

Arizona Community Tree Council, Inc. History

What today is the Arizona Community Tree Council, Inc. (ACTC) began as Arizona Releaf in November 1989. This was part of a national program established by the American Forestry Association - Global Releaf which advocated planting 100 million trees in the United States to offset carbon dioxide emissions and greenhouse warming.

The goals of Arizona Releaf were: to promote the benefits of planting trees appropriate to the rural and urban environmental settings and sustain maintenance of those tree species.

Partnering in this venture was Arizona Clean & Beautiful. Mike Hart, Arizona State Land Dept. coordinated the project until Bob Celaya, Arizona State Land Dept. took over the duties in January 1990.

Extensive tree plantings were done throughout the State in partnership with Trees for Tucson, Forestry for Phoenix, county Global Releaf organizations, and Tucson Clean and Beautiful.

In January of 1991, a decision was made by the Arizona Global ReLeaf to develop an Urban Forestry Council to help coordinate all urban forestry programs in Arizona. This decision was prompted by the requirement under President Bush's program "American the Beautiful", that each State set up an urban forestry council to receive funding. Discussions began on January 24, 1991 to create the Council.

The concept for the Council was:

A. To develop the most broad based coalition with equal representation from individuals, organizations, and institutions concerned with urban and community forestry.

1. Membership
2. Organizational structure
3. Charter/constitution/bylaws

B. To develop a consensus on urban forestry policy and develop a statewide plan.

C. To encourage, organize, and coordinate all statewide urban forestry programs:

1. Global Releaf
2. American the Beautiful
3. Tree City USA
4. Arbor Day

D. To facilitate information exchange in urban forestry.

E. To provide focal point for political support for urban forestry programs.

F. To develop criteria for and evaluation of recommendations for grants, cost share proposals, pilot and demonstration projects and other funding sources.

A vote was taken and a formal Council was approved. The name of the organization was "Arizona Forestry Council".

The Executive Committee was created to include five (5) voting regional representatives from the counties:

Counties	# of Votes
La Paz, Maricopa, Gila, and Yuma	1
Mohave, Yavapai	1
Coconino	1
Apache, Navajo	1
Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz, Cochise, Greenlee, and Graham	1

In addition, five (5) at-large voting members with a statewide interest were approved to include:

Category	# of Votes
Education	1
Business	1
Energy	1
Volunteer Citizen	1

The permanent voting members were also approved to include organizations:

Organization	# of Votes
State Land Department	1
US Forest Service	1
AZ Clean and Beautiful	1

The at-large membership was selected by the permanent membership.

Present at that meeting were: Bob Celaya, State Land Dept., Richard Countryman, Valley of the Sun Men's Garden Club, Mike Hart, State Land Dept., Vern Long, Salt River Project, Janet McDonald, Arizona Clean and Beautiful, Dennis Preisler, Arizona Public Service, Larry Rauchut, Trees for Tucson, Jim Valenzuela, Maricopa County Supervisors, Noelle Warner, Forestry for Phoenix, and Joella Wiley, Yavapai Global Releaf.

There was no indication that officers were selected.

At the February 13, 1991 meeting there again was no mention of who the officers were, but several additional people attended the meeting and it appeared they were filling the voting slots as listed above. Those people were: Paul Brick, Cochise Global Releaf, Jim Briggs, Soil conservation Service, Joyce Hassell, US Forest Service, Carl Jones, AZ State Land Dept., Robert C. Morgan, Mayor of Prescott, Amanda Ormond, Arizona Energy Office, and Craig Wilcox, San Carlos Apache Tribe.

At the March 7, 1991 meeting, a draft of the By-laws was presented. The voting Counties was changed to Pima being separate and given one vote bringing the County votes to six (6).

Arizona Global Releaf continued to function as a separate program through at least December 1994. After that time, there are no records on file.

The By-laws were approved on May 8, 1991.

Forestry Council Awards were presented, but no mention was made as to who received them.

Elections were held on January 8, 1992. Vern Long, Salt River Project was elected Chair. Co-Chair was Richard Countryman, Valley of the Sun Men's Garden Club. Noelle Warner, Forestry for Phoenix was Treasurer, and Claire Frost, Copper Cities Global Releaf was Secretary. Other Executive Board members were: Debra Albery, Safeway Stores, Inc., Roger Blakeley, City of Yuma, Leroy Brady, AZ Dept. of Transportation, Joanne Cameron-Hild, Volunteer Coordinator, AZ State Land Dept., Urban & Community Forestry, Mike Hart, AZ State Land Dept., Joyce Hassell, US Forest Service, Joan Lionetti and Jack Kelly, Tucson Clean & Beautiful, Janet McDonald, AZ Clean & Beautiful, Ron Romatzke, Arizona State Land Dept., Urban & Community Forestry, Joella Willey, City of Prescott, Richard Williams, Oracle Global Releaf, and Deborah Young, Cooperative Extension.

The application for the Forestry Council Awards were reviewed by some members of the Council. There was no indication who received the awards. A luncheon was held sometime prior to July 29th.

Throughout 1991, the Council worked on the America the Beautiful grants, organizational By-laws, Arbor Day activities and tree planting projects.

In May of 1992 a session was held to determine committees and projects. The committees were: Structure/Administration, Donations/Fundraising, Program/Projects, Marketing/Public Information and Education.

In December 1992, The nominating committee decided to re-nominate the present Board for the 1993 slate. This decision was made to ensure continuity of the Council while the By-laws were being review and revised.

