confusion.
- While the amendment is pending, discuss only the point to be amended, not the rest of the motion.
- When that has been settled, another amendment of the whole motion may be considered.
IAA Board Meetings

How the meeting is run...

Referring to a Committee

**Defined:** A motion made which has the group’s general approval, but which must be studied more carefully, and more information is needed before a final decision can be made.

- If the business is related to a standing committee it will be turned over to that group.
- If a special committee should be formed, the motion should state how many members will be on the committee and how they should be appointed.
How to Table Motions

**Defined:** An item of business that should be laid aside temporarily. It is then that we move to table and the motion must be seconded and may not be debated or amended.

- At anytime during the SAME session or during the NEXT session, the motion to take it from the table may be made;
- If it isn’t taken from the table at either of these times, it is considered killed.
IAA Board Meetings

How the meeting is run...

**Rescinding a Motion**

**Defined:** When an item of business is repealed or annulled.

- Any action taken by an organization may be rescinded at any time, provided nothing has been done about it that cannot be undone;

- The motion to rescind requires a two-thirds vote to pass.
Committee Work

Committee work should...

- be done before the board meeting,
- be presented by the chair with recommendations (not questions); and
- be provided in a written report that the board can review and prepare questions. (Report should contain actions).

The board should give thoughtful consideration to the report; it may adopt, reject or amend the recommendations, or refer them to the committee for further study.
IAA Board Meetings

How the meeting is run...

**Executive Session**

**Defined:** Executive session is any meeting or part of a meeting in which the proceedings are considered secret and non-members are excluded (unless they’re invited for specific purposes of providing information to the board).

**When:** Executive session is called when disciplining an employee, discussing an employment contract, or consulting with an attorney.
Executive Session (cont.)

How:

- Board member make a motion to go into session
- The motion needs a second (is debatable)
- It takes a majority vote to adopt
- All non-members must leave the room until the board votes to end the executive session.

All minutes of executive session can only be approved in executive session. Since minutes state actions adopted rather than discussion, only those actions approved in executive session are recorded in those minutes.
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### Annual Budget

The Budget is set in January after the strategic plan is updated.

- During the strategic plan the “champions” will request a dollar amount they feel is necessary to begin and/or complete the projects that they are assigned to for the year.
- Any money needed outside the budget must get board approval.
IAA Board Meetings

How the meeting is run...

Electronic Votes

- The state of Illinois allows for e-mail voting. The IAA casts votes via e-mail when issues are time sensitive;
- The time frame of the vote is spelled up front. If there is confusion surrounding the vote, we will have a conference call to discuss.
- The votes are casted and tallied and the results distributed via e-mail;
- The e-mail votes are re-visited during the next face to face board meeting to assure that everyone understood the vote and its consequences.
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What you will learn...

- the Articles of Incorporation,
- legal duties,
- avoiding personal liability, and our
- Whistleblower Policy.
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The IAA’s Articles of Incorporation, bylaws, board-adopted policies and procedures, and a “relaxed” version of parliamentary procedures govern the operation of the association.
IAA is incorporated in Illinois and therefore abides by Illinois Laws
Legal Responsibilities of Board of Directors

- **Federal Law**
  - Ensure that the tax-exempt purpose of the chapter is carried out.
  - Protect assets

- **State Law Fiduciary Duty Requirements**
  - Duty of Care
  - Duty of Loyalty
  - Duty of Obedience
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All association matters must be taken seriously, and you must devote time to consideration of issues facing the association

- Be familiar with the chapter’s finances and activities.
- Participate regularly in its governance.
- Act in “good faith.”
- Use the “degree of diligence, care and skill” that prudent people would use in a similar positions and under similar circumstances.
Duty to Loyalty

You are required to make decisions based on what is best for the association, not what may be advantageous to your company or even to your constituency within the association;

Once the board makes a decision, each director, even those who may have opposed the course of action chosen by the board, must act consistently with that decision.
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**Duty of Obedience**

This duty requires officers & directors to act in accordance with ...

