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## President's Letter

Dear IAA Members,

As a long-time admirer of the work that our organization does, I look forward to this year as your president. As a board member, I particularly enjoy seeing the dedication and commitment to tree care displayed by our members at our annual day of service as well as at our climbing day.

Your board has a busy year planned with lots of events and opportunities to learn new things in our industry. The next one up (Victor Merullo on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at Drake) promises to be a good one and is relevant to anyone who is involved in tree care. It's not often that we get a chance for 8 hours of legal consultation at this price. I hope to see you all there!

Since we have joined up with the Iowa Arboretum, they have asked us to host a kids climbing day at their Arbor Day Celebration on April 25<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome and if you like to help out, we would appreciate that. Speaking of climbing, we are exploring new venues for our annual climbing day. We have narrowed it down to either the Iowa Arboretum or somewhere in Iowa City.

We'll be sure to let you know once the decision has been made.

For those of you who were unable to attend the annual conference up in Ames, we voted to increase our membership dues for the professional to 50 dollars and we are creating a fiscal year that runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. For those of you who signed up already, your membership will run until July 1<sup>st</sup> 2016.

Next and probably more importantly, the IAA is exploring the possibility of Iowa becoming our own ISA Chapter. This means that we would no longer be part of the Midwest ISA. I would like to stress that this not because of any disagreement or inability to get along but rather looking at new avenues for the IAA to grow. If this comes to pass and Iowa does become its own chapter, what would that mean for our members? Simply that all the benefits one receives from being members of the MWISA would now be received through us. There would be no cost increase associated with this, nor any extra requirements from you.

I have contacted the ISA and made inquiries

into what is required to make this happen. They were more than helpful and sent out some information for us to review. We will be exploring this further at our next board meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup> in Williamsburg. As always, you are welcome to attend. If you need directions or would like a copy of what the ISA sent out, let me know.

I know that was a lot of information so be sure to check out our website for updates on things as they progress.

I hope you all have a safe and productive season in 2015!

Thank you,

Brandt Jelken



## Business Meeting

IAA Annual Business Meeting  
Shade Tree Short Course  
2/25/15

25 in attendance at the start of the meeting.

Meeting called to order at 5:13 pm.

- Terry Robinson motioned to waive the reading of last business meeting minutes and accept as is.
- Steven Pregler 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Motion passed.

Although awards were not present, those receiving awards were acknowledged; Michele Shradar for her time as treasurer, the President's award which was awarded to Brandt Jelken, and the Outgoing President award given to Todd Reese as he finished his term as past-president this year.

At this time, outgoing President Scott Carlson passed the meeting over to incoming President Brandt Jelken.

- Nominations for the positions of President-elect (Mindy Charron), Secretary (Chip Murrow), NE Rep. (Todd Fagan) and Rep. at Large (Rachel Deskins) were running unopposed.
- Terry Robinson motioned an acclamation to award the election to those unopposed.
- Patty Petersen 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Motion passed.

With Mindy being elected as the President-elect, Tom Corbitt was nominated to replace her as the SW Rep.

- Todd Reese motioned to make Tom Corbitt the SW Rep. since there was no opposition.
- Mindy Charron 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Motion passed.

Brandt Jelken brought up the proposition of raising the dues for professional membership from \$25 to \$50.

Todd Reese explained the need to raise the dues:

- 1) Donations kept us afloat this last year.
  - 2) Necessary needs
    - a. Insurance
    - b. Own Climbing Equipment
    - c. Website
- Mindy Charron motioned to raise the professional member dues from \$25 to \$50 for 2016.
  - Robert Koczela 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 6:13 pm.





# Treasurer's Report

Date	Deposit	Description	Withdraw	Check number	description	Ending Balance
9/8/14	\$4,489.59	Beginning Balance				
9/8/14			\$2.50		Service fee	
9/8/14			\$0.18		Tax	
9/9/14			\$150.00	2127	Check	
9/12/14	\$715.00	Intuit deposit				
9/12/14			\$26.81		Intuit fee	
9/11/14			\$1,050.00	2128	Check	
9/12/14	\$730.00	Intuit deposit				
9/12/14			\$27.38		Intuit fee	
9/26/14	\$1,710.00	Intuit deposit				
9/26/14			\$62.89		Intuit fee	
10/30/14			\$75.89	2129	Check	
11/4/14			\$570.00	2130	Check	
11/5/14			\$2.50		service fee	
			\$0.18		tax	
10/14/14	\$1,630.00	Deposit				
10/14/14			\$450.00	2136		
10/14/14			\$91.61	2134		
10/15/14			\$188.36	2131		
10/20/14			\$210.34	2135		
10/30/14	\$1,198.00					
11/4/14			\$3,605.84	2139	check	
11/5/14			\$128.91	2138	check	
11/7/14			\$2.50		service fee	
11/7/14			\$0.18		tax	
11/24/14	\$200.00	Deposit				
12/5/15			\$2.50		service fee	
12/5/15			\$0.18		tax	
12/12/15			\$153.08	2140		
12/29/15			\$5.05	2141		
1/8/15			\$2.50		service fee	
1/8/15			\$0.18		tax	
1/15/15	\$37.00	Deposit				
1/18/15			\$362.50	check by phone	Insurance	
Totals	\$10,709.59		\$7,172.06			\$3,537.53

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## Kid's Climbing Class

We will be hosting a kid's climbing class at the Iowa Arboretum during their Arbor Day Celebration on, April 25<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help out, we would appreciate it. Check out the IAA website for more information.



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**President**  
Brandt Jelkin

**President-Elect**  
Mindy Charron

**Past President**  
Scott Carlson

**Treasurer**  
Todd Reese

**Secretary**  
Chip Murrow

**Northeast Representative**  
Todd Fagen

**Northwest Representative**  
Jason Brauckman

**Southeast Representative**  
Andy Dahl

**Southwest Representative**  
Tom Corbitt

**Representative at Large #1**  
Guy Gibson

**Representative at Large #2**  
Rachel Deskins

**ISA Liaison**  
Matt Brewer

## Congratulations Andy Dahl

Congratulations to IAA's own Andy Dahl for the great profile in ISA True Professionals of Arboriculture article in AN. Nice work Andy!



## Congratulations Mindy Charron

Congratulations to Mindy Charron who made history by becoming the first woman in Iowa to become a Board Certified Master Arborist (and only the fifth person in Iowa)!



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*See us at:*

[www.iowaarboristassociation.org](http://www.iowaarboristassociation.org)

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