

Illinois Arborist Association **Call for Nominations 2024**

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 Donation Committee. The Vice President also serves as a member of the Executive Committee. This is a four-year term consisting of Vice President, President Elect, President and Past President.

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.

The Commercial Director will work with the senior Commercial Director to help organize and enhance the "Tree Biz Social" events, a quarterly gathering that blends education and social networking for arborists. It involves identifying engaging educational topics, speakers, and suitable locations to make this event a success. The Commercial Director will leverage their network and creativity to find venues such as breweries or restaurants that provide an inviting atmosphere for learning and networking. The Commercial Director also plays a role in identifying relevant speakers and compelling topics for commercial break out sessions at the Annual Conference & Trade Show. 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. The Municipal Director will work with the senior Municipal Director to help organize and enhance the monthly municipal gatherings that blends education and social networking for urban foresters. It involves identifying engaging educational topics, speakers, and suitable locations to make this event a success. The Municipal Director also plays a role in identifying relevant speakers and compelling topics for municipal break out sessions at the Annual Conference & Trade Show. 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 dates are established at the first board meeting of the year. Board members are expected to attend 75% of the board meetings and most primary member events (e.g., major meetings and Annual Meeting) and as many secondary events (e.g., ITCC, Golf Outing, Seminars) as feasible.

To read more about the job descriptions follow this link: <https://illinoisarborist.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/BOD-Job-Descriptions-Final.pdf>

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."
- Board members are expected to conduct themselves with the un-conflicted loyalty to the interests of the Association and the membership. The accountability supersedes any conflicting loyalty such as that to advocacy or interest groups and membership on other Boards or staffs. It also supersedes the personal interest of any Board Member acting as a consumer of the organization's services.

Questions?

If you have any questions regarding board service, contact the Nominating Committee Chair, Tony Dati aad@vniles.com or April Toney 877-617-8887, april@illinoisarborist.org. Your inquiry will be confidential.

Nomination Application for the Illinois Arborist Association's Board of Directors

All nominees must complete this form and email it to the April Toney by July 12th, 2024. **One-page (single-sided) page is permitted per question if you need additional space. You can also fill this form out online.** All information will be confidential and reviewed only by the nominating committee.

Email to: april@illinoisarborist.org

The Nominating Committee will announce its candidates for officer and director positions by August 2, 2024. The elected candidate will take office on the first day of the 2024 IAA Annual Conference & Trade Show that takes place at the Tinley Park Convention Center.

I. NOMINEE IDENTIFICATION

Your Name _____

Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____ E-mail _____

I have reviewed the IAA bylaws and Nominating Committee comments regarding service on the Board of Directors board. I agree to the purpose, mission and goals of the IAA and understand the requirements and protocol of Board service. If nominated and elected, I shall fulfill the expectations of the IAA Board Members to my best ability. I (and/or my employer) will support the time, travel, and minimal travel expenses to fulfill the expectations of IAA Board Members.

Nominee's Signature _____ Date _____

Submit this document by email or fax by July 12, 2024 to: April Toney at april@illinoisarborist.org