

## Words of Sentiment from AREA



On behalf of all AREA members, I would like to offer my sincere condolences to the family and friends of the victims of the Virginia Tech shootings. Our hearts and prayers go out to them and the entire Virginia Tech community. The tragic loss of these people will have an impact on us in ways that we can't even begin to imagine now. It was a senseless loss of talent and intellect, and for those that knew them, the loss will be a wound that will never be completely healed.

Sincerely,

Laura Jull  
Acting President

**Announcements!!**

**To view the new proposed changes to AREA's Constitution [click here!](#)**

**To view AREA's 2007-2008 Strategic Work Plan [click here!](#)**

### AREA Board Members

Past-President - Jason Grabosky  
Acting President - Laura Jull  
Vice President - Laura Jull  
Treasurer - Dan Struve



### Message from AREA President

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the members of AREA who are committed to enhancing our status within the professional scientific community. Engaging other disciplines and sciences into our fold should remain the foremost endeavor in addressing the pressing research and educational needs in arboriculture and urban forestry.

For the past 15 years, I have been working with ISA, AREA, and other entities to build a framework to begin pulling in outside views and perspectives to strengthen our scientific core. As of this letter, I am embarking on a new direction within our profession as I leave the hallowed halls of academia to build a brighter future for my family and spread the seed of scientific integrity through the application of research directly to arboricultural professionals throughout the United States. It is an opportunity I could not pass up and provides a challenge for many years to come.

It has become obvious to me as I am beginning to establish myself in the new position that I have to focus my efforts into building this program and therefore do not have the time to provide what AREA now needs as it transitions from status quo to a new energized society. Dr. Laura Jull, current AREA vice president, has agreed to take on the roll of acting president. She has my support as she continues our efforts with the ISA Annual Conference and vision for AREA including the development of the Constitution and By-laws that will provide the needed structure to build for the future.

Although elections are still months away, I encourage the membership to support Dr. Jull as she champions the cause of AREA and provide her with support as she moves us into a new age of enlightenment on prosperity. It has been enjoyable and I look forward to our adventures in research and education.

Sincerely,

John E. Lloyd, Ph.D.

## Message from the Acting President Dr. Laura Jull

As the new acting President for AREA, I would like to formally invite you to attend the International Society of Arboriculture 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference and Trade Show in Honolulu, Hawaii, July 28-Aug. 1, 2007. There is a great line-up of national and international speakers at the conference, as well as at the AREA professional affiliation day on Wed., Aug. 1. I would also like to encourage your attendance at the AREA annual business meeting and luncheon. The cost for the luncheon is \$35 and will include a delicious, hot, international buffet luncheon; no cold boxed lunches this year! During our luncheon, we will have our annual business meeting and elect new officers. To register for tickets for the luncheon, please complete the ISA annual conference and trade show registration form and check the box at the bottom in section eight: optional conference activities for the arboricultural research and education academy luncheon and fax your form or register online. Please register as soon as possible as we will need a head count for ordering lunches.

To view the schedule of speakers for the AREA day at the conference, please see the AREA May newsletter on the AREA website at <http://area.isa-arbor.com/>, or the ISA annual conference and trade show program and registration guide at: <http://www.isa-arbor.com/conference/default.aspx>.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at the ISA conference and the AREA annual business meeting and luncheon.

Aloha!

Laura Jull

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## AREA Election of Officers and Call for Nominations

Election of new Arboricultural Research and Education Academy (AREA) officers will take place at the International Society of Arboriculture 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference and Trade Show in Honolulu, Hawaii on Wed., Aug. 1, 2007. Click on the link at the end of this article to view officer descriptions. Please send nominations to: ISA's Science and Research Manager, Steve Bevil, at [sbevil@isa-arbor.com](mailto:sbevil@isa-arbor.com) by **June 15**. All nominations will be compiled and presented at the AREA annual business meeting and luncheon where members will vote. The business meeting and delicious, international, buffet luncheon will be held on Wed., Aug. 1 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the ISA annual conference in Hawaii. Please consider running for one of these important positions. It is strongly suggested that the candidate running for election be present at the AREA business meeting in Hawaii. You do not need to be a university professor to run for office.

## ISA Speakers Bureau

Do you need a professional speaker? ISA's Speakers Bureau provides easy access to a wide range of speakers in the field of arboriculture. Speakers in ISA's database cover a full array of topics including pruning, tree risk assessment, climbing and rigging, tree biomechanics, and much more. For more topics and a roster of speakers, [click here](#).

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## Deadline for the Hyland R. Johns Grant Extended to May 31

TREE Fund is now accepting applications for the Hyland R. Johns Grant Program for research and technology transfer projects. Grants range from \$7,500 to \$25,000. Proposals must be received (not postmarked) by May 31, 2007. For more information about this grant and other announcements click on the link below to visit the AREA Web site.

<http://area.isa-arbor.com/>

All inquires about this grant should be directed to TREE Fund.

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AREA was established to provide a network that encourages communication and coordination among scientists and educators working in arboriculture and urban forestry. Membership consists of persons employed in or retired from the scientific and educational community and others who are interested in the advancement of education, research, arboriculture, and urban forestry. Membership is currently at 510.

AREA's Executive Committee consists of four officers and an immediate past-president. The Executive Committee is responsible for the programs, affairs, and activities of the academy. Officers are expected to be in attendance at all Executive Committee meetings, conference calls, and meetings of other committees on which they serve as AREA representatives.

**Immediate Past-President:** Jason Grabosky, Rutgers University

**Duties:** Serves as the liaison to the ISA Board of Directors and attends their annual meetings. Presents a report of the activities of the ISA Board of Directors at the annual AREA business meeting. Serves on the AREA Executive Committee and assists the president when needed.

To view the list of officer positions up for election at the ISA conference in Hawaii, [click here](#).

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### ISA's Science and Research Committee Meets to Develop Work Plan

ISA's Science and Research Committee convened for a one-day meeting at the University of California in Davis April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The committee met to develop a work plan for 2007-2008. The committee will continue to implement strategies to increase the exchange of information between researchers, professionals, and the international community. One of many new initiatives for the committee is to increase the awareness of the contributions of research to the arboricultural community. In addition, the committee will continually act as a sounding board for research-related issues and identify research needs.

For more information or for a copy of the committee's work plan, contact Greg McPherson at [egmcperson@ucdavis.edu](mailto:egmcperson@ucdavis.edu).

### Register for the ISA 2007 Hawaii Conference

Registration for the ISA 2007 Annual Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii is available! To register, please [click here](#).

Housing registration for the conference is also available. [Click here](#) to make your hotel reservations today!

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### Western Chapter Honors Alex L. Shigo, Ph.D.

*Shigo Science*  
~The Science Behind the  
Treatment~  
A tribute to Alex L. Shigo, PhD.  
May 4-5, 2007  
Las Vegas, Nevada

[Click here](#) to learn more and register.

**AREA Annual Business Meeting and International  
Buffet Luncheon August 1, 2007 at 12:00-1:30 p.m.**

International Society  
of Arboriculture  
**83<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE  
& TRADE SHOW**



To View the Presentation  
Schedule for  
AREA Professional  
Affiliation Day  
at the ISA Annual  
Conference  
Wed., Aug. 1, 2007  
[Click Here!](#)

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PROGRAM AND  
REGISTRATION GUIDE!!**

Sheraton Waikīkī • Honolulu, HI  
July 28 – August 1, 2007

*Wish You Were Here!*