

Currently the 2017 board will be made up of the following people:

President – Lauren McCallister (WV,U)

Treasurer - Paul Martin (VA, C)

Prof. Dev. Chair - Jay Banks, (VA, M)

Tree Fund Liaison – Doug Petersen (VA, R)

Board Members – Jeanne Kavinski (MD, M), Jessica Sanders (DC, NP), Shawn Walker (WV, C), Eric Wiseman (VA, E/R).

This board consists of 4 VA, 2 WV, 3 MD, 1 DC, and 2 Utility, 3 Commercial, 2 Municipal, 1 Educational, 1 Non Profit and 1 Retired

Vice President- to be determined

Secretary – Joshua Franz, (MD, C)

ISA Council Rep - Steve Genua (MD, U)

Key: M=municipal, C=commercial, U=utility, E/R=education/research, NP=Non Profit, R=retired, P=private

Biographies

Vice President

Jason Heizer (VA, C)

Jason started with Bartlett Tree Experts 20 years ago as a production employee. Currently he manages the Williamsburg and Virginia Beach offices while servicing the Tidewater area. Jason is a current board member of MAC-ISA and Treasurer of the Virginia Beach Beautification Commission. He has been an adjunct professor at Virginia Western Community College, past vice president of Trees Virginia, past president of Hampton Roads Tree Care Association and a speaker for the Mid Atlantic Horticulture Short Course and MAC-ISA conferences. He also helps teach modules for master gardeners, tree stewards, and the local community college. Jason is an ISA Board Certified Master Arborist, graduate of the ASCA academy, TRAQ qualified, and an ISA Certified Tree Worker test evaluator. He has a B.S. degree in Forestry from Virginia Tech. He has been a committee chair and volunteer for several previous MAC-ISA conferences. Jason wants to serve as Vice President to “help foster better programs and opportunities for both urban and utility foresters.”

Luke McCall (VA, U)

Luke has been a forester for Dominion Energy since September 2016. Previously he served the City of Richmond, VA as a city arborist for over ten years. Prior to that, he worked for Bartlett Tree Experts and the USDA Forest Service. Luke is a member of ISA, UAA and MAC-ISA. He is a Certified Arborist and Municipal Specialist and is a graduate of the Virginia Natural Resources Leadership Institute. Luke has a B.S. degree in Forestry (FRM) from Virginia Tech. He has contributed to MAC-ISA by serving on the board from 2011-2014 and participating in the MAC-ISA Tree Climbing Championship (TCC) as a competitor or judge since 2004. In 2013, he brought the MAC-ISA TCC to Richmond as Event Chair and served as Co-Chair of Arbor Fair for this year's International Meeting in Washington, D.C. “I have diverse experience and wish to bring this perspective to the Vice President position. I look forward to serving the chapter and continuing to unite all of our members across all sectors and levels of the industry.”

Board Members

Scott Diffenderfer (VA, M)

Scott has been practicing arboriculture for over 40 years and has worked with various companies and on a variety of projects during his career; he currently is the Urban Forestry Manager for the Fairfax County Park Authority.

Scott has a BS in Forest Resource Management from WVU and he is a Board Certified Master Arborist, Certified Utility Arborist, TRAQ qualified, and a Licensed Forester. Scott is also proud to be a charter member of MAC-ISA and has served on the MAC-ISA board several times, including as president, chairing committees including the MAC-ISA annual conference in 2016, field days and various projects.

MAC-ISA is an important part of his professional life; “I have made so many long-lasting friends and associates over the years and MAC has greatly contributed to my professional development; I feel it is an honor to serve this organization in whatever capacity I can.”

