

Atlantic Arborist



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President's Message

As your president for the next two years, my goals for my term of office include cleaning up of a number of outstanding issues that have been carried forward for the past several years and to enhance the exposure of arborists and people working in the tree care industry through out the Atlantic Region. With the Tree Protection spec I am introducing to the N.S. Joint Standards Committee on behalf of Landscape Nova Scotia, I'm recommending an inclusion that Certified Arborists be involved in monitoring tree planting and tree preservation work in municipal construction projects. It's time we took our place along with the engineers, landscape architects and other professionals.



Stan Kochanoff, MCIP, LPP, RCA # 427

About your President

I make no apologies, I am a CFA (come from away) from Niagara Falls, Ontario, came to Nova Scotia in 1970. My background includes: a diploma in Ornamental Horticulture from the Niagara Parks Commission School of Horticulture, a BS degree from Cornell University in Ornamental Horticulture and Landscape Design and a masters degree in Urban & Rural Planning from TUNS (now Dalhousie University).

I became a Certified ISA Arborist in 1993 and a Registered Consulting Arborist through the ASCA (American Society of Consulting Arborists program in 2004. I was the first RCA in Atlantic Canada and

one of six in Canada. This year I received the designation of LPP (a Licensed Professional Planner of Nova Scotia) as a member of LPPANS. I work as a private consultant with my own company, Environova Planning Group Inc. and operate a tree moving Specialty Company and tree farm under Maritime Landscape Services Ltd. in the Annapolis Valley.

I am no stranger to organizations and over the past 35 years I have presided over a number of landscape and horticultural industry organizations. These include being the president of Landscape Nova Scotia, Landscape Atlantic, Canadian Nursery Landscape Association (CNLA), Canadian Ornamental Plant Foundation(COPF) and The Nova Scotia Greenhouse Growers Association. I look forward to the challenge of working with our board members and serving the ISA-Atlantic Chapter over the next two years.

Sincerely,

Stan Kochanoff,
President
ISA Atlantic Chapter

ISA Atlantic Executive 2008

At last September's ISA Atlantic-Chapter's AGM held in conjunction with "The Communities in Bloom" Conference in Moncton elections were held and the following are your executive and board of directors for 2008:

President: Stan Kochanoff, Falmouth, NS
Past President: Dan Hicks, Moncton, NB
Vice president: Dan Leblanc, Moncton, NB
Secretary: Jim Urbanowsky, Fredericton, NB
Treasurer: Cathy Phelan, Halifax, NS

Directors - 2008

NB: Neil Trebble, Fredericton, NB 2 yr term
NS: Grant O'Brien, Halifax, NS 1 yr, term
PEI: Kurt Laird, Charlottetown, PEI 1 yr. term
NFLD: David Evans, St. Johns, NFld 1 yr, term

Directors at large:

Martin Walsh, Kennetcook, NS 1 yr. term
Kris Gaudet, Saint John, NB 1 yr. term

Brian Phelan, Halifax, NS is our ISA- International Director and Certification Chairman. Brian is our chapter liaison and represents us at ISA board meetings. Tracey MacKenzie is our educational chair and liaison with NSAC. . John Denovan was again appointed the chapter chair for the 2008 TCC in Charlottetown PEI

Director's Report – Fall AGM 2007

Our keynote speaker for our AGM was noted Urban Forest Researcher, David Nowak from the USDA Forest Service in Syracuse, New York. David gave two presentations, the first in conjunction with the opening session of The National Symposium on Parks and Grounds/ Communities in Bloom “Quantifying Ecosystem Services and Values of Urban Forests” and then conducted a two and half hour workshop on his current research, work including an update on I-Tree inventory and UFORE programs to our membership. On Friday morning after our AGM, Dan Leblanc and Dan Hicks arranged a varied group of speakers including Diane Amirault and Ian Langlois from the Dept. of Environment and the Canadian Wildlife Service who spoke on the “The Species at Risk Act”. Our own Jim Urbanowsky of NB Power gave a presentation of Utility Pruning Challenges’, Outgoing president and AGM host, Dan Hicks spoke on “What’s new in our neck of the woods /Moncton” and the session wrapped up with a heavy session of “Industrial Safety Standards, Past, Present & Future’ presented by Ian Langois.

