

Honourary Life Associate

Previous Recipients

2024 – Warren Hoselton
2023 – Rory Quigley & Jack Reddecki
2022 – Tami Sadonoja
2021 – Mark Procrunier
2019 – Tony DiGiovanni
2016 – Murray Potts
2015 – iAN Bruce
2014 – Paul Kobold
2008 – V. Plowman
2004 – H & R Lidkea
1987 – A.G. Sellars
1986 – E. Jorgensen
1985 – F. R. Peden
1984 – R. Hayter
1983 – G. Roberts
1981 – G. Roberts & C. Dobbin
1978 – E. Hensen

Awarded to individuals in recognition of their years of hard work and dedication to promote and advance the ideas of arboriculture and urban forestry within Ontario.

Note: This award can only be awarded once to any individual

Criteria

1. Years of Hard Work and Dedication. “Years” is meant as at least 25 years. This is the highest ISAO award possible and requires an extraordinary contribution over an almost entire or entire career. Provide a listing of this person’s years of hard work and dedication to promote and advance the ideas of arboriculture and urban forestry within Ontario over at least the past 25 years, providing specific dates.

2. Hard Work. “Hard work” is meant as that an extraordinary degree of effort was expended and that considerable challenges were overcome through these efforts. Describe this person’s efforts over the past 25 years to promote and advance the ideas of arboriculture and urban forestry within Ontario. This description must demonstrate that the efforts constituted “hard work.”

3. Dedication. “Dedication” is meant as persistence and loyalty towards a given purpose. The purpose is to “advance the ideas of arboriculture and urban forestry within Ontario.” Describe the person’s persistence towards the purpose of advancing the ideas of arboriculture and urban forestry within Ontario over at least the past 25 years. This must be a detailed listing (including time notations) of their activities and achievements.

4. Promote the ideas of arboriculture and urban forestry in Ontario. “Promote” is meant as “to further the growth, development, establishment, progress or public knowledge and opinion of.” Describe this person’s activities “to further the growth, development, establishment, progress or public knowledge and opinion of the ideas of” arboriculture and urban forestry in Ontario. This should include a listing and description on this person’s achievements – on how they “promoted” the ideas of arboriculture and urban forestry in Ontario and what their achievements were. It is noted that the influence of promotion is hard to measure; and therefore, an emphasis on the promotional activities themselves is considered acceptable.

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5. Advance the ideas of arboriculture and urban forestry within Ontario.

“Advance” is meant as “to move forward” and “to progress.” In other words, “advancing the ideas of arboriculture and urban forestry” would involve developing and/or encouraging the adoption of ideas and practices that improved the practice of arboriculture and urban forestry. Provide a listing and description on this person’s achievements – on how they “advanced” the ideas of arboriculture and urban forestry in Ontario and what their achievements were. A listing of others who could validate/confirm these achievements should be provided if possible.

Endorsements by others may and should be submitted as additional evidence of the worthiness of the nominee. A diversity of endorsements, including but not limited to community contacts (residents, businesses, elected officials) and that of accepted experts (public and educational institution representatives, landscape architects; arborists, environmental experts, etc.) will strengthen applications.

Note: This is the highest award available from the ISAO and is intended as a “lifetime achievement” award. It is not automatically awarded annually; rather, nominees must meet the very high standard required to receive it. Typically, only a member of ISAO will qualify for this award although this is not a strict criterion; a nomination for a non-ISAO member will be considered based upon the merits of the nomination.