

Erick Lopez

Information Officer



About Me

Originally from Chicago, I have been working in the green industry since 2017, and in Minnesota since 2021. I am an alumnus of the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point, where I completed my B.S. in Urban Forestry under the advisory of Dr. Rich Hauer. Rich encouraged me to get involved since I was new to the field of study, and while at UWSP I was an academic adviser, teaching assistant for our summer field experience, VP of the Student Society of Arboriculture, and participant in the inaugural Urban Forestry Design Challenge in Vancouver, B.C. I have worked in multiple sides of the green industry (tree and landscape) and currently hold the following titles: ISA Certified Arborist, TRAQ, MN Tree Inspector, WI & MN Applicator, EHAP.

How can you contribute to the MSA Board of Directors?

I enjoy being an advocate for our industry and would enjoy the opportunity to get to know the professionals who have been leading the charge for proper tree care in the state. Our industry is growing and becoming more and more known to people throughout the country, and to be able to be a part of that growth is intriguing to me. As somebody who found out about our industry later in my education, I would like to be part of a group that can make this more known as a career option as well as an important effort that our cities/societies should be focusing on more as part of the larger aspirations for their communities

Why do you think you would make a good board member?

I believe I would make a good board member because I am eager to learn from my peers and from their experiences in the field and with the various stakeholders they have interacted with. I am also a team player and do not want to focus on my growth/shine but rather on how we can grow the organization as a whole for the better. I have a very flexible calendar so meetings are a non-issue, and my company (Birch Tree Care) is looking to be more involved with MSA and other arboriculture/urban forestry-related initiatives. In short, I have the time, ability, eagerness, and willingness to put 100% into this position and keep MSA on a great track.