Paul Ericksson (MD, M)

Paul has been the Natural Resources Specialist for the City of Cumberland, Maryland since October 2006. Prior to that he worked for the Western Maryland Resource and Development Council, Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forest Service and the North Carolina Forest Service. Paul is a member of the ISA, Society of Municipal Arborists and Society of American Foresters. He serves as treasurer for the Appalachian Professional Foresters Association and as a board member for the Maryland Chapter of The American Chestnut Foundation. He is an ISA Certified Arborist, North Carolina registered forester and a MD licensed forester. Paul has a BS degree in Forestry from North Carolina State University. He volunteered on the MAC-ISA annual meeting committee in Cumberland (2012) and Morgantown (2016), and was the co-chair of the 2017 Day of Safety. Paul would like to serve on the board because he would like to encourage more activities like the Day of Safety held in places throughout our chapter area, so that there is more exposure to get our message out about the benefits of maintaining healthy trees while following safe tree care practices.

Carol Herwig (DC, P)

Carol launched Gardens and Pots, a Washington, DC tree and landscape company in December 2011, and is a consultant to the National Cherry Blossom Festival’s Neighborhood Tree Planting Program and the Rock Creek Conservancy. She is an ISA Certified Arborist and Qualified Tree Risk Assessor. She worked for non-profit Casey Trees (2008-2011) and for USA TODAY as a reporter-editor (1982-2008). Carol volunteers with Casey Trees, organizing large-scale planting projects, and with the National Park Service. She serves as treasurer of two DC Public Library friends groups. She was vice chair of a family-support non-profit. She earned a BA in Humanities from the University of Maryland University College. Carol regularly volunteers at MAC-ISA events and wrote the guide to DC trees for the 2017 Arborist News ISA international conference. Carol Herwig is passionate about planting trees, using her skills as an arborist and writer to create collaborative, best-practice efforts that lead to more knowledge and more trees in support of the Mid-Atlantic’s environmental needs.

Joe Sullivan (MD, Ed/R)

Joe is a Professor and Associate Dean in the Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of MD. He has directed the Urban Forestry program since 2006 and had leadership roles in several society chapters including the MAC-ISA newsletter committee, as Author for Academic News since 2013. Joe studies the response of trees to environmental stress and has over 50 peer-reviewed publications on diverse plants from North America. His interest in urban trees and forests has led to involvement with ISA and SAF and to be a co-principle investigator on UF2020 a multi-institutional study of the present and future status of the urban forestry profession and its future needs in educational programming. Joe's scientific interests in urban trees and forests and love for trees and their care has led him to desire to be more involved and to serve the community by continuing to volunteer for organizations such as MAC-ISA.

Samantha Wangsgard (VA, M)

Samantha has been an ecologist with the Fairfax County (Virginia) Park Authority, since June 2016. Previously she worked for the Fairfax County Urban Forest Management Division as an urban forester, and with State of South Dakota and Minnesota in urban and community forestry, state lands and private forest management, and wildland firefighting. She is involved with animal rescue, structural firefighting, and athletic organizations in Northern Virginia. Samantha is an ISA Certified Arborist and Qualified Tree Risk Assessor, and is an Urban Forestry Strike Team task force member. She has a Master of Natural Resources from Virginia Tech and a Bachelor of Science from the University of Minnesota in Natural Resources and Environmental Studies; she is also currently completing a Certificate in Ecological Restoration and studying for the SAF Certified Forester exam. Samantha is currently a MAC-ISA Board Member and on the Awards Committee where she coordinates the Gold Leaf Awards. She would like to continue her service on the Board to give back to, and expand her involvement with the organization.

Jenny Willoughby (MD, M)

Board Certified Master Arborist Jenny Willoughby did not begin her career in the forest. She was set for a life at sea until a game of hide-and-seek with a giant Pacific octopus went horribly wrong. She still loves the ocean, but trees are her calling now. She gets to keep all her digits and she doesn't have to worry about getting inked in the face.

She earned a BS in Forestry & Wildlife from Virginia Tech and an MS in Geography & Cartography from George Mason University. She has been Sustainability Manager for the City of Frederick, MD since spring 2014. It's a good day at the office if she's caked in mud and didn't get a rattlesnake bite. Prior to the City, she worked at the Alaska Department of Natural Resources where the backcountry can eat you alive, and at the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin where she planted a lot of trees, educated the public about water quality, and kayaked for science. Jenny hopes to bring unique and challenging educational opportunities to MAC-ISA members.