During 1992, the Council, held a Board training workshop, worked on the revision of the By-laws, administered the Small Business Association grants, participated in Arbor Day activities, and continued to partner with Arizona Global ReLeaf.

In January of 1993, Rick Hodge, Cochise Global ReLeaf joined the Board. In July, Joella Willey was selected to replace Richard Countryman as Vice President; Ephraim Warshawsky and Cal Joiner were selected to fill the Board vacancy left by Richard Countryman and to fill the minimum Board requirements respectively.

The organizational statement and the one and five year plans were developed.

“The Arizona Forestry Council, parent organization for Arizona Global ReLeaf, has incorporated to serve as the 501(c) 3 umbrella to Arizona Global ReLeaf and other affiliated tree planting organizations. Members of the Arizona Forestry Council Executive Board are elected from the members of the Arizona Forestry Council at large and are comprised of interested municipalities, volunteer organizations, corporations, educators, utility companies, and other State and Federal agencies. The Arizona Forestry Council serves in an advisory capacity to communities for tree planting projects and the State Land Department for general program direction and for distributing grants received from America the Beautiful, the Small Business Administration, or any other grand dollars received for the purpose of tree planting. The Arizona Forestry Council also solicits proposals for funding consideration from communities and acts as a clearinghouse for tree related projects in Arizona.”

On June 29, 1993, the Council Awards Luncheon was held. Receiving awards were:

- Litchfield Park Cityscape Commission
- 2000 by 2000 Foundation, Inc./Global ReLeaf
- Mohave Community Campus - Lake Havasu
- Patti Morris, Tucson Electric Power
- Richard Williams
- Tucson Electric Power Company
- Trees for Tucson/Global ReLeaf
- Operation SHARE, Inc.
- Keep Havasu Beautiful - Tree Planting Division
- Southwest Center for Education and the Natural Environment Project
- ReLeaf
- ASU Arboretum Staff - Richard Harris, Gary Matyas, Fernando Reyna, Charlotte Kemper
- Town of Cave Creek

Tubac Presidio State Park
City of South Tucson - South 6th Avenue Revitalization Project
City of Page - Page Sports Complex

In a memorandum it was noted that the IRS notified the Council that the non-profit application was accepted and they are now a legal entity effective June 7, 1993.

In 1993, the Council participated in the Arbor Day activities, America the Beautiful program, the Small Business Administration grants, and various tree plantings.

Arizona Forestry Council Executive Board Members - 1994

President - Joella Willey, City of Prescott
Vice President - LeRoy Brady, Arizona Dept. of Transportation
Secretary - Vacant
Treasurer - Ephraim Warshawsky

Regional Representatives

Region 1 - La Paz, Mohave, Yuma
Roger Blakeley, City of Yuma
Region 2 - Coconino, Apache, Yavapai, Navajo
Joella Willey, City of Prescott
Region 3 - Maricopa
Cyndi Coniam, City of Scottsdale
Region 4 - Gila, Pinal
Vacant
Region 5 - Pima
Juan Barba, Arizona Forest Products
Region 6 - Graham, Greenlee, Cochise, Santa Cruz
Rich Hodge, Cochise Global ReLeaf

At-Large Representatives

Tom DeGomez, Cooperative Extension
Cheryl Goar, AZ Nursery Association
Joe Lachowicz, Desert Survivors
Leandra Lewis, AZ Clean & Beautiful
Joan Lionetti, Tucson Clean & Beautiful
Vern Long, Salt River Project
Alan Markley, City of Phoenix
Patti Morris, Tucson Electric Power
Joe Tyler, ASU Arboretum
Ken Ventura, City of Mesa

Government Representatives

Mike Hart, AZ State Land Dept.

LeRoy Brady, ADOT
Cal Joyner, USDA Forest Service

Ex-Officio

Ron Romatzke, Urban Forester
Coordinator, Volunteer Programs, Joanne Cameron-Hild

Board Orientation was held on February 24 and was the first orientation meeting held under the 501 (3) status. The Mission Statement was reviewed and accepted.

Mission Statement: “ It is the mission of the Arizona Forestry Council, a 501 (c) 3 Non-Profit Corporation, to encourage and facilitate tree planting in Arizona by developing, identifying, monitoring and distributing resources; promoting public awareness and education for the betterment of our environment, and serving in an advisory capacity to the Arizona State Land Commissioner.”

In 1994, the Council once again participated in Arbor Day activities and the Small Business Association grants.

Arizona Forestry Council Executive Board Members - 1995

President - Leroy Brady, ADOT
Vice President - Alan Markley, City of Phoenix
Secretary - Tom DeGomez, Cooperative Extension
Treasurer - Ken Ventura, City of Mesa

Regional Representatives

Region 1 - LaPaz, Mojave, Yuma
Roger Blakeley, City of Yuma
Region 2 - Coconino, Apache, Yavapai, Navajo
Joella Willey, City of Prescott
Region 3 - Maricopa
Cyndi Coniam, City of Scottsdale
Region 4 - Gila, Pinal
Vacant
Region 5 - Pima
Juan Barba, Arizona Forest Products
Region 6 - Graham, Greenlee, Cochise, Santa Cruz
Vacant

At-Large Representatives

Cheryl Goar, AZ Nursery Association
John Hinz, US Forest Service, Tonto National Forest
Leandra Lewis, AZ Clean & Beautiful

Joan Lionetti, Tucson Clean & Beautiful
Vern Long, Salt River Project
Patti Morris, Tucson Electric Power

Ex-Officio

Ron Romatzke, Urban Forester
Doreen Orist, Coordinator Volunteer Programs

No Council Awards were presented.

