

CHANGE #1

Article 2. WAA Mission Statement – “ To improve the practice of arboriculture and increase public appreciation of trees and urban forests.

At the 2019 Strategic Planning session, the participants debated a long time to update the mission statement to better serve our membership.

1. Provide professional education for arborists.
2. Be responsive and responsible to the membership’s needs.
3. Maintain organizational vitality and viability.
4. Promote public awareness and understanding of trees.
5. Promote compliance with recognized standards of arboricultural practices.
6. Support, stimulate, and communicate arboricultural research.
7. Increase the number of certified/credentialed arborists and promote their use.
8. Develop working relationships with other organizations and professions.

CHANGE #2- At a recent WAA Board Meeting, Arborist Registered Apprentices were deemed Professional members, not students and therefore do not qualify for any student benefits, including scholarships.

Article 3. Membership

- A. Application for Membership: Any individual desiring membership in the Association shall submit their application on forms prepared by the International Society of Arboriculture or Wisconsin Arborist Association to the Membership Committee.
- B. Membership Classifications:
 1. Professional Membership: Professional membership shall be open to anyone in good standing with the Wisconsin Arborist Association who wishes to improve the understanding of trees and the practice of arboriculture. **Arborist Registered Apprentices are considered Professional Members.**
 2. Honorary Life Membership: Honorary membership shall be conferred by majority vote of the Board of Directors upon any individual who has served the purposes of the Wisconsin Arborist Association with distinction or who has made a significant contribution to the science or practice of arboriculture.
 3. Student Membership: Open to students enrolled in high school or college (**enrolled with a minimum of 6 credits**).
- C. Membership Termination or Suspension: Any membership may be suspended or terminated for any just cause or practice which does not comply with or embrace the purposes of the Wisconsin Arborist Association and the parent organization. Such action shall be

determined by the Board of Directors, upon the recommendation of the Membership Committee.

CHANGE #3- Not really a change, but a reorganization for clarity.

Article 4: Officers and Board of Directors - Whether elected by the general membership or by the Board of Directors, all Board members shall be a current member of the Wisconsin Arborist Association and remain so throughout their term.

- A. The officers of the organization shall be: President, President-elect, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
 - 1. The Vice President shall be elected for a one-year term, to commence upon election. Upon expiration of that term, the Vice President will progress through the President track as follows: a one-year term as President-elect, a one-year term as President, and a one-year term as Past President, each term to commence at the WAA Annual Business meeting.
 - 2. The Secretary shall be elected for a two-year term, to commence upon election.
 - 3. The Treasurer shall be elected for a two-year term, to commence upon election.
 - 4. Unexpired terms shall be filled by majority vote of the Board of Directors.
 - 5. All chapter officers must be members of the International Society of Arboriculture.
- B. Voting members of the Board of Directors shall consist of the President, President-elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Past President, four Membership Representatives, and the Wisconsin Arborist Association Representative to the International Society of Arboriculture.
 - 1. The four Membership Representatives shall be elected for two-year terms, to commence upon election. Not more than two representatives from each practicing demographic (commercial, educational, municipal, and utility) shall serve at one time.
 - 2. The Wisconsin Arborist Association Representative to the International Society of Arboriculture shall be elected to a three-year term, to commence upon election.
 - 3. Unexpired terms shall be filled by majority vote of the Board of Directors.
- C. Ex-Officio (non-voting) members of the Board of Directors shall consist of the WAA Educational Advisor, WAA Representative to the Wisconsin Urban Forestry Council, WAA Representative to the ISA Certification Liaisons Committee (hereafter called the Certification Liaison) and the WAA Representative to the TREE Fund Liaisons Committee (hereafter called the TREE Fund Liaison).

