

Blake Thilmony Gillis

Vice President / President-Elect



About Me

I have worked in the industry for 8 years, starting as an Injectcare Technician and Plant Health Care Technician with Rainbow Treecare and eventually becoming a Research Scientist with Rainbow Ecoscience. I have a M.S. in Plant Science and am an ISA Certified Arborist. I have held the position as MSA Treasurer for the last 2 years and have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the Board and networking with more folks in the industry.

How can you contribute to the MSA Board of Directors?

My experience and knowledge in the industry has given me a vast depth of the variety and diversity of different treecare practices and companies, I have worked with companies across the US both large and small in many different endeavors and have a good network with a variety of perspectives. I can contribute by sharing my network of others in the industry including those on boards in various chapters around the US so that we can collaborate and learn from each other. I also would be able to use my knowledge of budgeting and planning to assist our planning process overall. Lastly, I can contribute my time by showing up and being involved at MSA meetings and events to support our growing chapter.

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

I think the last two years of experience have given me a good idea of what it takes to be a contributing board member, and insight into how our board can help the organization grow and flourish. I have good leadership and planning skills, and am not afraid to speak up and contribute during meetings to provide my perspective, but still keep an open ear.