The Council participated in SBA grants, Arbor Day Poster Contest, Community Challenge Review Committee, and various tree plantings.

The newsletter was started.

The Certified Arborist Program received 43 applications, 30 were accepted. Classes started prior to November 28, 1995.

Live Christmas trees were put up at various locations at the State Capital. The trees were made available after the holidays to communities through Arbor Day programs and other tree projects.

1995 activities participated in: SBA grants, Arbor Day tree plantings, Community Challenge Grant review committee.

Arizona Forestry Council Officers and Board of Directors 1996

President - E. LeRoy Brady, ADOT
Vice President - Alan Markley, City of Phoenix
Secretary - Tom DeGomez, Cooperative Extension
Treasurer - Cyndi Coniam, City of Scottsdale

Regional Representatives

Region 1 - La Paz, Mohave, Yuma
Roger Blakeley, City of Yuma
Region 2 - Coconino, Apache, Yavapai, Navajo
Joella Willey, City of Prescott
Region 3 - Maricopa
Lucy Bradley, Maricopa County Cooperative Extension
Region 4 - Gila, Pinal
Vacant
Region 5 - Pima
Juan Barba, AZ Forest Products
Region 6 - Graham, Greenlee, Cochise, Santa Cruz
Vacant

At-Large Representatives

Donna Ellsworth, Maricopa County Flood Control District
Cheryl Goar, AZ Nursery Association
Leandra Lewis, AZ Clean & Beautiful
Joan Lionetti, Tucson Clean & Beautiful
Vern Long, Salt River Project
Terry Mikel, U of A, Maricopa Co. Coop. Ext. Service
Patti Morris, Tucson Electric Power
Mike Neal, Arizona Public Service Co.
Dr. Jimmy Tipton, U of A. College of Agriculture, Coop, Ext.

Government Representatives

Mike Hart, AZ State Land Dept.
LeRoy Brady, ADOT
John Hinz, US Forest Service, Tonto National Forest

March 26, 1996 the name of the Council was changed to the Arizona Community Tree Council, Inc. to better define the goals and mission of the Council.

The Annual Meeting was held August 6, 1996 at the Arizona State Land Dept. building.

The Certified Arborist program began classes on September 13. The program was ten hours each month for eight (8) months. The texts "Arboriculture" and "Arborists' Certification Study Guide", testing fee and one year ISA membership were included in the \$415 fee.

Arizona Community Tree Council Board of Directors, At Large Members,
Council County Coordinators 1997-1999

President - Alan Markley, City of Phoenix
Vice President - Mike Neal, Arizona Public Service
Secretary - Tom DeGomez, Cooperative Extension
Treasurer - Cyndi Coniam

At Large Members

Dave Shockley, Nelson Tree Service
Donna Ellsworth, Flood Control District
Cheryl Goar, Arizona Nursery Association
Cindy Hill
Doreen Orist, Agape Horticulture Service (May 27, 1997)

County Council Coordinators

Apache	Vacant
Cochise	Rob Call, Cooperative Extension
Coconino	Rebekah Cadigan

Gila	Cayci Vuksanovich
Graham	Lee Clark
Greenlee	Mike Schneider, Cooperative Extension
LaPaz	Carla Faulkner, Consultant
Maricopa	Lucy Bradley, Cooperative Extension
Mohave	Joyce McCloskey
Navajo	Steve Campbell
Pima	Vacant
Pinal	Kim Stone, Boyce Thompson Arboretum
Santa Cruz	Neal Krug, 2000 x 2000
Yavapai	Larry Tarkowski
Yuma	Roger Blakeley, City of Yuma
Navajo Nation	Harry Tom, New Dawn Program

Government

Mike Hart, Ron Romatzke, John Hinz

May 1997 - 45 people took the Certified Training class, 6 of them passed the exam. The program has trained 36 people who have become ISA certified.

Announced July 29, 1997 - Karen Blehm was hired to replace Doreen Orist as the Volunteer Coordinator.

Officers and Board Members 1998

President	Alan Markley, City of Phoenix
Vice President	Mike Neal, APS
Secretary	Betty Nelson, City of Phoenix
Treasurer	Cyndi Coniam, City of Scottsdale

At Large Members

Donna Ellsworth, Maricopa Co. Flood Control
 Cheryl Goar, Arizona Nursery Association
 Garrett Hicks, Mohave County
 Terry Mikel, Maricopa County Cooperative Extension
 Karen Powell, Salt River Project
 Doreen Orist, Agape Tree Service
 Lupe Rodriguez, City of Glendale
 Lyle Shaughnessy, Town of Wickenburg
 Dave Shockley, Nelson Tree Service
 Ron Taylor, Town of Gilbert
 Dr. Jimmy Tipton, U of A College of Agriculture

County Council Coordinators

Apache Harry Tom, New Dawn Program

Cochise	Rob Call, Cochise County Cooperative Extension
Coconino	Tom DeGomez, Cooperative Extension Service
Gila	Cayci Vuksanovich, Matlock's
Graham	Lee Clark
Greenlee	Mike Schneider, Greenlee County Cooperative Extension
LaPaz	Carla Faulkner
Maricopa	Lucy Bradley, Maricopa County Cooperative Extension
Mohave	Garrett Hicks, City of Kingman
Navajo	Stephen Campbell, Navajo County Cooperative Extension
Pima	Dudley Marburger, Dudley's Trees, Inc.
Pinal	Kim Stone, Boyce Thompson Arboretum
Santa Cruz	Neal Krug, 2000 x 2000
Yavapai	Mark Evans, Arizona Public Service Co.
Yuma	Roger Blakeley, City of Yuma

Government Representatives

Arizona State Land Dept.	Mike Hart
United States Forest Service	John Hinz
Arizona State Land Department	Ron Romatzke
Arizona State Land Department	Karen Blehm
Arizona Game and Fish	John Kennedy
Arizona State Land Department	Carl Jones
Arizona State Land Department	Karen Blehm

May 15, 1998 - The Arizona Community Tree Council brochure and the Arizona Tree Planting Guides were distributed.

