

**AGENDA FOR 2018 FALL OKVMA CONFERENCE  
Hard Rock Hotel & Convention Center**

**October 2, 2018 (Tuesday)**

8:00 am	ISA Arborist – Test (Joe Roberts, Test Proctor)
8:00 – Noon 1:00 – 3:00	Pre-test Review with Charles Luper & Kevin Shelton – OSU Extension Services Chemical Applicator Testing – OK Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry (ODAFF)
1:00 pm Tee Time	Golf Outing – Cherokee Hills Golf Course

**GENERAL SESSION – October 3, 2018 (Wednesday)**

Time	SPEAKERS	PRESENTATION TOPIC INFORMATION
<b>7:00 – 8:30</b>	<b>REGISTRATION WITH OSU Conference Services</b>	
<b>8:25</b>	<b>PRESIDENT’S WELCOME – Introduce Conference Sponsors/Vendors</b>	
8:30 – 9:30	<b>Reid Smeda, Ph.D.</b> Professor University of Missouri Division of Plant Sciences	<b>Weed Identification</b> Plant species can exhibit annual, biennial, or perennial life cycles; selection of a management technique must consider the life cycle of the plant. Weed management begins with proper identification of the target species. This presentation will cover the basics of weed identification for major species in Oklahoma as well as various tools to assist in identification.
<b>9:30 – 9:45</b>	<b>Nominations and Election of New Board Positions</b>	
<b>9:45 – 10:00</b>	<b>BREAK with Exhibitors</b>	
10:00 – 11:00	<b>Mike Vandeventer</b> Oklahoma Department of Ag., Food, & Forestry Pesticide Compliance Administrator	<b>Laws &amp; Rules Update</b> Provide updates on proposed laws and rule changes in Oklahoma and discuss EPA’s proposed Certification and Training Rules.
<b>11 - 11:30</b>	<b>Business Meeting, Election Results &amp; Scholarship Awards</b>	
<b>11:30 – 1</b>	<b>LUNCH PROVIDED</b>	
1:00 – 2:00	<b>Reid Smeda, Ph.D.</b> Professor University of Missouri Division of Plant Sciences	<b>Improving Brush Control While Protecting the Environment</b> Selective or non-selective control of brush can involve foliar, basal, or cut-stump applications of herbicides as well as physical methods. Timing of control and the size of trees can influence management techniques. Safe use of herbicides is important to prevent undesirable impacts on the environment.
2:00 – 3:00	<b>Mike Schnelle</b> Extension Specialist Professor Oklahoma State University	<b>Diagnosing &amp; Responding to Tree Problems</b> Dr. Mike Schnelle will address how to identify biotic and abiotic problems that trees experience and then how to mitigate damage when possible. Biotic problems to be addressed will include common insect problems and disease problems of trees. Abiotic problems will include how to discern symptoms of herbicide injury, drought and other biotic problems. Species and cultivars will be discussed that have a reputation for being relatively pest and disease resistant as well as being somewhat genetically tolerant to drought stress. Furthermore, Mike will review "utilitrees" that are genetically programmed to stay short enough in stature as to not grow into power lines and other physical structures. This allows arborists another tool to reduce and/or eliminate altogether pruning back trees and/or regular treatments with plant growth regulators.
3:00 – 3:30	<b>BREAK with Exhibitors</b>	
3:30 – 4:30	<b>J. Wes Lee</b> Associate State Extension Specialist Biosystems & Ag Engineering Dept. Oklahoma State University	<b>Using the Mesonet Spray Advisory Tool in Making Sound Pesticide Application Decisions</b> An overview of the Oklahoma Mesonet Spray Advisory application and its use in making sound pesticide application decisions with respect to weather conditions. The review will focus on how to use the application to predict the best times to make pesticide applications

		based on projected wind speed, air temperature, atmospheric dispersion conditions, particle drift hazard, potential for herbicide volatility and rainfall. The presentation includes examining the various weather parameters and how the application can assist with record keeping. Pesticide applicators participating in the presentation will leave with an understanding of how they can use the spray advisory tool in making sound decisions on managing drift risk and how to reduce likelihood of pesticide drift.
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**BREAKOUT SESSION – Herbicide Management ODAFF CEU – October 4, 2018 (Thursday)**

8:00 – 9:00	<b>D. Chad Cummings, Ph.D.</b> Corteva Agriscience Agriculture Division of DowDuPont	<b>Right-of-way Herbicide Applicator Issues</b> Off-target damage, anti-resistance strategies, proper application rates, and proper herbicide selection.
9:00 – 10:00	<b>Brad Maddy</b> DBI Services Branch Manager	<b>Nozzle Calibration Spraying for all types of ROW Application</b> Showcasing the importance of proper nozzle calibration on multiple spray vehicles. Showing all ROW applications and the importance of proper calibration
<b>10 - 10:30</b>	<b>BREAK with Exhibitors</b>	

**BREAKOUT SESSION – Tree Management ISA CEU - October 4, 2018 (Thursday)**

8:00 – 9:00	<b>Wes Tregilgas</b> Safety Manager Employee Owner Wright Tree Service	<b>Forces in Rigging</b> This presentation will cover the forces that can be applied to the tree and how to minimize them to retain the greatest amount of wood strength. There will also be a focus on load multipliers and how rigging equipment and weight in motion can add loads to the tree where we don't want it.
9:00 – 10:00	<b>Bill Preaus</b> Preaus Tree Care	<b>The Gathering Place</b> A Focus on Innovative Tree Preservation/Wood Reuse Techniques. An optional Behind-the-Scenes tour will be offered in the afternoon.
<b>10 -10:30</b>	<b>BREAK with Exhibitors</b>	
10:30 – 11:30	<b>Jennifer Jensen</b> Manager of Sustainable Practices & Environmental Analytics	<b>Wood Waste Utilization with Sustainable Best Management Practices</b> Have you thought about the risks you take when selecting a BMP over a SBMP? EcoPractices, a third party sustainability verification company has teamed with Filtrexx International, a leading developer of Sustainable Best Management Practice (SBMP) solutions, and the inventor of compost-based Soxx™ technology to advance corporate sustainability programs through measurable metrics and third-party verification. Many companies have sustainability goals they strive to reach every day. EcoPractices has a wide selection of sustainable practices that utilize wood waste. EcoPractices can help promote a client's support and commitment to bettering their local environment with their choice of a sustainable solution with our unique platform. EcoPractices can provide the measurable metric values and verification of diverting your wood waste from a landfill to be reused to better the environment.
11:30 – 12:00	<b>Riley Coy</b> Urban & Community Partnership Coordinator Service Forester Oklahoma Forestry Services	<b>Urban Wood Utilization</b> OFS is working to create pathways for people to communicate more effectively about urban wood utilization. Using new technologies to promote the utilization of urban wood while stimulating timber markets in areas where historically there are none.