Our annual banquet was held at the Beaver Curling Club and everyone enjoyed a fine meal and good fellowship.

Atlantic TCC 2007

On Saturday, September 22nd. Our annual Tree Climbing Championship was held at Moncton’s Victoria Park under the able direction of our TCC chairman, John Denovan and our city of Moncton hosts (Dan, Dan & staff). The weather was gorgeous for our contestants, sunny and warm .

A surprise winner was newcomer, Matt Follett who had just moved to Halifax from Seattle, Washington. Matt qualified in the top five of the competitors and then finished first in the Master’s competition placing ahead of former champions, Joey Peters, Trevor Burton, Dan Leblanc and Keenan Jewett. Matt is currently working part-time in Halifax with “Treeworks”, taking some courses at Dalhousie where his lady partner is working on a Ph D research project for the university.



Our congratulations go out to Matt for winning the event and the right to represent the Chapter at the ITTC in ST.Louis Miss. in July. Best of luck to Matt.

The competition and awards afterwards were a total success with 15 competitors. A lot of familiar faces and a few new ones as well. I would like to thank all the volunteers and sponsors that helped with the event and our host city for allowing us the opportunity to hold the event in such a wonderful location. The response from the local media was positive which brought a lot of attention to the event from the general public. We hope to see everyone in Charlottetown P.E.I. next year.

Sincerely,
Danny LeBlanc, Host committee

2008 Activities

Our first board meeting of 2008 was held in Sackville, NB at NB Power's office on September 24, 2008. We had a great meeting, excellent attendance (all but three) and a lot got accomplished. We've drawn up an Action Plan for the year and the board have committed to cleaning up a number of items that have been carried forward for a number of years. Before too long our web site should be launched with some help from ISA International. Things are proceeding with the acquisition of a trailer, sponsorships for the trailer, a new display booth and the purchase of new climbing gear for our TCC competitions.

A new initiative to promote our chapter in Newfoundland and Labrador is being undertaken by our vice president Dan Leblanc and our NB director, Neil Trebble. Dan & Neil are working on a tree care workshop they will present at a Turf Grass conference in St. Johns around the middle of March.

Our spring meeting will be held in Halifax and hosted by HRM. The tentative dates are April 26 th or May 3/08 and rumor has it we may get a glimpse about what's going on with HRM's Urban Forest Management Plan which they are undertaking in-house. We should have a confirmation on the date shortly and it will be an all-day Saturday affair with some outside activities as well.

ISA Atlantic is on the move!

That's right folks, your Atlantic Chapter has just purchased a shiny new all aluminum enclosed cargo trailer. This unit will be able to house all of our gear and propaganda that is required to host our annual Tree Climbing Championships as well as any chapter training functions. The trailer will be based out of Moncton and be outfitted with all of our chapter equipment so that the next TCC will be such a smooth and efficient set up, you'll be amazed. We have solicited funding from some of our local suppliers and affiliations and offered them advertising space on the sides in exchange so you won't miss it when it shows up on site. If you would like to see your company logo on the side please contact Stan Kochanoff at

environova@ns.sympatico.ca for more details. If you need to have the unit on site for any ISA Atlantic functions please contact Dan Hicks at Dan.Hicks@Moncton.ca to arrange a pick up or delivery.



Upcoming Events/Notices

2008 Spring Meeting

When: April 26th, 2008

Where: St. Mary's Boat Club
Halifax, NS

Agenda: 9:00 am - Meeting
10:00 am - Break
10:15 am - Seminar
12:00 pm - Lunch Provided
1:00 pm - Point Pleasant Park
Tour

Fee: No Charge

2008 AGM and TCC

When: September 11 - 13th, 2008

Where: Charlottetown, PEI

Agenda: Sept 11th - General Meeting
Sept 12th - Seminars
Sept 13th - TCC

Fee: TBA

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