Webpage set up.

As of September 22, 1998, there were 176 certified arborists in Arizona, 122 of them have been students in the ACTC training program.

November 18, 1998, the Council gavel and base were presented. The base has the names of the past presidents. It was made by Arizona Correctional Industries.

November 18, 1998, the Annual Awards Luncheon was held. The following individuals and/or groups were honored: Arizona Grown, Roger Blakeley for "Yuma Tree Guide, A Field Journal", Lucy Bradley, Tucson Clean & Beautiful/Trees for Tucson, Cyndi Coniam, Donna DiFrancesco, Alan Markley, Jim McCormick, Sahuaro Elementary School, City of Tempe/Rio Salado Project, and Ken Ventura and Lynette Cohen for "Trees, Environment, & Me".

Arizona Community Tree Council, Inc. Board of Directors - 1999-2000

Board of Directors

President - Mike Neal, APS
Vice President - Terry Mikel, Maricopa County Extension Service
Secretary - Betty Nelson, Phoenix Urban Forestry Coordinator
Treasurer - Jeff Spohn

Government

Robert Yount, Arizona State Land Department
Ron Romatzke, Arizona State Land Department
Carl Jones, Arizona State Land Department
John Kennedy, Arizona Game and Fish
Errol Heslop, ADOT

Board Members At Large

Jonathan Arnold, City of Scottsdale
Donna DiFrancesco, City of Mesa
Larry Foote, City of Gilbert
Cheryl Goar, Arizona Nursery Association
Richard Harris, ASU
Chris Jones, Cooperative Extension
Scott Keible
DeForest Lewis, jr., Sierra Vista Public Schools
Alan Markley, City of Phoenix
Doreen Orist, Agape Horticulture Service
Robert Pleger, APS
Karen Powell, SRP
Lupe Rodriguez, City of Glendale - Field Operations
Lyle Shaughnessy, Town of Wickenburg
Dave Shockley, Nelson Tree Service

Regional Representatives

Apache Harry Tom, New Dawn Program
Cochise Robert Call, Cochise County Cooperative Extension
Coconino Tom De Gomez, Coconino County Cooperative Extension
Gila Cayci Vuksanovich, Matlock's
Graham Ron Walser, Graham County Cooperative Extension (vacant as of November 23, 1999)
Greenlee Mike Schneider, Greenlee County Cooperative Extension
LaPaz Carla Faulkner (vacant as of November 23, 1999)
Maricopa Lucy Bradley, Maricopa County Cooperative Extension
Mohave Robin Grumbles, Mohave County Cooperative Extension
Navajo Stephen Campbell, Navajo County Cooperative Extension
Pima Harold Hummer, Tucson Electric
Pinal Kim Stone, Boyce Thompson Arboretum (vacant as of

November 23, 1999)
 Santa Cruz Neal Krug, 2000 x 2000 Foundation
 Yavapai Mark Evans, APS
 Yuma Roger Blakeley, City of Yuma, Parks Development

July 29, 1999, Louise Wakem, CAE introduced as the Executive Director for the Council.

ACTC Vice President, Terry Mikel received the Extension Service Person of the Year from The American Nursery and Landscape Association.

November 23, the first Arbor Day Poster Contest calendar was distributed. APS paid for the printing of 5,000 copies. They will be mailed to all fifth grade teachers in the State with the 2000 poster contest materials.

ACTC Board of Directors 2000

President Terry Mikel, University of AZ
 Vice President Roger Blakeley, City of Yuma, Parks & Recreation
 Secretary Betty Nelson, City of Phoenix, Parks & Recreation
 Treasurer Jeff Spohn, Landscape Resources
 Immediate Past President Mike Neal, APS

At Large Members

Leonora Boner
 Larry Foote, Town of Gilbert
 Cheryl Goar Arizona Nursery Association
 Richard Harris, ASU
 DeForest Lewis, Sierra Vista Public Schools
 Dennis Lynch, Arbor Care
 Alan Markley, City of Phoenix, Parks & Recreation
 Lupe Rodriquez, City of Glendale
 Lyle Shaughnessy, Town of Wickenburg
 Dave Shockley, Nelson Tree Service
 Colleen Spakowski, SRP

County Coordinators

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 Gila Cayci Vuksanovich, Matlock's
 Graham Vacant
 Greenlee Mike Schneider
 LaPaz Martin Guerena
 Maricopa Bobby Mitchell, Asplundh Tree Service
 Mohave Rob Grumbles, Mohave Cty. Coop. Ext.
 Navajo Steve Campbell, Navajo Cty. Coop. Ext.

Pima	Harold Hummer, Tucson Electric Power
Pinal	Kim Stone, Boyce Thompson Arboretum
Santa Cruz	Neal Krug, 2000 x 2000 Foundation
Yavapai	Robert Pleger, APS
Yuma	Tina McKeand, City of Yuma, Parks & Recreation

Government

John Hinz	Tonto National Forest USFS
Ron Romatzke	State of Arizona, Urban & Community Forestry

As of May 22, 2000 there are 65 paid ACTC members.

