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Dear UAA Members,

On December 31 Derek Vannice will be leaving his position as Executive Director of the UAA as well as his job with ISA to pursue a new position with CN Utility Consulting Inc, as Vice President of Operations.

For the past 18 years, Derek has provided leadership to the certification and credential programs at ISA, growing the program from 2,000 certified arborists to over 26,000 in 50 countries worldwide. His efforts included guiding the process for ISA to receive ISO Accreditation for the program. Derek also played an important role in creation of several specialized credential programs that serve the needs of segments within the arboricultural industry.

As Executive Director of the Utility Arborist Association the UAA grew from an organization of 400 to now include 2,600 members in 7 countries. He also assisted the UAA with the development of industry best management practices for integrated vegetation management and the Utility Specialist Certification for professionals in the utility field.

Between now and the end of the year, Derek will assist the UAA Executive Board with creating a transition plan to support ongoing projects and initiatives focused on the future of UAA. Derek is excited about staying in the industry and pledges to remain involved with UAA and ISA through his new position at CN Utility Consulting Inc.

Derek has positioned UAA well with the addition of Jessica Carroll, UAA Manager to a full time position with UAA so during the transition of the Executive Director position all the needs of UAA members can be met.

The UAA Executive Board and I wish to thank Derek for his commitment to UAA and congratulate on his accomplishments during his tenure with our association, and wish him success in his new career adventure. The board will take Derek's departure as an opportunity to evaluate the Executive Director position and when filling the position look at any opportunity to ensure both short term and long term success of the UAA.

If you have questions please feel free to contact a UAA Officer, contact information is provided in the left hand column.

Regards,

Wilbur A. Nutter
UAA President