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Chair's Corner

Mike Huneke



First, I wanted to recognize and thank the Maryland/ Delaware Division for hosting a wonderful summer meeting at the Rocky Gap Resort. It was really nice to return to an in-person meeting. I especially enjoyed the field tour and the visit to Green Ridge State Forest. The venue and content for the meeting were both exceptional. Great job everyone! Having said that, I am also looking forward to our upcoming Winter Meeting which will be held in Clarion, PA, February 16-18, 2022. Hope to see everyone there!

For me, summer flew by. I have the privilege of being a Scoutmaster of a fantastic Scout Troop north of Baltimore. This summer I accompanied a group of 82 Scouts to camp in North Carolina for a week. My passion has always been sharing forestry with the youth in the Scouting program, and summer camp is a great opportunity to get young people in the outdoors. It was time well spent, to say the least. With my batteries recharged from Scout Camp, I then deployed for two fire assignments in Oregon and California. The California assignment in particular was very memorable. While working as a Division Supervisor on the Windy Fire on the Sequoia National Forest, I had the opportunity to fight fire in a grove of giant sequoias. Sometimes I am amazed at the things we get to do in our careers. I know that several other members of the Allegheny SAF participated in fire assignments this year... Thank you all for your service protecting our public and private forest lands.

And in the Allegheny SAF, despite more than a year of shut downs from COVID, I am pleased with what we were able to accomplish this year. We amended our bylaws and formally created a student voting member position on our Executive Committee. It is my hope that this act will result in greater recruitment among student members. We also created an Allegheny SAF Hall of Fame and I look forward to inducting our first members at our winter meeting. And most significantly, we secured and began working on hosting the 2022 National Convention to be held in Baltimore!

Looking forward, in my opinion, our greatest challenge continues to be recruitment and retention of members. We see that the majority of our membership is of retirement age, and fewer young people are joining our ranks. I am hopeful that the national convention will be a great opportunity to recruit new members into the Allegheny SAF. As members, we can do our part by inviting non-member foresters or sponsoring students to our meetings. Communicate the value of membership – the networking, the continuing education opportunities and the value of promoting and being an active contributor to our profession. Our strength is definitely in our numbers. Thank you all for doing what you can.

In closing, I remain at your service and I continue to be humbled by the opportunity to serve as Chair of our organization. Thank you all for your contributions to forestry, and I look forward to seeing you in the woods!

I wish you all good health and good forestry.

District 7 Board of Directors Report

Sarah Wurzbacher



This is my first piece in the Allegheny News since becoming your District 7 Representative to the Board of Directors. Admittedly, my early work in this role involved a learning curve regarding the structure and processes at the national level in SAF, but with my feet under me now, I have such a deeper appreciation of just how much goes on in SAF at all levels of the organization, which translates to a broader understanding of the abundance and diversity of opportunities our members have for greater levels of participation in SAF. The nature of leadership and service looks different to each of us, and there are opportunities to match every style of participation in our organization. If you've been thinking you might be ready for an officer position but aren't sure how to start down that path, if you're not keen on work as an officer but are looking for a quieter way to lead, or if you want to drill down on work in a particular discipline within our field with others from SAF, please reach out to me. I would be so excited to think with you about more ways for our folks in the Allegheny Society to actively shape SAF into an organization that better reflects and serves us. In the meantime, here's a bit more on Board goings-on and news from National:

Membership

National membership is currently at 9,269, down from 9,599 in 2020 and 10,414 in 2019. Looking past the annual declines in overall membership, there is actually a lot of positive buzz at the national level around new membership numbers. We have 585 new members this year (413 reinstated and 172 new to SAF). SAF added 501 new members in 2020 and 649 in 2019. Terry Baker's comments at a recent House of Society Delegates meeting indicated that these additions were across the membership spectrum – some new to us, some new student members, some transitional members, some reinstatements.

State Society Governance and Business Operations Update

Your Allegheny Society leaders are taking on significant work now and in the coming year (yes, even against the backdrop of significant work related to 2022 Convention preparation) to address local unit business challenges, specifically related to liability protection and operational structure.

In the >120-year life of our organization, structure and policies have evolved slowly against a rapidly changing context of things like regulations, banking practices, and tax policies. Defining sound governance practices, therefore, is always a moving target. Two new recommendations represent steps toward modernizing SAF and reflect the ethos that business operations between SAF national and state societies should be a partnership, consistent with organizational goals, and structurally and operationally linked according to applicable federal and state laws and sound business practices. Specifically, two actions are in progress:

- Directors and Officers Insurance: The House of Society Delegates (HSD) unanimously voted to adopt the recommendation for all state societies to obtain directors and officers (D&O) insurance through a national policy. This policy supports leaders at all levels within the Allegheny Society down to the chapter level, allowing volunteer directors and officers to continue to serve in these roles without running the risk that an honest or perceived mistake will cause them to lose personal assets defending a claim or lawsuit. The HSD has moved that the Board vote at its December meeting to consider covering the expense of this policy with a national dues increase (likely to be about a dollar or two per member).
- Incorporation of State Societies Moving Forward: After approval by the Board and agreement by the HSD, SAF is moving forward to separately incorporate all state societies under their respective, applicable state laws. Incorporation creates a nonprofit structure with liability protection for all state societies and their directors and members, and additional protection for SAF National. It establishes state societies as separate legal entities and creates a separation between personal and corporate assets, thus providing limited liability protection to those managing or governing the organization. A checklist of needed documentation to initiate incorporation is being developed by SAF's legal team. When finalized, the legal team and national staff will lead work with each individual state society move things forward.

