Illinois Arborist Association
Call for Nominations 2023

Illinois Arborist Association is looking for dependable people to run for the Board of Directors. If you are interested, please take a moment to read the responsibilities and submit the form attached.

**Vice President**
The Vice President shall assist the President, and, in the event of the absence disability of both the President and the President-Elect, shall perform his/her duties. He/She shall serve as chairperson of the Chapter Membership Committee. This is a four-year term consisting of Vice President, President Elect, President, and Past President. The Vice President will moderate open sessions during the annual conference.

**Commercial Director**
The Commercial Director shall become familiar with prevailing problems of the commercial arborists in the Chapter area and lend support to the development of solutions to these problems. Help secure speakers for the commercial track of the annual conference. Moderate the commercial track at the annual conference. Provide articles that would be of interest to your constituents for the Illinois Trees newsletter. This is a two-year term beginning at the Annual Meeting.

**Industrial Director**
The Industrial Director shall work with the program committee to ensure that there are vendors to attend and support the IAA Annual Meeting, and to help secure sponsorship for all annual IAA events. This is a two-year term beginning at the Annual Meeting.

**Municipal Director**
The Municipal Director shall become familiar with the prevailing problems encountered in municipal arboriculture/urban forestry in the Chapter area and lend its support to the development of solutions to these problems. A monthly luncheon for education and social contacts with the Chicago-area urban foresters (NEMF) and Moline area urban foresters (NWMF) should be continued. Assistance and promotion of other area gathering should be offered. Help secure speakers for the municipal track of the Annual Meeting. Moderate the municipal track at the Annual Meeting. Provide articles that would be of interest to your constituents for the Illinois Trees newsletter. This is a two-year term beginning at the Annual Meeting.

**Research Director**
The Research Director shall seek ways and means to initiate and further scientific investigation of the various problems of arboriculture and/or allies supporting disciplines and shall prepare publications and compile information of interest and value. They will help secure speakers for the General Session of the Annual Meeting. They will prepare an educational exhibit for the Annual Meeting. This is a two-year term beginning at the Annual Meeting.
Utility Director
The Utility Director shall become familiar with the prevailing problems encountered by public utility arborists in the Chapter area and lend its support to the development of solutions to these problems. They shall provide one article per year for the Illinois Trees newsletter. They will help secure speakers for the utility track of the Annual Meeting as well as moderate the utility track at the Annual Meeting. They will assist in obtaining utility contractor sponsorship for IAA events. This is a two-year term beginning at the Annual Meeting.

Meeting Attendance
When elected, new Board members will attend a half-day orientation and Strategic Planning session with the Board of Directors. The Board meets bi-monthly, and all meeting dates are established at the first board meeting of the year. Board members are expected to attend most primary member events (e.g., major meetings and Annual Meeting) and as many secondary events (e.g., ITCC, Golf Outing, Seminars) as feasible.

Leadership Expectations

- Board members must be qualified, informed, and experienced representatives that exemplify the highest standards of professional ethics, volunteerism, and commitment to the association and its related profession.
- Board members are expected to take an active role in all member activities and attend as many major meetings as feasible.
- Board members are expected to fulfill their liaison assignments.
- Board members are expected to engage, participate, and contribute to discussions and debates. They should volunteer for special assignments and task forces as needed.
- Board members should be strategic thinkers and look at the "big picture" of the IAA's vision, mission, and strategic initiatives, free of “private agendas.”

Questions?
If you have any questions regarding board service, contact the Nominating Committee Chair, Aaron Schulz - aaron@oakbrottrees.com or April Toney 877-617-8887 – april@illinoisarborist.org. Your inquiry will be confidential.