1. Ex-Officio members shall be elected to staggered three-year terms by majority vote of the Board of Directors, terms to commence upon Board approval. The appointment will take place at the first Board of Directors meeting following the Association's annual business meeting.
 2. Ex-Officio members shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive three-year terms.
 3. The WAA Certification Liaison and the WAA TREE Fund Liaison must be members of the International Society of Arboriculture.
 4. Unexpired terms shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
- D. Student Organization Liaison is a non-voting member of the Board of Directors. The Student Organization Liaison will be a student nominated from a current urban forestry program or a recent graduate from a corresponding program.
1. The Student Organization Liaison shall be elected to a two-year term by majority vote of the Board of Directors, term to commence upon Board approval. The appointment will take place at the first Board of Directors meeting following the Association's annual business meeting.
 2. Student Organization Liaison shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive two-year terms.
 3. Unexpired terms shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
- E. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Urban Forestry Representative is a non-voting member of the Board of Directors. The WI DNR Urban Forestry Representative is nominated by the WI DNR Urban Forestry Team Leader to act as a liaison between the WI DNR and the Board of Directors.
1. The WI DNR Urban Forestry Representative shall be nominated by the WI DNR Urban Forestry Team Leader, and confirmed to a three-year term by majority vote of the Board of Directors, term to commence upon Board approval. The appointment will take place at the first Board of Directors meeting following the Association's annual business meeting.
 2. Unexpired terms shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Article 4 C, D, and E above will become just Article 4 C to house all the Ex-officio (non-voting) members in one section.

C. Ex-officio (non-voting) members of the Board of Directors shall consist of:

1. The WAA Educational Advisor

- i. Shall be elected to a staggered three-year term by majority vote of the board of directors, term to commence upon board approval. The appointment will take place at the first Board of Director's meeting following the Association's annual business meeting.
 - ii. Shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive three-year terms.
 - iii. An unexpired term shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors
2. The WAA Representative to the ISA Certification Liaisons Committee (hereafter called the ISA Certification Liaison)
 - i. Shall be elected to a staggered three-year term by majority vote of the board of directors, term to commence upon board approval. The appointment will take place at the first Board of Director's meeting following the Association's annual business meeting.
 - ii. Shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive three-year terms.
 - iii. Shall be a member of the International Society of Arboriculture
 - iv. An unexpired term shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors
3. The WAA Representative to the Tree Fund Liaisons Committee (hereafter called the TREE Fund Liaison).
 - i. Shall be elected to a staggered three-year term by majority vote of the board of directors, term to commence upon board approval. The appointment will take place at the first Board of Director's meeting following the Association's annual business meeting.
 - ii. Shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive three-year terms.
 - iii. Shall be a member of the International Society of Arboriculture
 - iv. An unexpired term shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors
4. The WAA Representative to the Wisconsin Urban Forestry Council (hereafter called The WUFC Representative)
 - i. Shall be elected to a staggered three-year term by majority vote of the board of directors, term to commence upon board approval. The appointment will take place at the first Board of Director's meeting following the Association's annual business meeting.
 - ii. Shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive three-year terms.
 - iii. An unexpired term shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors
5. The WAA Representative to Student Organizations (hereafter called the Student Organization Liaison)
 - i. Shall be a student nominated from a current urban forestry program or a recent graduate from a corresponding program.
 - ii. Shall be elected to a two-year term by majority vote of the Board of Directors, term to commence upon Board approval. The appointment will take place at the first Board of Director's meeting following the Association's annual business meeting.
 - iv. Shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive two-year terms
 - v. An unexpired term shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors

6. The WAA Representative to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Urban Forestry Representative (hereafter called the WI DNR Urban Forestry Representative)
 - i. Shall be nominated by the WI DNR Urban Forestry Team Leader to act as a liaison between the WI DNR and the Board of Directors.
 - ii. Shall be confirmed to a three-year term by majority vote of the Board of Directors, term to commence upon Board approval. The appointment will take place at the first Board of Directors meeting following the Association's annual business meeting.
 - iv. An unexpired term shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors

CHANGE #4

Article 6; C; 5

Finance: Chair- Treasurer

Add: **The Finance Committee will direct the updates for the Financial Strategic Plan.**

CHANGE #5

Article 6; C; 11

Governance: Chair- Past President

The Governance committee shall provide oversight of the Board of Directors and ensure they are following the goals of the Strategic Plan **and the Financial Strategic Plan.**