2020 was a year that challenged us as an organization and as members. The year started off strong with big strategic initiatives and then COVID-19 arrived. At that point, we had to find a way to still deliver the member benefits but in a whole new way.

First, staff moved quickly to work remotely.
Second, we offered online quizzes and e-learning to help members obtain their CEUs.
Third, we moved our training and conferences to virtual platforms.
Fourth, we offered testing in reduced capacity to keep the industry growing.

It definitely was a strange year! The IAA Board of Directors stepped up to make the changes needed to keep our programs as close to normal as possible. I would like to thank Jake Miesbauer for his excellent leadership as IAA President during this unexpected time.

April Toney
Executive Director
Illinois Arborist Association
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We hosted 4 Arborist Certification Classes at the following locations

The Village of Lombard in Lombard – started January 29 and finished virtually

The Chicago Botanic Gardens in Glencoe – started February 26 and finished virtually

Metro East Parks & Rec District in Collinsville -- March 4, 5, 6

The Decatur Library in Decatur – January 18 – February 1

Homewood Landscape Bldg in Homewood March 4 – April 29

King Tree Specialists in Groveland – June 6, 13 and 27th

Virtual Classes August 8

72 people completed the classes
During calendar year 2020, Illinois had 109 candidates take the Arborist exam and 5 candidates take the Municipal Specialist exam. We hosted 12 exams with reduced capacity to follow COVID-19 guidelines in the following areas:

2/1 Decatur
3/6 Collinsville
6/27 Groveland
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
During 2020, IAA held two Full TRAQ Courses and one Renewal Course. Classes were hosted in Zion, IL on September 21-24 with the renewal on September 24th. Classes were hosted in Urbana, IL on October 26-28 with no renewal class. 33 total people took the TRAQ Course and 9 people took the TRAQ Renewal Course.
ILLINOIS CREDENTIALING

1627 Certified Arborists

38 Board Certified Master Arborists

64 Municipal Specialists

200 TRAQ

83 Utility Specialists

48 CTW Climber Specialists

3 CTW Aerial Lift Specialists
2020 IAA SUMMER CONFERENCE

Held on July 13-16, 2020 Virtually
96 Attendees

2020 IAA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Held on November 30 – December 4, 2020 Virtually
205 Attendees, 37 Speakers, 22 Virtual Exhibitors,
8 Career Fair Booths.
SAWYERS AND WOOD WORKERS (SAWW)

On October 13 & 14 - 12 people from the Student Conservation Association went through levels 1 & 2 of the SAWW Program.
ADVANCED TRAINING

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
DAY OF SERVICE

IAA hosted its 2nd Day of Service for Farnsworth House in Plano, IL.

- **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 for Joseph Kramer and James Schuster. IAA has an area designated as our Memorial area at Rotary Park in Springfield, IL. Green View donates the Trees for the IAA Memorial service.

Committee Chair: Aaron Schulz.
Honorary Life Membership
Don Roppolo

William Bolt Jr. Volunteer of the Year Award
Norm Hall
Chad Toney

Gold Leaf Award
Michael & Kendra Eiermann
Jean Burridge

Award of Merit
Bryon Doerr

Special Recognition
Michael Collins
Eric Hendrickson
Roger Smith
TREE FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

2020 Funds raised and donated to the Larry Hall Endowment $3660

The Larry Hall Endowment is now complete at $100,380 and can start awarding $5000 in scholarships in Spring of 2022.
DNR PARTNERSHIP

TOTAL 641 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE IAA EVENTS IN 2020 (THIS NUMBER DOES NOT INCLUDE EXAMINATIONS). 159 COMMUNITIES SERVED.

Illinois Arborist Project Deliverables per Executed Agreement for 1st Quarter
- IDNR/state/community training - NEMF - Reforestation
- Spring certification workshops – 6 offered.
- Web-based work – “How To” series e-learning started.

Illinois Arborist Project Deliverables per Executed Agreement for 2nd Quarter
- Web work and e-learning Chainsaw Maintenance developed.

Illinois Arborist Project Deliverables per Executed Agreement for 3rd Quarter
- Summer Conference - completed
- Strike Team Training – and TRAQ completed together.
- Tree Risk Assessment (TRAQ) training

Illinois Arborist Project Deliverables per Executed Agreement for 4th Quarter
- Fall Conference: topics to include tree care, disease/pest updates, forest health, safety, utility, inventory, pruning and Spanish sessions. Completed
- Video library of 28 Videos created from fall conference topics, Spanish training and additional e-learning series.
# Illinois Arborist Association 2020 Finances

### Revenue & Income

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