



About ISA Ontario

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The International Society of Arboriculture Ontario Inc. (ISAO) is a not-for-profit chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) serving the needs of people interested in the health

and care of trees. The Chapter has been in existence for over 50 years and has grown from membership numbers in the 50s to over 600. The International Society of Arboriculture grants specific locations chapter status and also provides guidance and organizational advice. The Chapter essentially runs independent of International and to accomplish this it has created a set of constitutional bylaws and policy and procedures to ensure that its organization runs smoothly and within the boundaries of the requirements of International.

Our Mission

Our mission statement is: "To enhance and promote the care and benefits of trees for

present and future generations in Ontario through education, research and awareness." The Chapter attempts to fulfill this mission by providing educational opportunities, publications and a source of research regarding arboricultural and urban forestry topics.

Organizational Structure

The Chapter is a volunteer organization with one paid service contract looking after our financial and administrative functions and another in charge of our magazine, website and other promotional materials. The Chapter organization consists of 11 volunteer Board members with a single President to guide and support the Board. The organizational function of the executive side of the Board is through a series of position rotations. The President position is rotated through the board members and at this time is a two-year appointment. The ISAO Executive Board is contained within the board structure consisting of a Vice President, Immediate Past President, a President Elect and a President.

The flow of the structure has the President Elect supporting for two years and able to step in should the President not be able to fulfill his/her commitment. As stated, the President guides and supports the Board for two years. Once that President's term is complete, the President Elect moves into the President's position with the President moving to the Past President position. The Vice President is the only position that has not been moved through the organization. This position has traditionally been used as a source of continuity to ensure that the Chapter Executive has historical support and information in their decision-making.

Volunteer-Based

The Chapter has many volunteer committees that provide educational opportunities for the public and our members as well as a source of fund raising. The committees typically have a Board liaison appointed to them plus a number of volunteers from the arboricultural community providing the human resources to do the work. For instance, the Educational Committee is responsible for putting on an annual conference, several yearly workshops and the annual general meeting. This committee is the main funds generator for the Chapter.

Another committee looks after the Tree Climb competition. This annual event is a great opportunity for workers of the trade to show off their skills and competitive spirit as well as promote the industry of arboriculture to the general public. All of these committees run on a volunteer basis and funds needed to run the events are approved through the Board.

Member Resources/Outreach

ISAO organizes certification workshops and exams throughout the year. ISAO also has an award-winning magazine that is published bimonthly. The *Ontario Arborist* presents Chapter news and events as well as providing topical articles related to the arboricultural field. Our website was overhauled completely in 2011 and is an excellent industry resource and contains forms to register for membership and ISAO events.