

2019 NOMINEES BALLOT

This ballot has been prepared so that as members you may vote on the slate of officers. In an effort to allow individuals to review candidate's information, below is information about the individual on the ballot. In order to move forward with the business of the association, it is imperative that you return your ballot by the specified time. The MW-ISA Board will announce elected individuals at the Annual Conference where the elected individuals will officially begin his/her term.

BALLOTS MUST BE RETURNED BY **JANUARY 15!**

2019 SLATE OF NOMINEES BALLOT

YOUR VOTE MATTERS! PROXY BALLOTS MUST BE RETURNED BY 01/15/19

- I accept the 2019 Slate
 I don't accept 2019 slate and list my write-in candidates here: _____

NAME: _____ (required)

Please return your ballot by January 15, 2019 to the MW-ISA office by mail or fax

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2019 NOMINEES



DUSTIN BRANICK (Board Member 1-Year Term)

Dustin learned to appreciate trees at a young age from growing up in central Kansas where trees are few and far between. He understood the benefits trees can offer and has been dedicated to caring for them since. He graduated from Kansas State University in 2005 while working for the Division of Biology in the Plant Ecology Department. After graduating, he worked as an arborist for a private tree care company in Kansas City before accepting his current position as the Horticulture & Forestry Supervisor for the City of Leawood. Dustin also works part time with Urban Tree Specialists of Parkville, MO as a consulting arborist. Dustin is a Board Certified Master Arborist by the International Society of Arboriculture and is also a Kansas Arborist Association Certified Arborist. He has previously served as a board member for the Kansas Arborist Association and currently serves on the MW-ISA Board of Directors. He currently volunteers on the Heartland Tree Alliance Steering Committee and hosted the first ever TreeKeepers course in Leawood, KS this past year. Dustin holds the Tree Risk Assessment Qualification from ISA and aided in hosting

the first two TRAQ courses in the Kansas City area. He is also a 2011 graduate of the Municipal Forestry Institute and currently resides in Overland Park with his wife and four children.



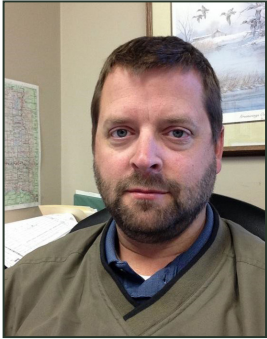
GRAHAM HERBST (Vice President)

Graham Herbst is a native Nebraskan and graduate of the Horticulture Program at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln. After working in the landscape and arboriculture industries, he moved to the Nebraska Forest Service to promote innovative Urban Forestry projects as the Community Forestry Specialist for Eastern Nebraska. Graham loves growing trees and gardening, connecting people and information through social media, and exploring each corner of the state. "I think it is important for the chapter to represent all our chapter states and offer value throughout our membership. As your Vice President, I would continue improving the Midwest ISA chapter to this end."



BRIAN HOUSER (Board Member 1-Year Term)

Brian is currently employed as an Environmental Inspector for the City of Omaha Parks and Recreation Department. A Nebraska native, Brian graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a bachelor's degree in Horticulture. Brian has earned arborist certifications with both the Nebraska Arborist Association and the International Society of Arboriculture. With a background in Horticulture he has developed a deep appreciation for how trees impact all aspects of our lives. Brian supports the City of Omaha's response and management of Emerald Ash Borer through tree assessment and inventory. He has aided in the implementation of GIS software to better manage the City's tree population. Brian enjoys working with the community, being outside and appreciating nature.



AARON KIESZ (Board Member 2-Year Term)

Aaron is currently the City Forester for the City of Aberdeen's Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department. Before moving to Aberdeen, Aaron worked for the State Department of Agriculture as the State Urban Forestry Coordinator. Aaron has earned arborists certifications from the International Society of Arboriculture and the South Dakota Arborists Association. He is currently the Past President of the South Dakota Arborists Association and has been serving on the board for over 12 years. Aaron also serves on the State Conservation Commission. He is a graduate of South Dakota State University.



CHRIS MARTIN (Board Member 2-Year Term)

Chris is currently the Urban Forester for Oklahoma State University and has served in this role for the past six years. He received his Bachelor's degree in Horticulture in 2004 and a Master's of Plant Protection and Pest Management (MPPPM) in 2009 from the University of Georgia. He is an ISA Board Certified Master Arborist and has served as a board member for the Oklahoma Urban and Community Forestry Council for the past 4 years. Chris currently resides in Stillwater, Oklahoma with his wife and three children.



JUSTIN MATLOCK (Board Member 2-Year Term)

Justin, Rainbow Treecare Scientific Advancements "Midwest Territory Arborist", has over 15 years of tree care experience. As the Midwest Territory Arborist, Justin provides products, equipment, protocol training and education to tree care professionals across Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa, and Nebraska. He strives to not just be a "distributor" but a true resource for his clients. He gained a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Montana in Outdoor Recreation Management with an emphasis in Natural Resources. His home town is Kansas City, KS where he currently lives with his wife and three boys. His hobbies and interest include coaching youth baseball, playing the guitar, hiking, camping, and fly fishing. His favorite tree is the Bur oak. If he could invite 3 people to a dinner party, he would choose Jim Carey, Larry McMurtry, and John Muir. Not particularly in that order.



MIKE SESTRIC (Board Member 1-Year Term)

Mike graduated from the University of MA., Amherst B.S. Arboriculture 1995. He is a ISA Certified Arborist, ISA Certified Tree Worker Evaluator, TRAQ, CTSP, recipient Presidents Award MW-ISA, Past- President MW-ISA, President MW-ISA, Past Board of Director MW-ISA, twice the MW-ISA Conference Chair, Past-President St. Louis Arborist Association, and all around nice guy.