Roger Blakeley has written a notebook giving detailed instruction on how to hold a Certified Arborist training class.

July 31, the Governor's office approved the Council to oversee the Millennium Grove Plantings. The three sites that will receive trees are: Anthem, Yuma, and Kingman. This is a project of American Forests' and they are donating 100 trees to each state. The purpose is to plant 250 million trees (one for every single American) by 2001 to revitalize the nation's environment. The Yuma planting will be October 28.

As of July 31, there are 97 ACTC members.

September, the ACTC window stickers were distributed.

Past ACTC President Mike Neal has been elected the President of the Utility Arborists Association.

September - The Great Trees Committee was formed.

November 27, Louise Wakem submitted her resignation as Executive Director of ACTC. She has accepted the position of Volunteer Coordinator for the Arizona State Land Dept., Urban Forestry and will begin the position on Dec. 11.

Roger Blakeley reported that 715 people showed up to plant the Millennium Grove at the Yuma West Wetlands. 430 trees were planted in 40 minutes.

ACTC Awards given to: Charles Thompson of APS for their contribution for printing the Arbor Day Poster Contest Calendar; Tina McKeand, City of Yuma for her many hours of volunteer work for the Council, and Santa Maria Middle School for their commitment to planting trees and developing a desert habitat at the school, Susan Sullivan, Principal and Katie Syracuse, teacher.

ACTC Board of Directors 2001

President Roger Blakeley, City of Yuma, Parks & Recreation
Vice President Jeff Spohn, Landscape Resources
Treasurer Robert Pleger, APS
Secretary Betty Nelson, City of Phoenix, Parks & Recreation
Immediate Past President Terry Mikel, University of Arizona

Members At Large

Jonathan Arnold, City of Scottsdale
Cheryl Goar, Arizona Nursery Association
Dave Gossman, Town of Gilbert, Parks & Recreation
Richard Harris, ASU Arboretum
Lupe Rodriquez, City of Glendale
Lyle Shaughnessy, Town of Wickenburg
Dave Shockley, Asplundh Tree Expert Co.
Colleen Spakowski, SRP
Lenora Stewart, Master Gardener

County Coordinators

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Cochise Rob Call, Cochise Cty. Coop. Ext.
Coconino Tom DeGomez, Coconino Cty. Coop. Ext.
Gila Cayci Vuksanovich
Graham Vacant
Greenlee Vacant
LaPaz Vacant
Maricopa Bobby Mitchell, Asplundh Tree Service
Mohave Rob Grumbles, Mohave Cty. Coop. Ext.
Navajo Steve Campbell, Navajo Cty. Coop. Ext.
Pima Harold Hummer, Tucson Electric Power
Pinal Kim Stone, Boyce Thompson Arboretum
Santa Cruz Neal Krug, 2000 x 2000 Foundation
Yavapai Dana Diller, City of Prescott
Yuma Tina McKeand, City of Yuma, Parks & Recreation

Government

John Hinz, Tonto National Forest, USDA
Ron Romatzke, State Land Dept., Urban & Community Forestry
Louise Wakem, State Land Dept., Urban & Community Forestry

The first ACTC Conference was held at The Lodge at Cliff Castle Casino in Camp Verde in June 1.

ACTC Past President, Mike Neal was elected President of International ISA.

As of September 2001, there are 296 certified arborists in Arizona. No indication how many of them have participated in the ACTC certified arborists training program.

November 26, the ACTC Awards were presented. Buckeye Main Street Coalition for the Buckeye Visitors Center and tree projects along Main St., City of Show Low for the City Park Tree Educational Signage, Val Colvin for her active support of tree planting in Yuma, Nel Younce for her various civic activities and her support of Yuma Parks and Recreation Commission through tree planting, Carolyn Lavender for the Loma Linda Neighborhood (Phoenix) tree planting projects, Student Volunteer League, Susan Martin, Executive Director for the Trees for Kids Project in Phoenix, Ron Uyesto, a teacher at R.E. Miller School, Phoenix for his help with the Trees for Kids Project, and Ian Watkinson for his civic contributions and interest in trees in Yuma.

ACTC Board of Directors 2002

President	Jeff Spohn, Nelson Tree Service
Vice President	Jonathan Arnold, City of Scottsdale, Urban Forestry
Secretary	Betty Nelson, City of Phoenix, Parks and Recreation
Treasurer	Colleen Spakowski, SRP
Immediate Past President	Roger Blakeley, City of Yuma, Parks Development

At Large Members

John Eisenhower, Integrity Tree Service, Inc.
Dave Gossman, Town of Gilbert
Richard Harris, ASU Arboretum
Jack Kelly, University of Arizona, Tucson
Gary Kudes, City of Phoenix, Parks and Recreation
Mike Neal, APS, Vegetation Management
Steve Priebe, City of Phoenix, Street Transportation
Vicki Richards, Palo Verde Landscape
Lupe Rodriguez, City of Glendale
Lyle Shaughnessy, Town of Wickenburg
Dave Shockley, Asplundh Tree Service, Inc.
Lenora Stewart, Master Gardener

County Coordinators

Apache	
Cochise	Rob Call, Cochise County Coop. Ext.
Coconino	Tom DeGomez, Coconino County Coop. Ext.
Gila	Cayci Vuksanovich, Matlock's
Graham/Greenlee	Randy Norton, Graham County Coop. Ext.
LaPaz	Debbie Walliser, Ahakhav Nursery
Maricopa	Lenora Stewart, Master Gardener
Mohave	Rob Grumbles, Mohave County Coop. Ext.