- the organization’s articles of incorporation,
- bylaws and other governing documents, as well as
- all applicable laws and regulations.
Avoiding Personal Liability

You will have no personal liability in connection with your service to the IAA board, provided that you act in good faith. Even if you exercise poor judgment you are not at risk as long as you do not act recklessly.
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Whistleblower Policy

The IAA has a policy to protect the organization from accounting and/or auditing suspicions.

- Whistleblower Policy
- Online and in Board Manual
- Concerns should be brought to Finance Committee
- Details can be provided by Richard Steel (IAA’s accounting firm)
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### IAA Board Governance

**Obligations**

#### Obligations – Attend Meetings

- Schedule meetings on a regular basis.
- Actively participate in discussions and decisions.
Obligations – Be Informed

As a director you have a right to:

- Review books and records.
- Receive copies of board minutes and financial reports.
- Receive notice of all board meetings
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Obligations – Protect Corporate Assets

- Implement an annual budget.
- Review annual financial statements with outside auditors.
- Define clearly who is authorized to bind the chapter.
- Seek legal and financial advice when necessary.
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**IAA Board Governance**

**Obligations**

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**Obligations – Supervise Staff**

- Supervise senior level employees, agents and consultants.

- Require submission of reports from staff and consultants.
Obligations – Maintain Confidentiality

- Directors may not disclose information about the chapter’s legitimate activities unless such information is already public.
IAA Board Governance

Obligations

Obligations – Avoid Conflicts of Interest

- Directors must fully disclose all conflicts and not participate in board vote.
- All transactions must be fair and reasonable to the organization.
- All board directors should sign the conflict of interest policy upon taking office.
IAA Events & Programs

What you will learn...

- the IAA’s Annual Activities,
- Events and Programs, and
- the IAA Awards Program.
IAA Events & Programs

Events & Programs: Annual Activities

- Arborist Certification
- Municipal Specialist
- Utility Specialist
- TRAQ
- Annual Conference
- Summer Conference
- Advanced Training
- EHAP
- SAWW
- NEMF/NWMF

- Tree City USA
- Tree Climbing Comp
- Golf Outing
- Student Field Day
- Day of Service
- Tree Planting Memorial
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**IAA Events & Programs**

**Arborist Certification**

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**ISA Arborist Certification**

- In 2020 IAA ran Arborist Certification Workshops
  - Village of Lombard, January 29 – finished virtually
  - Chicago Botanic Gardens, Feb 26 – finished virtually
  - Collinsville, March 4, 5, & 6
  - Decatur Ameren Bldg – January 18 – February 1
  - Springfield March 21 – April 4 - CANCELLED
  - Homewood, September 2 – October 28 – CANCELLED
  - Virtual Classes – August 12 -

- IAA Certification Liaison: Emily Renshaw
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**IAA Events & Programs**

**Arborist Certification**

**ISA Arborist Certification**

- In 2020 IAA hosted 12 exam dates for Certified Arborist, Municipal Specialist and Utility Specialist exams in the following areas:
  - 2/1 Decatur
  - 3/6 Collinsville
  - 6/27 Groveville
  - 7/15 Lombard
  - 7/20 Lombard
  - 7/20 Homewood
  - 7/22 Lombard
  - 10/14 Lombard
  - 10/28 Vernon Hills
  - 10/28 Homewood
  - 11/11 Zion
  - 12/9 Zion
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Events & Programs: Arborist Certification

ISA Arborist Certification

Number of 2015 Certified Arborist Certifications Held in Illinois by County
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Events & Programs: Arborist Certification

ISA Arborist Certification

Number of Municipal Specialist Certifications Held in Illinois by County

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Events & Programs: Arborist Certification

ISA Arborist Certification

Number of 2015 Utility Specialist Certifications Held in Illinois by County: 40
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Events & Programs: Arborist Certification

