International Society of Arboriculture
International Safety Committee

Purpose Statement: To foster a positive safety culture within the arboriculture industry that will aid in educating the workforce, thereby reducing the number of injuries and fatalities, and advancing the mission of ISA. ISC will serve as an international forum and resource for arboriculture safety research and aid in the development of working standards for safety in tree care techniques, equipment, and general practices.

Structure
The committee is comprised of the ISA representative to the ANSI Z133 Committee, a representative of the ITCC Rules Committee, a representative of the ETCC Operations Committee, and five to seven at-large members.

Criteria
- At-large members are appointed based on their technical expertise representing various disciplines and geographical regions within the arboriculture and urban forestry professions and research community.
- International diversity shall be maintained on this committee.
- The committee, at its discretion, may include non-ISA members on the committee to gain specific expertise or representation.

Selection
- The committee chair is appointed by the ISA Executive Director. The ISC committee shall recommend a member of the committee as chair to serve a 2-year term at the discretion of the ISA Executive Director. The chair may be reappointed once.
- The committee shall select a vice chair to assist the chair, serve in the role of chair in the chair’s absence, and work closely with the chair and staff toward the goal of becoming the chair.

Terms of Office
- The committee member term is three years, renewable for one consecutive term. No member shall serve more than seven consecutive years.
- Terms of office shall be staggered and are effective at the close of the ISA annual conference.

Duties and Responsibilities

Committee
- Foster development of research needs related to safe arboricultural work practices. Develop a list of 2-4 research priorities each year and provide the list to the TREE Fund and other potential funding sources. Publish the list so that it will be available to researchers.
- Write an article for each issue of Arborist News on pro-active safety topics that is relevant to the field arborist, referred to as Simply Safe.
- Review safety standards on a national and international basis, such as the ANSI Z133 and CSA, and serve as a conduit through ISA representatives on the safety standards forming bodies, as appropriate and practical. An ISC representative will write one article for Arborist News each year to update membership on Z133 activities.

- Establish this committee as the forum for the discussion of safety issues within the tree care industry worldwide.
- Lend support to local chapters and/or safety groups as it relates to safety legislation for arboriculture.
- Assist ISA staff with review of new products related to tree worker safety.
- Coordinate with the ITCC Rules Committee for the exchange of information regarding equipment techniques and safety standards used in competition. The ITCC representative will do an annual update article for Arborist News when the new rules are released.
- Strengthen the link, relationship and communication between ITCC and the International Safety Committee.
- Work toward development and establishment of a liaison network within ISA to provide communication among countries/chapters on safety issues.

Committee Members
- Committee members shall disclose any potential conflict of interests. Members are required to sign an ISA conflict of interest statement.
- Committee members are expected to participate actively in committee projects and decisions. The committee may, at its discretion, with majority vote replace committee members who do not actively participate. Nonparticipation in three consecutive meetings/conference calls shall lead to replacement unless prior arrangements for absence have been approved by the Chair.

Meetings
It shall be the goal of this committee to meet face-to-face at least one time per year and have conference calls as needed to conduct business. Conference calls are to be scheduled as appropriate for current projects and meetings, and to accommodate international time zones.

ISA Staff Administrative Responsibilities
- ISA staff liaison will create agendas and schedule meetings.
- ISA staff liaison will take and distribute notes to committee members in a timely fashion.