Navajo	Steve Campbell, Navajo County Coop. Ext.
Pima	Harold Hummer, Tucson Power
Pinal	Jerry Sullivan
Santa Cruz	
Yavapai	Dana Diller, City of Prescott
Yuma	Tina McKeand, City of Yuma Parks & Recreation

Government

Joseph Salazar, ADOT
 John Hinz, Tonto National Forest, USDA
 Ron Romatzke, State Land Dept., Urban & Community Forestry
 Louise Wakem, State Land Dept., Urban & Community Forestry

The Spanish Speaking Tree Workers Workshop was held on January 12 at Desert West Community Center. 96 people attended.

March 22, Arizona Arbor Day - The Great Trees of AZ awards were presented at the Arbor Day celebration. 26 awards were presented.

March 25, Louise Wakem and Lenora Stewart presented a plaque to the Council from the Maricopa County Master Gardeners in appreciation for the assistance that the Master Gardener program has received from the Council.

The Annual Conference - "All About Trees" was held June 7, at The Lodge at Cliff Castle Casino in Camp Verde. 184 people attended.

The Trees for the Rim Committee has been formed to work on reforestation for private property owners in the area burned by the Rodeo-Chediski fire. Representatives on the Committee are: ACTC - Jonathan Arnold, John Eisenhower, Betty Nelson, Ron Romatzke, Colleen Spakowski and Louise Wakem. Sue Adams of Market\$hare will donate her services for marketing the program and fund raising. Safeway Corp., APS and SRP donated several thousand dollars and will have representatives on the Committee. Kino Digital will create a website.

100% of all donations are dedicated to restoring landscape on residential, commercial, and community lands in areas damaged by the fire through the providing of native trees and other revegetation efforts.

As of July 29, 2002 there are 147 ACTC members.

November 26, Polo shirts with the ACTC logo were presented to the Board.

November 26, 2002 ACTC Board meeting and Luncheon - Carole Beauchamp of the Bisbee Bloomers accepted the ACTC award recognizing the efforts of the group to plant trees and other vegetation and to clean up Bisbee.

ACTC Board of Directors 2003

President	Jonathan Arnold, City of Scottsdale, Urban Forestry
Vice President	Steve Campbell, Navajo County Coop. Ext.
Secretary	Betty Nelson, City of Phoenix, Parks and Recreation
Treasurer	Dave Spilsbury, Tree Doctors North
Immediate Past President	Jeff Spohn, Nelson Tree Service

At Large Members

John Eisenhower, Integrity Tree Service, Inc.
Richard Harris, ASU Arboretum
Ted Harris, Master Gardener
Jack Kelly, University of Arizona, Tucson
Gary Kudes, City of Phoenix, Parks and Recreation
Terry Murphy, Vermeer Sales
Mike Neal, APS, Vegetation Management
Steve Priebe, City of Phoenix, Street Transportation
Vicki Richards, Palo Verde Landscape
Colleen Spakowski, SRP
Lenora Stewart, Master Gardener

County Coordinators

Apache/Navajo	Ron Kemble, Tree Technology
Cochise	Rob Call, Cochise County Coop. Ext.
Coconino	Brad Blake, NAU
Gila	Cayci Vuksanovich, Matlock Gas & Equipment
Graham/Greenlee	Randy Norton, Graham County Coop. Ext.
LaPaz	Lyle Browning, LaPaz County Coop. Ext.
Maricopa	Lenora Stewart, Master Gardener
Mohave	Rob Grumbles, Mohave County Coop. Ext.
Pima	Harold Hummer, Tucson Power
Pinal	Dave Gossman, Town of Gilbert
Santa Cruz	Ron Alvarez, Santa Cruz County
Yavapai	Dana Diller, City of Prescott
Yuma	Tina McKeand, City of Yuma Parks & Rec.

Tribal Representatives

Fort McDowell Yavapai	Marilyn R. Ethelbah
Hopi	Chester Ben, Hopi Tribal Office, Range Management

Government

John Hinz, Tonto National Forest, USDA
Ron Romatzke, State Land Dept., Urban & Community Forestry
Louise Wakem, State Land Dept., Urban & Community Forestry

41 Great Tree awards were presented at the Arbor Day celebration on April 9.

There are now 70 Great Trees of Arizona.

The Annual Conference, "All About Trees" was held on June 6 -7 at the Prescott Resort and Conference Center. 225 people attended the conference on June 6 and 175 people attended on the 7th at the park.

June 2003 - Mike Neal and Steve Campbell have been appointed to the Governor's Council on Forest Health.

November 24, the ACTC Awards were presented at the luncheon after the Board meeting. Receiving awards in the Volunteer category were: The Ash Fork Settlers Cemetery Tree project accepted by Fayrene Heeme; Nina Sia- Brackett and Sally Werner for their work in creating the tree planting celebration to honor the City of Kingman's 50th year of incorporation; Gloria and Knute Braathen and Judy and Jack Kuncel for their efforts in making the first year of the Trees for the Rim project a huge success.

The Keep Havasu Beautiful Committee received the Civic Organization award for the Commemorative Tree/Bench Program. The City of Yuma and the Town of Gilbert received Municipal Government Agencies awards.

The Desert Landscape School at the Desert Botanical Gardens won the award in the Schools category

Isabel Neuman, a teacher at Holiday Park School received a special award for her continuing efforts to educate her students about the benefits of trees and their importance in everyone's life.

