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Tampa, Florida, was the site of the National Arborist Association (NAA) 1972 Annual Meeting and Trade Show in February. More than 125 delegates attended.

New officers for 1972 include President Robert Felix, Harder Services, Inc.; First Vice President John A. Shullenbarger, Gustin Gardens Tree Service, Inc.; Second Vice President W. Roland Shannon, Shannon Tree Company; Secretary Paul Ramsey, N. G. Gilbert Corporation; Treasurer Thomas A. Morrison, H. A. Morrison, Arborist; Director Boyd Haney, B. Haney & Sons; Director Kenneth B. Kirk, Shield Shade Tree Specialists; Director Gerald E. Farrens, Farrens Tree Surgeons; and Director George P. Tyler, Consolidated Utility Equipment Service, Inc.

Other highlights of the meeting included the presentation of an NAA Tree Plaque to Mr. Richard Pope, Chairman of the Board of Florida Cypress Gardens, Inc., for the preservation of the largest specimen Banyan tree found in Central Florida.

Jack Hoffer spoke to the members on the effects Phase II wage and price controls will have on commercial tree care firms. Other topics discussed were capitalization costs, payroll taxes, price increases for service organizations, and many other important subjects. Paul Ramsey, N. G. Gilbert Corporation and George Barlow, Area Compliance Officer, Jacksonville, Florida, presented a program on the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. Some of the topics discussed included: Inspections (preparation, notification, and procedures) and Citations, Penalties and Shutdowns.

Dr. Spencer Davis, Jr., Executive Secretary of the American Society of Consulting Arborists, spoke on the pollution and injury effects that salt has on trees. He related the effects that salt has on the physiology of a tree and some of the preventative measures that may be used to protect the tree from destruction.

The next Annual Meeting of the National Arborist Association is tentatively scheduled for February 18-22, 1973 at the Mountain Shadows, Scottsdale, Arizona.