

The ASC A300 Committee met on October 21 to 23<sup>rd</sup> in Alexandria, VA. The committee awarded Ed Macie of the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Forestry Service a service award for his 8 years of work on the committee. Ed will remain as an alternate representative and Keith Cline will take over as the member representative for the Forest Service.

Caption: Pictured are Tim Johnson, chair, and Ed Macie.

The committee reviewed public comments (submitted so far) on the revision of ANSI A300 Part 2 - Fertilization. Some changes were made, which will result in a second public review period after the current period is complete on November 11.

The committee also reviewed working documents produced by subgroups that are working on:  
 a revision for ANSI A300 Part 5 *Management*;  
 a new standard for Roots and Root Zone management; and,  
 a new standard for Tree Structure Assessment (tree risk management).

These documents are not yet ready for public review. The ASC A300 believes public review periods may be held for these after the Spring ASC A300 meeting in March, 2009.

The committee also provided a list of changes in the following newly revised standards:

**Outline of major changes to the revised ANSI A300 Part 1 Pruning and ANSI A300 Part 4 Lightning Protection Systems standards.**

This outline is an informative review only. Individuals, companies, and organizations should read and review these new standards in their entirety. Not all changes are included in this outline.

**MAJOR CHANGES FROM EXISTING STANDARDS**

<b>PRUNING STANDARDS – 2001</b>	<b>PRUNING STANDARDS – 2008</b>
Part 1 Pruning 2001 Edition	<b>Part 1 Pruning 2008 Edition</b>
	<b>Page i: Table of Contents expanded</b>
	<b>Page ii: Foreword - Expanded explanation of ANSI, how to apply and use standards</b>
	<b>Page iii: New ASC A-300 Mission Statement</b>
Page 1: Purpose Section 2.1 – purpose to provide standards for developing specifications	<b>Page 1: Purpose 2.1 - to provide performance standards for developing written specifications</b>
Page 1: Definitions Section 4.0	<b>Page 1: Definitions Section 4.0 - deletions and changes to certain definitions for consistency with pruning standard, scientific terminology,</b>

	<b>green industry dictionary</b>
Page 5: Pruning Objectives Section 5.5- Pruning objectives shall be established	<b>Page 6: Pruning Objectives Section 6.0 - Pruning objectives include more guidance on types of objectives that shall be established</b>
Page 5: Section 5.6 Pruning Types for Clean, Thin, Raise and Reduce	<b>Page 7: Pruning methods (types) Section 7.0 – This section has been re named and moved in the standard. This section now follows a review of pruning styles</b>
Page 6 – 7: Specialty Pruning Section 5.7 to 5.8	<b>Page 6 – 7: Section 6.2 – 6.64 – This section has eliminated references to specialty pruning and has been expanded to include Structural, Restoration, Vista/View, Espalier, Pollarding, etc.</b>
Page 7: Palm Pruning Section 5.8	<b>Page 7: Palm Pruning Section 8.0 - Palm pruning section has been moved to this section with new diagrams.</b>
Page 7: Utility Pruning Section 5.9- 5.9.3	<b>Page 8: Utility pruning Section 9.0 - 9.4 – Utility pruning section is no longer listed as a specialty pruning type has been moved to the referenced section above in the standard.</b>
Page 9: Annex A: Informative References	<b>Page 10,11, 12: Annex A, B and C is expanded. Annex A includes three cut method description, Annex B includes example Specification writing guideline and examples and a pruning specification flowchart, and Annex C includes ANSI interpretations of Shall and Should language.</b>
<b>Lightning Protection Systems Standards – 2002</b>	<b>Lightning Protection Systems Standards - 2008</b>
Part 4 Lightning Protection Systems –2002 Edition	<b>Part 4 Lightning Protection Systems –2008 Edition</b>
	<b>Page i: Table of Contents expanded</b>
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Page 32: Definitions Section 4.0	<b>Page 2: Definitions Section 45 - deletions and changes to certain definitions for consistency with the standard, scientific terminology, green industry dictionary</b>
Page 34: Materials and General clauses Sections 46.5 and 46.5.1	<b>Page 4: General 46.5.1.1 – Lightning protection systems shall be specified to achieve the established objective</b>
Page 37: Annex A, B and C: Informative References	<b>Page 9: Annex C has been expanded to include Interpretations for tree lightning protection systems, purpose, reason and objective. Guidance is established for legal reasons to provide consultation to other lightning protection standards or practices beyond the scope of work. These are included as normative references in Section 44.</b>

After the meeting the committee took a behind the scenes grounds tour of Mt. Vernon with Mt. Vernon horticulturist, Dean Norton.

Caption: Pictured are Dean Norton, Preston Leyshon, Gordon Mann, Bob Rouse, and Stewart Bunn.