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Graham	Randy Norton, Graham Cty. Coop. Ext.
Greenlee	Vacant
LaPaz	Lyle Browning, LaPaz County Coop. Ext.
Maricopa	Terry Mikel, Maricopa Cty. Coop. Ext.
Mohave	Rob Grumbles, Mohave County Coop. Ext.
Pima	Harold Hummer, Tucson Power
Pinal	Dave Gossman, Town of Gilbert, Parks & Rec.
Santa Cruz	Ron Alvarez, Santa Cruz County
Yavapai	Scott Clifton, APS
Yuma	Frankie Vasquez, City of Yuma, Parks & Recreation

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Hopi Chester Ben, Hopi Tribal Office, Range Mgn.

Government

John Hinz, Tonto National Forest, USDA
Ron Romatzke, State Land Dept., Urban & Community Forestry
Louise Wakem, State Land Dept., Urban & Community Forestry

Educational Programs Doreen Orist, Urban Environmental

January 26, new ACTC President, Tina McKeand asked that all Board members give 40 hours of service to trees in addition to their service on the Board.
Update - June 10, 40% of the requested volunteer hour commitment has been met.

February 4, the recognition ceremony and tree grove dedication in honor of Lyle Shaughnessy was held at Sunset Park in Wickenburg.

12 Great Trees certifications were awarded.

April 30 The Trees for the Rim program received an Education Award from the National Arbor Day Foundation. Ron Romatzke accepted the award at the Arbor Day celebration in Nebraska City, NE.

June 11 & 12, Annual Conference, "All About Trees" held at the Prescott Resort and Conference. 165 people attended on Friday and 125 on Saturday.

The Trees for the Rim program received a Governor's Pride award. Phoenix Urban Forestry and Phoenix Clean & Beautiful also received a Governor's Pride Award for their "Great Trees of Phoenix" project.

ACTC Awards - Volunteer Category - Trees for the Rim volunteers - Jon and Pam Weigan. Municipal Government Agencies Category - Youngtown Vice Mayor Janice Beck for her creation of and work with the Towns tree replacement project. Business Category - SRP - The landscaping efforts at the San Tan generation station tree work, accepted by Lori Singleton, and APS - home owners tree replacement program, accepted by Jeff Spohn. Public and Private Partnership Category - A to Z Equipment for their Christmas Tree Recycling Project

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Ann Young, Fertizona - Fennemore, L.L.C.

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LaPaz	Lyle Browning, LaPaz County Coop. Ext.
Maricopa	Terry Mikel, University of Arizona
Mohave	Hal Rolfson, Master Gardener
Pima	Les Shipley, Civano Nursery
Pinal	Dave Gossman, Town of Gilbert
Santa Cruz	Ron Alvarez, Santa Cruz County

Yavapai Scott Clifton, APS
Yuma Grant Rodney, City of Yuma, Parks & Rec.

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Hopi Chester Ben, Hopi Tribal Office, Range Management

Government

John Hinz, Tonto National Forest, USDA (Rita Schoeneman named interim replacement July 25)

Louise Wakem, State Land Dept., Urban & Community Forestry

The Arizona Tree Climbing Championship was held March 19. Dave Spilsbury took first place.

The ACTC Annual Conference was incorporated with the Western Chapter ISA's annual conference and was held May 1-4 at The Pointe Hilton Resort at Tapatio Cliffs, Phoenix.

ACTC Board of Directors 2006

President John Eisenhower, Integrity Tree Service, Inc.
Vice President Steve Priebe, City of Phoenix, Street Transportation
Secretary Linda Remick, A to Z Equipment Rental
 (Cathy Rymer replaced Linda, Sept. 14, 2006)
Treasurer Betty Nelson, City of Phoenix, Parks and Recreation
Immediate Past President Tina McKeand, City of Yuma, Parks & Rec.

At Large Members

Scott Clifton, APS
Bruce Fennig, Phoenix Trim-A-Tree
Vern Goedel, Tucson Electric Power (retired)
Gary Kudes, City of Phoenix, Parks & Recreation
Jeanne Peterson,
Hal Rolfson, Master Gardener
Colleen Spakowski, SRP
Dave Spilsbury, Tree Doctors North
Ann Young, Desierto Verde

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LaPaz Lyle Browning, LaPaz Cty. Coop. Ext.

Maricopa	Terry Mikel, Maricopa Cty. Coop. Ext.
Mohave	
Pima	Jack Kelly, Pima Cty. Coop. Ext.
Pinal	Cathy Rymer, City of Gilbert, Water Conservation
Santa Cruz	Ron Alvarez, Santa Cruz County, Comm. Dev.
Yavapai	
Yuma	Grant Rodney, City of Yuma, Parks & Rec.

Government

Rita Schoeneman, Tonto National Forest, USDA
 Louise Wakem, State Land Dept., Urban & Community Forestry

Arizona Tree Climbing Championship February 11, Reed Park, Phoenix.

March 27, Louise Wakem announced her appointment as director of the Urban & Community Forestry Dept. of the Arizona State Land Dept..

March 27 - The Board received a report on the grounds and the tree removal at the State Capitol. A program is currently in place to remove all non-native trees from the State Capitol complex from 19th Ave. to 7th Ave. and Adams through Monroe streets. The Board will submit a letter to the AZ Dept. of Administration with recommendations and offer of assistance with the trees.

July 24 - Conni Ingallina, SOS Solutions, was introduced as the Administrator Director for ACTC.

The Annual Conference was held September 14 - 16 at Hon-Dah Resort Casino Conference Center in Pinetop. Les Shipley was given an ACTC Award (no mention in the minutes as to which category it was given in nor what the project was).