IAA Arborist Certification also include the following specialty certifications:

• Municipal Specialist
• Utility Specialist
• Board Certified Master Arborist

In 2020, IAA ran Municipal Specialist training in Homewood, IL September 29 – October 28.
**IAA Board Orientation**

**Events & Programs:** *Tree Risk Assessment Qualification*

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**Tree Risk Assessment Qualification**

**TRAQ**

TRAQ is an instructor-led credential that demonstrates professional knowledge in tree risk assessment through participation in a training course and passing its accompanying exam. Arborists learn a standardized, systematic process for assessing tree risk and providing information to tree owners and risk managers for making informed decisions that will promote the safety of people and property and enhance tree benefits, health, and longevity.

This qualification is valid for five (5) years. To reinstate your qualification after each five-year period, you must take a one-day refresher course and the exam.
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Events & Programs: Tree Risk Assessment Qualification

IAA Board Orientation

IAA hosted 2 TRAQ trainings and renewals in 2020.

- September 21-24 – Zion, IL
- October 26-28 in Urbana, IL
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Climbing Events
- Work Climb, Aerial Rescue, Secured Footlock, Belayed Speed Climb, Throw Line, and Masters Challenge.

Events & Programs: IAA Annual Conference

2020 was changed to a virtual conference
- 205 attendees, 37 speakers, 20 attended Monday Risk Session, 30 Students signed up for Career Fair.
- 5-Day event
- Trade Show with 22 virtual Exhibitors, 8 Career Fair Booths
- Awards
- New Board members announced
- TREE Fund Raffle
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Climbing Events

Events & Programs: IAA Summer Conference

Typically held in June and was virtual in 2020

- Held in Central Illinois, was created to take place of the Annual Conference going to Central Illinois every third year.
- 96 attendees.
- July 13-16
The Illinois Arborist Association has developed a rigorous training program for Certified Arborists. The training program builds on the topics of the initial certification program and offers in-depth study including local details.

The Program consists of four domains:
- Tree Site and Selection
- Pest Diagnosis
- Tree Worker
- Urban Forestry
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Events & Programs: Advanced Training

In 2020 we ran the following Advanced Training Classes

**Tree Work Domain:**
- Rigging Level 1 – July 29 & 30 in Niles, IL
- Rigging Level 1 – September 15 & 16 in Zion, IL
- Rigging & Felling – September 22 & 23 in Niles, IL

**Urban Forestry Domain:**
- Tree Risk Assessment – November 30, virtually
Events & Programs: Advanced Training

In 2020, we did not run EHAP.

Typically, EHAP is run as a Monday session during our Annual Conference.
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Events & Programs: SAWW

Sawyers and Woodworkers Training (SAWW)

- In 2020 we ran one (1) SAWW Class for the Student Conservation Association (SCA) on October 13 & 14.
- SAWW Training is an umbrella organization that promotes safe and efficient chainsaw use, both professionally and recreationally, and oversees the development of training curriculums and the training of trainers. SAWW Certified Trainers are experts in their field. They are required to have extensive sawing experience, to participate in a rigorous certification process, and to refresh their skills in an annual training course. Certified Trainers stay current in regulation changes, and in safety and utilization techniques.
- There are 4 SAWW Levels of Training
- Cost: $1000 Annual for IAA to deliver SAWW Training to our members
- IAA Trainers are Don Roppolo and Aaron Meyer
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### Climbing Events

- Work Climb
- Aerial Rescue
- Belayed Speed Climb
- Throw Line
- Masters Challenge

### Events & Programs: North East/West Municipal Forester Luncheons

#### North East/West Municipal Forester Luncheons

- **Worth 2 CEUS**
- **Free unless you want lunch**
- Great for networking

### IAA Board Orientation

The IAA Municipal Directors are in charge of running monthly luncheons with guest speakers for the municipal members.

