

Fall 2020 Program Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Attendance:

Jack Ingram, John Maestranzi, Steve Noble, Margaret Graves, Chris Wood, and Nick Falcione

Some topics that we covered at the Program Advisory Committee:

- 1) The importance of EHAP(Electrical Hazard and Awareness Protection) training and the intent to have the students trained on EHAP. All companies encouraged us to get staff trained in EHAP.
- 2) Committee suggested that we put effort into getting students ISA certification ready by the end of high school
- 3) Employment in treecare in this area. Iron Tree could take 10 staff members and create 2 or 3 more full time crews right now. Bartlett is exploring H2B work visa's. Nearly all tree companies in the area are hiring, with preference on experienced individuals.
- 4) Jack Ingram from Bartlett shared that they are selling more management plans to a client instead of just one time treework. That might be a 2,3,5 years pruning/treecare management plan.
- 5) Jack Ingram also shared that in consulting work being credentialed is paramount in importance, and he suggested that we encourage students to secure as many credentials as possible.
- 6) Nick Falcione is working with Bartlett on Nantucket and suggested that students invest energy into getting their pesticide license.