

DAKOTA Chapter of ISA Newsletter

President's Message

Aaron Kiesz
Dakotas Chapter President



Greetings Dakotas ISA members:

It may be hard to believe, but we are nearing our upcoming conference in January! Our 2nd annual conference will be held again in Aberdeen at the Dakota Event Center (DEC) January 24-26. Last year we had an outstanding lineup of speakers, vendors, door prizes and attendees. We want this conference to be even better! Registration is open and the

program is set, so check it out on our website for additional information! The North American climbing competition was held in St. Paul MN this year. Because the location was so close to our chapter, we felt it was important to send a representative. Brandon Erwin of Wright Tree Service represented us well at the competition. Next spring we plan to host a regional climbing workshop/competition. Be on the lookout for more information at our 2023 conference.

Hope everyone has been having a great year and enjoying the wonderful fall colors. See you in January.

Aaron Kiesz - President

Interested in serving on a committee?

The Dakota ISA board is looking for arborists and urban foresters to serve on the board or volunteer on committees. We need members who are willing to help with our 2023 tree climbing competition and assist in organizing training opportunities for our members throughout the Dakotas. Please contact John Ball at john.Ball@sdstate.edu if interested.



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The ISA 2022 North American Tree Climbing Competition: We were represented!



The North American Tree Climbing Championship (NATCC) was held in St. Paul Minnesota from August 5 to 7, 2022. This is an annual event that brings the best climbers from Canada, Mexico and the United States together to compete in climbing events. The 2022 events were aerial rescue, speed climb, secured footlock, throw line and a work climb. The winner of the NATCC moves on to compete in the international competition.

The competition began in the mid-70s as the Climber Jamboree and was held in cities throughout North America— including Bismarck back in. It has expanded since and now the competition is international. This was the first opportunity for the Dakota Chapter to have a competitor in the event. We were represented by Brandon Erwin of Wright's Tree Service. We appreciate Brandon responding to our request for a climber to represent the Dakota Chapter and stepping up to competition. He was competing with some of the top climbers in North America!

We are hoping more Dakota climbers will be interested in competing in 2023. The Dakota ISA will be hosting a climber workshop in April. This is an opportunity for all climbers to improve their skills and be introduced to new techniques and tools. We will also have a mini climbing competition to select a competitor who will represent the chapter in Orlando in late May. More details will be discussed at our January Chapter conference.

Electrical Hazard Training January 24 pre-conference workshop



Contact with energized overhead power lines is one of the leading fatal incidents for tree workers. It is also an ever-present risk as trees and power lines are found in close proximity. This hazard is so serious that OSHA requires all tree workers who work within 10 feet of a conductor (distribution and service wires), or in trees that are within 10 feet of these wires, to have training on this hazard. The training must be done annually and be documented.

The Dakota ISA conference will lead off with a half-day training in electrical hazards as a pre-conference workshop on January 24 from 8 am to noon. Participants will receive a certification to document their attendance.

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The 2023 Annual Dakota ISA Conference

January 24-26

Dakota Event Center, 720 Lamont Street South, Aberdeen SD

Make plans to attend our 2nd annual Dakota ISA conference January 25—27. The conference will be held in Aberdeen South Dakota again at the same conference facility. It will be another fun and informative event with a great line up of topics and speakers. It will also be an opportunity to connect with other arborists and urban foresters from across the region.

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January 24 Pre-Conference Workshop

8:00 am- noon Electrical Hazard Awareness Workshop
John Ball, South Dakota State University

January 24 Conference Tuesday Program

1:00 pm- **Welcome to the 2023 Dakota ISA Conference**

*Aaron Kiesz, City of Aberdeen
Caitlyn Pollihan, CEO & Executive Director ISA*

1:15 pm- **Tree Appraisal: A New Look**

James Komen, Consulting Arborist

2:15 pm - Break

2:45 pm - **Working Aloft: Climbing and Lift Safety and Operations**

Mitch Sangl, Big Twig Tree Care

3:45 pm - **The A300 Standards: Pruning and Risk**

James Komen. Consulting Arborist

4:45 pm - **Adjourn**

5:00 pm - **ISA Certified Arborist Exam**

6:00-8:00 pm **Social**

January 25 Wednesday Program

8:00 am- **Ground Work: Chain saw and Chipper Safety and Operations**

Mitch Sangl, Big Twig Tree Care

9:00 am- **Understanding Tree Failure in Windstorms**

Jim Flott, Community Forestry Consultants

10:00 am - Break

10:30 am- **Understanding Tree Failure in Windstorm (continue)**

Noon- **Lunch and Business Meeting**

1:00 pm- **Restoration Pruning – What To Do After the Storm**

Gary Johnson, University of Minnesota

2:00 pm - Break

3:00 pm - **Understanding Why Newly Planted Trees Survive...And Don't Survive**

Gary Johnson, University of Minnesota

4:00 pm - **Tree Injection Technology**

Panel Arborjet, Arborsystems and Rainbow

5:00 pm - **Adjourn for the day**



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January 26 Thursday Program

- 8:00 am- **The Toughest Trees for the Dakotas**
Tanner Aikens, North Dakota State University
- 9:00 am- **Climate Change and Trees: What to Expect**
Joe Zeleznik, North Dakota State University
- 10:20 am - Break
- 10:30 am- **Major Tree Pests in the Dakotas and Their Management**
John Ball. South Dakota State University
- 11:30 am- **Urban and Community Forestry Update**
South Dakota and North Dakota urban and community foresters.
- Noon **Adjourn**

Registration and hotel information can be found at:

Dakkotaschapter.com

Upcoming Events for the Dakota ISA chapter

We are planning activities across the region for our members so they can keep up to-date on the changes in tree care practices and equipment. These are also great ways to accumulate CEUs for your ISA Certified Arborist or Board Certified Master Arborist. Tree Care Industry Association CTSP credits will be offered when appropriate.

Here is a list of events we are planning in 2023. Most details will be provided at our January conference and then posted on our website at: Dakkotaschapter.com.



April—our first annual climber training and competition event! We are looking to host this event in the western part of our Chapter. More details at the conference.

May —Emerald ash borer identification and treatment workshop, Sioux Falls SD

October—Tree Risk Assessment. This is the Tree Risk Assessment Qualification program offered through the International Society of Arboriculture. This training prepares participants to learn a standardized and systematic process for assessing tree risk and presenting this information to clients. This training will be offered in either Sioux Falls or Fargo.

More opportunities will be discussed at our business lunch during the January conference!



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Emerald ash borer update

Emerald ash borer arrived in the United States from East Asia sometime during the mid-1990s. It was not identified as the cause for the mysterious ash decline until 2002. By that time the borer had spread throughout the Lower Peninsula of Michigan and northern Ohio. Since that time it has spread out to 36 states and five provinces. The latest find was this fall (2022) in Oregon.

The insect has only been confirmed in Lincoln and Minnehaha Counties in South Dakota (2018-2022). There are no confirmations in North Dakota though it has been found farther north in Winnipeg, Manitoba (2018). The insect is most likely to be in several other Dakota communities but the infestation has not been detected and confirmed.

No one ever find the first borer in the first infested tree in a community. Usually it is not detected until it has been in a community for three or four years. To help arborists and urban foresters prepare for this insect, the Dakota ISA will be sponsoring a EAB identification and management workshop in Sioux Falls in early May 2023. More details to follow.



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