ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

International Society of Arboriculture Student Chapter at UFL

The International Society of Arboriculture may also be referred to as ISA, ISA at UFL, ISA Student chapter

The ISA Student Chapter at UFL is in affiliation with the ISA Florida chapter through: Similar interests, discounted conventions, learning opportunities, scholarship opportunities, student members are encouraged to join ISA and officers must be ISA members.

ISA does not financially support the ISA Student Chapter at UFL.

No individual ISA at UFL student member should ever accept individual compensation from the ISA organization for any reason. (Excludes scholarships)

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE STATEMENT

The International Society of Arboriculture Student Chapter at UFL promotes student interest and community involvement in Arboriculture and Urban Forestry through research, professional connections, teamwork, education, and physical application of theories. We are students of the swamp who will work together to set an example for future generations with the University of Florida and the International Society of Arboriculture. We intend to stress worker safety, tree health, tree climbing techniques, ethical business practices, effective tree pruning, urban woody plant pathology, and international awareness on the importance of trees.

ARTICLE III. COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

Upon approval by the Department of Student Activities and Involvement, The International Society of Arboriculture Student Chapter at UFL shall be a registered student organization at the University of Florida. International Society of Arboriculture Student Chapter at UFL shall comply with all local, state and federal laws, as well as all University of Florida regulations, policies, and procedures. Such compliance includes but is not limited to the University’s regulations related to Non-Discrimination, Sexual Harassment (including sexual misconduct, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking), Hazing, Commercial Activity, and Student Leader Eligibility.

ARTICLE IV. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

Section A. Non-Discrimination

 International Society of Arboriculture Student Chapter at UFL agrees that it will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital status, national origin, political opinions or affiliations, genetic information and veteran status as protected under the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act.

Section B. Sexual Harassment

International Society of Arboriculture Student Chapter at UFL agrees that it will not engage in any activity that is unwelcome conduct of sexual nature that creates a hostile environment. Behaviors that could create a hostile environment include sexual harassment (which could include inappropriate sexual comments), sexual misconduct, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking.

Section C. Hazing

International Society of Arboriculture Student Chapter at UFL agrees that it will not initiate, support, or encourage any events or situations that recklessly, by design, or intentionally endanger the mental or physical health or safety of a student for any purpose including but not limited to initiation or admission into or affiliation with any student group or organization.

Section D. Responsibility to Report

If this organization becomes aware of any such conduct described in this article, International Society of Arboriculture Student Chapter at UFL will report it immediately to Student Activities and Involvement, the Director of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution, or the University’s Title IX Coordinator.

ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this organization is open to all enrolled students at the University of Florida. Non-enrolled students, spouses, faculty, and staff may be associate members; however, they may not vote or hold office. All members and associate members are free to leave and disassociate without fear of retribution, retaliation, or harassment.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Section A: The elected positions for International Society of Arboriculture Student Chapter at UFL will be President, Vice-President, and Treasurer

Part A: The President of this club will be responsible for organizing and directing club meetings, as well as direct communications with the International Society of Arboriculture. Newly elected presidents will be required to inform ISA of their appointment within 14 days of their election. Failure to communicate with ISA will result in a re-election process. The term of office will last one academic year.

Part B: The Vice-President of this club will be expected to assist the President in any organizational proceedings and lead meetings in the absence of the President. They will be responsible for club promotion and outreach to pending guest lecturers. The term of office will last one academic year.

Treasurer: The Treasurer of this club will be responsible for handling all financial transactions. They will give a financial report to the body at the beginning and end of each semester and as requested by the President or Vice-President. The term of office will last one academic year.

Section B: The appointed positions for International Society of Arboriculture Student Chapter at UFL will be the Community Relations Officer. This appointment will be made by unanimous decision by the current governing body.

Part A: The Community Relations Officer of this club will be responsible for representing the club to the public and facilitating communications between potential educators and guest speakers. The term of office will last one academic year.

Section C: Any officer of The International Society of Arboriculture at UFL may be removed from office through the following process:

Part 1: A written request by at least three voting members of the organization shall be submitted to either the President, Vice President, or Treasurer. Written notification shall be sent to the officer in question asking that officer to be present at the next meeting and prepared to respond to the removal request.

Part 2: A two thirds majority vote of members present is necessary to remove the officer.

Part 3: In the event of the removal of an officer, a special provision may be granted to the remaining officers to appoint an interim replacement until an election may be held

ARTICLE VII. ELECTIONS

Criteria for officer eligibility: All elected officers must be registered International Society of Arboriculture (official organization) members and have completed six credit hours of course material related to arboriculture or has the equivalent work experience.

Possess a 2.5 cumulative GPA and 12 total credits in an academic year.

Nominations and elections will occur yearly in April of the spring semester and will be open to any person meeting the above eligibility criteria. The term lasts for one academic year. Votes will be cast by secret ballot and be tallied by the standing advisor of the organization. Winners will be decided by a simple majority of votes. If there are more than two candidates running and no candidate receives a majority vote, there shall be a run-off vote between the top two vote recipients at the next general meeting.

Founding Officers will be constant for the year that follows the probationary period of the ISA Student Chapter so that they have one full term under the operational club.

ARTICLE VIII. STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISOR

The student organization advisor shall serve as a resource person and provide advisory support for the officers and members of the organization. The student organization advisor should attend executive and general meetings; however, the student organization advisor may not vote in any International Society of Arboriculture Student Chapter at UFL matters. The student organization advisor shall be nominated by the officers and confirmed by a majority vote of the members. The student organization advisor will serve a term of one (1) academic year, with the chance to be reappointed. If the student organization advisor is unable to continue in their position, officers may nominate a replacement at any time, to be confirmed by a majority vote of the members.

ARTICLE IX. FINANCE

International Society of Arboriculture Student Chapter at UFL will not require membership dues; however, members are responsible for purchasing their own t-shirts, travel to leadership conferences, and other operational expenses of the organization. Members are expected to participate in these fundraising activities. Fundraising may include, but is not limited to, community projects involving tree clean-up, palm tree trimming, and club apparel sales. Officers will also apply for Student Government funding.

ARTICLE X. DISSOLUTION OF ORGANIZATION

In the event this organization dissolves, all monies left in the treasury, after outstanding debts and claims have been paid, shall be donated to the International Society of Arboriculture Florida Chapter.

ARTICLE XI. LIABILITY

All members must sign a generic liability waiver acknowledging their consent

All Members must possess University of Florida Student health insurance package or a health insurance package with equivalent benefits, coverages, and exclusions.

To engage in any field educational opportunities and not hold the organization or the University liable.

Understand participation in any activity is both recreational and voluntary.

ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

Amendments to this constitution may be made at any regular meeting of International Society of Arboriculture Student Chapter at UFL provided notice of the proposed amendment was given one week prior to a vote. Any member is eligible to propose an amendment, and proposals should be sent to any member of the executive board. Amendments require a two-thirds vote of the members in attendance at the meeting and are subject to final approval by the Department of Student Activities and Involvement.