**Third Thursday of every month**

- Worth 2 CEUS
- Free unless you want lunch
- Great for networking
Events & Programs: *Tree City USA*

IAA runs two Tree City USA Awards Ceremony in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the National Arbor Day Foundation. The 2020 Tree City USA Award Ceremony was cancelled due to COVID

- Typically run in Northern and Central Illinois
- Guest speakers and awards are handed out
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Climbing Events
Work Climb, Aerial Rescue, Secured Footlock, Belayed Speed Climb, Throw Line, and the Master’s Challenge.

The IAA Tree Climbing Championship was cancelled due to COVID. Eduardo Medina and Don Roppolo are the chairs for this committee.

Events & Programs: Tree Climbing Competition

ITCC Overview
- Annual Event
- Winners compete at International
- Represent the IAA
- Compete in Denmark 2022

Climbing Events
- Work Climb
- Aerial Rescue
- Belayed Speed Climb
- Throw Line
- Master’s Challenge
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Climbing Events

Events & Programs: IAA Student Field Day

IAA Student Field Day

Cancelled due to COVID.

IAA, IFA, SIU and U of I host a three-day Forestry Summer Camp and recruitment opportunity in Dixon Springs, IL. Students participate in hands-on tree climbing, chainsaw use and safety, aerial lift demonstrations, chipper and equipment demonstrations, as well as invasive species ID and control.

Companies are invited to sponsor and help train students.

Typically, 30 students attend
In 2020, the IAA held its second Day of Service for Farnsworth House in Plano, IL. Todd Haefke is the chair of this committee.

- **28 Volunteers** completed pruning, scrub honeysuckle, buckthorn, dead and dying trees along walking paths. Removed hazard split ash.
- **Calculated final work estimated at $30,000.00**
- **Participants:** Alta Equipment, American Tree & Turf, Busted Knuckles, Davey Tree Experts, Kramer Tree Specialists, Russo Power Equipment, Tom Morrison, Norm Hall, Todd Haefke
In 2020 we hosted our second Tree Planting Memorial. IAA has an area designated as our Memorial area at Rotary Park in Springfield, IL. Greenview Company donates the Trees for the IAA Memorial service. Aaron Schulz is the Chair for this committee.

- 2019 Memorial for William Bolt Jr. and Earl Throop
- 2020 Memorial for Joseph Kramer and James Schuster
Nominations are due July 2, 2021

The **IAA Award** program consists of 5 awards designed to recognize outstanding contributions to urban forestry...

The Program consists the following awards:
- Award of Merit
- Honorary Life Membership
- Gold Leaf
- Special Recognition
- William Bolt Jr. Volunteer of the Year
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Award of Merit

The Award of Merit is the highest honor bestowed by the Chapter. It is given in recognition of outstanding service in advancing the principles, ideals, and practices of arboriculture. The award is granted only to active or senior members of the Chapter that have made material contributions to arboriculture, either through work in the organization, research, field practice, or promotion. The award is limited to one individual annually.
Climbing Events
- Work Climb
- Aerial Rescue
- Secured Footlock
- Belayed Speed Climb
- Throw Line
- Masters Challenge

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Award of Merit Recipients

- **2020**: Bryon Doerr
- **2016**: Dr. Fredric Miller
- **2015**: Mike Robinson
- **2011**: Jeff Brink
- **2009**: Sandy Clark
- **2008**: Mike Brunk
- **2007**: Todd Kramer
- **2006**: John Morell
- **2004**: Bob Benjamin
- **2002**: Steve Ruffolo
- **2001**: Bill Kruidenier
- **2000**: Jim Appleby
- **1998**: Larry Hall
- **1997**: Dr. Gary Watson
- **1996**: Harold "Hal" Robson
- **1995**: Dennis W. Ceplecha
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**Honorary Life Membership Award**

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- Work Climb
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Honorary Life Membership Recipients