ACTC Board of Directors - 2007

President	Steve Priebe, City of Phoenix, Street Transportation
Vice President	Gary Kudes, City of Phoenix, Parks & Rec.
Secretary	
Treasurer	Jeanne Peterson, Integrity Tree Service, Inc.
Immediate Past President	John Eisenhower, Integrity Tree Service, Inc.

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 Suzette Gibson, SRP
 Harold Hummer, Tucson Electric Power
 Jack Kelly, Pima Cty. Coop. Ext.
 Jan Mathis, Navajo Cty. Coop. Ext.

Ann Young, Desierto Verde

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Gila	Kim Stone, Boyce Thompson Arboretum
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LaPaz	Lyle Browning, LaPaz County Coop. Ext.
Maricopa	Terry Mikel, Maricopa Cty. Coop. Ext.
Mohave	
Pima	Les Shipley, Civano Nursery
Pinal	
Santa Cruz	Ron Alvarez, Santa Cruz County, Comm. Dev.
Yavapai	
Yuma	Grant Rodney, City of Yuma, Parks & Rec.

Tribal Representatives

Hopi	Chester Ben, Hopi Tribal Office, Range Management
Navajo	M.C. Baldwin, Navajo Nation

Government

Louise Wakem, State Land Dept., Urban & Community Forestry

January 24, 2007 - 120 ACTC members.

Louise Wakem reported that approximately 2,000 volunteer hours had been reported from Oct. 1, 2005 through Sept. 30, 2006. This is a dollar value of \$25,000.

Conni Ingallina reported on March 26 that 132 new members have joined since January, increasing the membership by more than 100%. On July 23, Steve Priebe reported that membership was up to 275. September 19 - 320 members. November 27, 322 members.

At the September 20 Board meeting, five new Board members were introduced. Alex Taft, City of Quartzite, Joel Spencer, LittleMunk Media, Inc., Louisa Ballard, and Bill Murphy, City of Scottsdale.

The Annual Conference was held September 21 at the Radisson Hotel in Flagstaff. 165 people participated.

ACTC Board of Directors - 2008

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Treasurer Jeanne Peterson, Integrity Tree Service, Inc.
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Transportation

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Louisa Ballard
Libby Davison, University of Arizona, College of Agriculture
Tom Ellis, Town of Marana
Suzette Gibson, SRP
Harold Hummer, Tucson Electric Power
Sara Jacoby, Sara Jacoby Landscape Design
Jan Mathis, Navajo Cty. Coop. Ext.
Bill Murphy, City of Scottsdale, Parks & Ground Mgn.
Alex Taft, Town of Quartzsite
Jill Utesch, APS

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Community Forestry

The Trees for the Rim program received the Gold Leaf Award from Western Chapter ISA at their conference in April.

Membership as of 5/15/08 is 330. Membership as of 7/24/08 - 333. 355 as of 9/18. The year ended with 334 members, 226 individual, 12 non-profit associations, 26 governmental and 70 business.

Annual Conference "Forming a United Stewardship for the Environment" (FUSE) was held September 19 at the Northern Arizona University High Country Conference Center in Flagstaff.

ACTC Board of Directors - 2009

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At Large Members

Richard Adkins, City of Phoenix, Parks & Recreation
Steve Amelotte
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(resigned _____)
Tom Ellis, Town of Marana
Matthew Goodnight, SRP
Harold Hummer, Tucson Electric Power
Sara Jacoby, Sara Jacoby Landscape Design
Dennis Lynch, (resigned _____)
Bill Murphy, City of Scottsdale, Parks & Ground Management
Dan Stevens, Living Tree Service
Jill Utesch, APS

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Cochise DeForest Lewis, Sierra Vista Public Schools
Coconino Art Daley, Arbor Pro Tree Care
Gila Kim Stone, Boyce Thompson Arboretum
Graham/Greenlee Bill Cook (resigned 12/09)
LaPaz Alex Taft, Town of Quartzsite
Maricopa Terry Mikel
Mohave
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366 members as of 1/23/09. 140 new members joined in 140.

The Tree Climbing Championship was held March 7 at Esteban Park in Phoenix.



As of March 23, 2009 there are 372 members. July 20, 334 members. September 23, 410 members. 240 individual, 8 non-profit associations, 37 governmental, and 125 business.

Arbor Day 2009 - March 20. The 2008 and 2009 Great Tree Awards were presented. Six for 2008 and seven for 2009.

Annual Conference "The Basics and Beyond, Growing Your Business in a Green Century" was held Sept. 25, at the Prescott Resort and Conference Center. ACTC Awards -- Sara Jacoby

December 14, President Gary Kudes - 2009 has been a very successful year for the Council and we look forward to a very ambitious 2010. He called on the

Board to participate even more and to encourage non-Board members and others in the community into volunteering and working on programs.

Notes and Comments

Terry Mikel - "Things like the first Conference was done almost completely by Roger Blakeley. Roger and I did two training/year in Phoenix and one/year in Yuma for three years straight. He did all the work i.e. set-up, interfacing with ISA, all the refreshments, paid for travel, etc. in other words, all the work. I just did a bulk of the teaching... Roger and I did the day-before testing sessions at all the earlier conferences. One class in Flagstaff when we finished the day we asked each other for the registration money only to discover neither collected the money thinking the other had. We had a lot of energy, but not so hot money collecting skills - I guess it wasn't important to us. We were just running around crazy doing classes and reviews." January 7, 2010.

