

ILCA Committees

- Get Involved -

ILCA committee involvement is the best way to augment your membership. Membership, in any organization, requires both give and take. By participating in a Committee you match your special interests and talents to an ILCA program or initiative.

Please consider participation on one of these Committees for 2016-2017
Meetings typically run 2 hours and are held at ILCA Headquarters in Oak Brook

Awards (Open Committee Spots: 1 member)

Goal: To offer an Awards Program that recognizes the skills and experience of landscape professionals.

Time Commitment: 3 meetings per year.

Mandatory attendance at the annual Awards Banquet

Chair: Brian Jordison, James Martin and Associates

Certification (Open Committee Spots: 3 members – 2 suppliers and 1 contractor)

Goal: To offer a program that tests the education, skills, and experience of landscape professionals and to provide standards of professionalism among the landscape workforce.

Time Commitment: 6 meetings per year.

Mandatory Attendance at CLT field tests (September, October, March)

Chair: Greg Roos, Bertog Landscape Co.

Design (Open Committee Spots: 1 member – must be a landscape designer or LA)

Goal: To offer a program that teaches landscape design to beginner and expert contractors from large and small firms.

Time Commitment: 7 meetings per year.

Chair: Robert Miliani and Jason Lundberg, Co-Chairs, Chalet

Golf Outing (Open Committee Spots: 1 member – must be a contractor)

Goal: To conduct social events for the membership that provide networking opportunities and non-dues income.

Time Commitment: 4 meetings per year.

Mandatory attendance at the Golf Outing.

Chair: Jim Bilinski, Market Financial Group

Education Committee (Open Committee Spots: 1 member – must have a municipal or park district background)

Goal: To offer opportunities to improve the skills and knowledge of members and their employees through timely and interesting programs. Develop the complete program for iLandscape's Educational Conference.

Time Commitment: 10 meetings per year.

Chair: Kim Hartmann, Countryside Flower Shop

Experience Committee (Open Committee Spots: 1 member)

Goal: Oversee all aspects of The Illinois + Wisconsin Landscape Show not related to education. These include the overall flow and schedule, exhibit space, keynote speakers and plenary events, marketing and promotion, receptions and entertainment, press and media relations, aesthetics, and decor.

Time Commitment: 10 meetings per year. Mandatory attendance at iLandscape (5 days, 4 nights)

Chair: Dave Warning, Bailey Nurseries and John Algozzini, K&D Landscape Management

Future Landscape Industry Professionals (FLIP) (Open Committee Spots: 5 members)

Goal: To groom students for careers in the green industry and to raise interest in horticulture and landscaping as a career path.

Time Commitment: 8 meetings per year.

May attend speaking engagements at grammar, high schools and colleges.

Chair: Jim Martin, James Martin Associates

Hardscape Illinois Steering Committee (Open Committee Spots: 2 members – must be contractors with familiarity in hardscaping, specifically, natural stonework)

Goal: To plan and execute the Hardscape Illinois 1-day educational conference.

Time Commitment: 6 meetings per year. Mandatory attendance at Hardscape Illinois.

Chair: None

Latino Relations Committee (Open Committee Spots: 2 members – must be Spanish speaking contractors)

Goal: To offer opportunities to improve the skills and knowledge of Latino and non-Latino members and their employees through timely and interesting programs.

Time Commitment: 8 meetings per year.

Mandatory attendance at Spanish Seminar

Chair: Erika Walters, The Mulch Center

Magazine (Open Committee Spots: 4 members)

Goal: To educate and inform readers on current industry topics and present information on the Association's activities, goals, and programs, and members.

Time Commitment: 2 meetings per year.

Mandatory attendance: None

Chair: Joe Scopelliti, Guy Scopelliti Co.

Membership (Open Committee Spots: 5 members)

Goal: To ensure the strength and vitality of ILCA through coordinated membership recruitment and retention programs.

Time Commitment: 8 meetings per year.

Mandatory attendance at the Annual Meeting and iLandscape

Chair: Tom Kusmerz, The Barn Nursery & Landscape Center

Regulatory and Legislative Committee (Open Committee Spots: 2 members)

Goal: To review and analyze legislative and regulatory policy to determine its impact on the association, its members, and the green industry.

Time Commitment: 2 face-to-face meetings per year, 30 minute Monday morning conference calls for the duration of the legislative session.

Chair: Claire Storti, Scott Byron, Inc.

Scholarship (Open Committee Spots: 3 members)

Goal: To promote higher education in horticulture and support students enrolled in accredited programs.

Time Commitment: No face to face meetings. Review of scholarship applications and phone calls.

Mandatory attendance at the Awards Banquet.

Chair: Tyler Smith, Tyler's Landscaping Service

Summer Field Day (Open Committee Spots: 2 members – must be contractors)

Goal: To provide an outdoor trade show for ILCA members and others in the landscape industry and to generate substantial revenues.

Time Commitment: 4 meetings per year.

Mandatory Attendance at Summer Field Day (3 days)

Chair: Paul Guzzetta, Kaneville Tree Farms

Sustainable Landscaping Committee (Open Committee Spots: 2 members)

Goal: To develop programs and initiatives that educate and inform the green industry on sustainable landscaping practices.

Time Commitment: 9 meetings per year.

Mandatory Attendance at Sustainable Landscaping Events, iLandscape

Chair: Jeff Swano, Dig Right In

Turf (Open Committee Spots: 6 members)

Goal: To promote lawn care professionalism, best practices, and regulatory compliance through education and resource development.

Time Commitment: Monthly conference call, face-to-face meeting in March and December

Chair: Scott Roberts, TruGreen, Inc.

Women's Networking Group (Open Committee Spots: 4 members)

Goal: To promote camaraderie, and to share industry experiences and leadership skills with ILCA members, while enhancing professional image.

Time Commitment: 6-8 meetings per year including 3-4 conference call meetings

Mandatory Attendance at Women's Networking Group events and iLandscape

Chair: Tina Shaw, Scott Byron, Inc.