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Gold Leaf Award

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Gold Leaf Award Recipients

2020  Michael & Kendra Eiermann
2018  ComEd
2015  Village of Maywood & Sterling Lumber
2013  U of I Master Gardeners and Homewood
2013  Kerr School
2011  Urbana Park District
2010  Adam Middleton
2009  Jim Tresouthick
2008  Chris Canning
2007  Capstone Custom Homes
2006  City of Naperville
2006  Winfield United
2005  Karl Persons
2004  Scott DeRoss
2003  Com Ed Vegetation Management Dept
2003  Bryan Johns
2002  Connor and Jo Shaw, Possibility Nursery
2003  Bartlett Tree Experts
2001  Urbana Park District
1998  City of Champaign
1997  Mayor Richard M. Daley
1997  Suburban Tree Consortium
1997  Urbana Park District
1996  Glen Ellyn Manor Park Enhancement Committee

1995  The Morton Arboretum
1995  Oak Lawn Park District
1995  Bensenville Garden Club
1994  Steve Partyka
1994  Busey Bank
1993  Ralph K. Sieber
1992  Will Smith
1992  Jim Secklemann
1991  Urbana Park District
1990  Michael & Kendra Eiermann
1989  Champaign County Community Development Committee
1988  Edith Makra. OpenLands
1988  Chicago Park District
1987  Village of LaGrange
1986  Sandra Forgacs (Clark)
1986  Larry Nauman
1986  Daughters of the American Revolution
1986  Marilyn K. Alaimo
1985  Bruno Schilzeth
1984  Father Edward Hughes
1983  Dr. George Ware
1982  Carl K. Alaimo
1982  Busey Bank
1981  Maurice E. Elam
1980  Urbana Park District
1979  Robert E. Fagan
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1978  Father John M. Jordan
1977  Village of Maywood
1976  Glen Ellyn Manor Park Enhancement Committee
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Special Recognition Award

The *Special Recognition Award* was initiated to honor those individuals whose efforts in support of urban forestry and arboriculture are worthy of special consideration.
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Special Recognition Recipients

2015  Don Roppolo
2015  Norm Hall
2013  Kerstin Von der Heide
2013  Jim Semelka
2013  Bryant Scharenbroch
2013  Jim Schuster
2012  Thomas Dilley
2011  Cal Williams
2010  Eric Duchinsky
2010  Derek Vannice
2009  Steve Ludwig

2008  Heather Green
2008  Chad Toney
2007  Todd Kramer
2006  Matt Dziedzic
2006  Gerard Dziuba
2006  Kramer Tree Specialists
2006  Gary Watson
2005  Harvey Holt
2005  Gary Swick
2005  Jim Tresouthick
2004  Edith Makra
2003  Eduardo Medina
2002  Norm Hall
2002  Michael Dirksen
2002  USDA, APHIS, PPQ
2002  USDA, Forest Service
2002  City of Chicago, D.S.S. Bureau Forestry
2002  Illinois Department of Agriculture
2002  Todd Kramer
2001  Dan Klindera
2001  James Reynolds
2001  Bill Thompson
2000  Rex Bastian

1998  Reinee Hildebrandt
1996  Lawrence R. “Larry” Hall
1996  Guy Sternberg
1996  Michael Dirksen
1995  Michael Spravka
1994  Timothy W. Schuenke
1993  Suzanne Malec-Hoerr
1990  John Dwyer
1989  Pat O’ Leary
1989  Tom Morrison
1989  Mike Rainan
1989  Keith Myers
1989  John Scalf
1989  Robert Scalf
1989  Michael Dirksen
1989  Larry Webber
1988  Tere O’ Rourke
1987  Al Mickelson
1987  James Zindel
1987  Jon Zindel
1987  Paul Buzan
1987  Mike Leaf
1987  Mark Laatsch
1986  Diane Nelson
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**William Bolt Jr. Volunteer of the Year Award**

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2016  William Bolt, Jr.
2020  Norm Hall
2020  Chad Toney
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