



Meet the 2011 WAA President and Board of Directors



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Brian Pelot



2011 WAA Board of Directors... back row l-r: Rich Hauer (Vice President), Jesse Ziemienski (ISA Representative), Nick Crawford (President-Elect), Brian Pelot (President), Mike Michlig (Past President), Bill Miller (Secretary), Ed Bodus (Treasurer); front row, l-r: Ian Brown, Larry Axlen, John Wayne Farber, Eric Petersen (Membership Representatives); missing: Laura Wyatt (ISA Tree Fund Liason), Brian Cassity (ISA Certification Liason), Peter-John Rudquist (WAA Education Advisor)

Introducing John Wayne Farber

I started my career at UW-Baraboo/Sauk, obtaining an Associate of Science degree. I transferred to UWSP to pursue the field of natural resources. At UWSP, I assumed a leadership role, becoming active in several national leadership, honor societies and student groups. My love for the forest and all things natural led me to study the specific disciplines of forest management, urban forestry, and soil science.

Highlights include developing a kids' climb opportunity for children during the homecoming festivities, developing and coordinating the first Midwest intercollegiate climbing competition, and countless activ-



ities while president of the Student Society of Arboriculture. I received the prestigious Chancellor's Leadership Award, and graduated *cum laude* with a B.S. in Forest Management and Urban Forestry with a minor in Soil Science.

The WAA is a great organization. I feel you can't sway the game if you never leave the bench, so I like to get involved. I think it is important that people step up to the plate and make a difference.

Many hard-working WAA members have helped shape arboriculture into the profession we enjoy today. The WAA board of directors works hard to provide us with cutting-edge training and education. I'm glad to help make positive changes and shape the professional arborist of the future, focusing on *safe, smart, and efficient*.