

**AGENDA FOR 2022 FALL OKVMA CONFERENCE
Hard Rock Hotel & Convention Center**

October 4, 2022 - Tuesday

12:00 pm	ISA Arborist – EXAM (Alanna Cooper, Test Proctor)
8:00 – 11:30 11:30-1:00 lunch on your own 1:00 – 3:00	Test Help / Review Session for OK Commercial Applicator Certification Offered by: Charles Luper & Kevin Shelton – OSU Extension Services NO TESTING PROVIDED
1:00 pm Tee Time	Golf Outing – Cherokee Hills Golf Course (<i>for conference registrants only</i>)

GENERAL SESSION – October 5, 2022 - Wednesday

Time	SPEAKERS	PRESENTATION TOPIC INFORMATION
7:00 – 8:30	REGISTRATION - OSU Conference Services	
8:00	PRESIDENT’S WELCOME – Introduce Conference Sponsors/Vendors & housekeeping	
8:05 – 8:15	Nominations for Open Board Positions	
8:15 – 9:15	Megan Parker Pesticide Certification & Training Administrator (ODAFF) Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, & Forestry	Laws & Rules Update Provide updates on proposed laws and rule changes in Oklahoma and discuss EPA’s proposed Certification and Training Rules. Also discuss the new testing procedures.
9:15 – 9:30	Election of New Board Members Positions	
9:30 – 10:00	BREAK with Exhibitors	
10:00 – 11:00	Megan Striegel Grassroots Manager RISE (Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment)	Federal & State Challenges facing the Specialty Pesticide Industry Join RISE (Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment), the national trade association representing manufacturers, formulators, distributors and other industry leaders in the specialty pesticide and fertilizer industry to learn about some coming legislative, regulatory, and judicial opportunities and challenges in the specialty pesticide space, especially impacting the vegetation management segment.
11:00 – 11:15	Business Meeting, Election Results & Scholarship Awards	
11:15 – 12:30	LUNCH PROVIDED	
12:30 – 1:30	Don Renchie PhD Professor & Extension Specialist Ag & Environmental Safety University Texas A&M	Drift – they are our neighbors too This presentation will provide information on minimizing pesticide drift and maximizing employee safety through effective application strategies
1:30 – 2:30	Jerin Presley OK Medical Marijuana Authority	OK Marijuana and Herbicide Application This presentation will discuss recommendations for spraying near grows and medical marijuana laws within our state.
2:30 – 3:00	BREAK with Exhibitors	
3:00 – 4:00	Josh Britt - Red River/Azelis Area Manager Wesley Lanier - OG&E Staff Forester Clint Taylor - OG&E Staff Forester Les Newkirk – NRS Right-of-way Superintendent Dr. Dennis Martin - OSU Turfgrass Specialists Dray Williams Oklahoma Department of Agriculture Food and Forestry Pesticide Complaint Program Manager	Round Table Discussion – Off Target Responsibilities & Liabilities Topics of Discussion: #1 Utility ROW applicator concerns near Medical Cannabis Grows. #2 Size of buffer zones recommended for utility rights-of-way near Medical Cannabis Grows. #3 What laws and regulations are in place to protect applicators doing their jobs “by the book” #4 What is the definition of an off-target application/ chemical trespass? How is an off-target application determined in a specific application? Burden of proof...who is liable the farmer neighbor who sprayed his pasture or the COOP or utility company that both sprayed the same day? #5 Sensitive crop registration legal concerns? What is the responsibility of the applicator?

BREAKOUT SESSION – Herbicide Management ODAFF CEU – October 6, 2022 – Thursday 1/2 day

8:00 – 9:00	Don Renchie PhD Professor & Extension Specialist Ag & Environmental Safety University Texas A&M	Safety – It’s still good business This presentation will review and discuss the components contained in a workplace pesticide safety program. Participants will learn how each domain affects the other (label review, PPE selection, equipment selection, and application strategies), resulting in efficient pest management and a professional applicator team.
9:00 – 10:00	David Gerken Extension Program Educator Turfgrass Science Group Oklahoma State University	Calculations and Calibration of Right-of-Way Equipment This presentation will focus on the mathematics and principles of equipment calibration for broadcast pesticide along the right of way This lecture will review mathematics, nozzle selection, and changes in the roadside environment including driving speed with how they affect calibration.
10 - 10:30	BREAK with Exhibitors	
10:30 - 11:30	Case Medlin PhD Regional Stewardship & Development Manager Environmental Science ES Field Solutions Crop Science Division Bayer Corporation LP	Understanding Herbicide Mode of Action and Its Practical Applications This presentation will deliver a basic understanding of herbicide modes of action (MOA) commonly used by Industrial Vegetation Management (IVM) applicators, to include coverage of herbicide uptake and translocation, herbicide sites of action, and herbicide symptomology. The discussion will also include impacts of some biotic and abiotic factors that impact plant growth and development. Practical application of this knowledge will involve combining the basic and applied aspects of herbicide mode of action knowledge to direct vegetation applications relative to application timing, application methods, and environmental factors, as well as understanding POST treatment assessment and investigations involving performance.

BREAKOUT SESSION – Tree Management ISA CEU - October 6, 2022 – Thursday 1/2 day

8:00 – 9:00	Dave Lowe Bronco Rental	Chipper Safety This presentation will cover general chipper operation safety.
9:00 – 10:00	Dana Karcher Davey Resource Group Project Manager President of ISA	Everyone Benefits: Creating a Culture for Trees in the Right Place Trees provide towns, cities, and citizens benefits that range from clean air to economic vitality. Rarely do elected officials and citizens disagree on the value that trees provide. But what happens when those trees interfere with infrastructure? This presentation will explore both opportunities and solutions to the challenges of assuring that the right trees end up in the right place. It will examine how both cities and utilities can both have an understanding of what each entity needs to assure that canopy grows and that the benefits of the urban forest are fully realized.
10 -10:30	BREAK with Exhibitors	
10:30 – 11:30	Brian Christensen CTSP Safety Supervisor Senior Safety Lead Wright Tree Service	Working at height. The evolution of tree climbing systems This will cover developments in equipment, climbing systems, and safety practices at height; including challenges and benefits of their use and adoption in the industry.