Incorporation is the first step to addressing local unit business challenges. While the incorporation process is in progress, other actions and work will be ongoing, including drafting updated bylaws, developing banking options for units, building out the local unit business operations handbook, and more. SAF staff will work one-on-one with state societies to ensure each state society's unique needs are considered and that these adaptations are made thoughtfully and correctly.

Accreditation Handbook Update

As part of my Board appointment, I serve the Education Policy Review Committee, which spent significant time this year in an all-hands-on-deck effort to close out and finalize a multi-year process to complete a much-needed update the accreditation process for forestry education programs. Final updates have now been made, and the Board has approved the changes to the 2021 Accreditation Handbook, which includes the standards, procedures, and guidelines for accrediting educational programs.

Recent Impact Projects

Nearly \$60,000 went to 16 local SAF units across the nation in support of education, outreach, and professional development projects that increase our impact and grow our organization. Despite COVID complications over the past year, local units remained active and submitted project proposals that included trail interpretive signage, podcasts and videos, diversity and inclusion trainings, and student engagement related to green jobs and career opportunities in forestry.

Deadlines to submit Foresters' Fund Proposals for funding in 2022 are February 15; June 15; and September 15. Find [more information here](#).

Recent Advocacy Work

There has been much news from SAF in this area lately, so I wanted to briefly recap a few recent announcements. Click through the links for more on any specific item. [The E-Forester and Forestry Source](#) are the best places to keep an eye on emerging news in this area.

- [Coalition Statement on House Agriculture Reconciliation](#): SAF joined 45 members of the Forest-Climate Working Group in a [statement](#) responding to the House Agriculture Committee's recent budget reconciliation package containing \$40 billion in forest-related investments.
- [Support for Urban and Community Forests in the Reconciliation Package](#): SAF led a [letter](#) signed by 93 organizations supporting inclusion of urban and community forestry related programs in the reconciliation package. The letter also reemphasizes the importance of maintaining funds for critical wildfire resilience and forest restoration activities.
- [Coalition Statement Supporting the Infrastructure Package](#): SAF joined the Forest-Climate Working Group in a [statement](#) urging the House to pass the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* in a bipartisan manner when it comes up for a vote. The letter supports investments in wildfire resilience, ecosystem restoration, and wood products utilization and innovation.
- [SAF Supports New Bill from Senate Energy and Natural Resources Leadership](#): US Senators Joe Manchin (D-WV), John Barrasso (R-WY), Angus King (I-ME), and Roger Marshall (R-KS) introduced bipartisan legislation to help restore ecosystems, sequester carbon, and reduce emissions through active forest and rangeland management. A quote from SAF CEO Terry Baker was included in the Committee's announcement. [Read more](#).
- [SAF Supports Legislation Combating Invasive Species](#): SAF is proud to [support](#) Rep. Peter Welch's (D-VT) Invasive Species Prevention and Forest Restoration Act (HR 1389), which provides new resources to prevent and mitigate threats from invasive species. The bill aligns well with a current [position statement](#) and is also supported by many partner organizations.
- [House Small Business Committee Talks Forestry](#): A subcommittee of the House Committee on Small Business recently held a [hearing](#) to discuss the forestry sector's role in addressing climate change and promoting small business development in rural and underserved communities. Testimony from SAF member Dr. Adam Daigneault, Associate Professor of Forest Policy and Economics at University of Maine, was informed by the Forest Management, Carbon, and Climate Change [position statement](#).
- [FYI: Climate-Smart Agriculture and Forestry Partnership Initiative](#): Secretary Vilsack [announced](#) a Climate-Smart Agriculture and Forestry Partnership Initiative (CSAFPI), which USDA anticipates funding with \$1 billion from the Commodity Credit Corporation. USDA has announced a 30-day comment period to solicit guidance on the best approaches to encourage adoption of CSAF practices and promote markets for climate-smart commodities.
- SAF is partnering with Choose Outdoors as a Silver Sponsor of the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree and its movement from California to DC. Members and staff have worked to produce resources on forestry management to use in promoting SAF to Capitol Christmas Tree event attendees and website visitors and promote the project on social media.

Work with National Capital SAF

You've seen a few announcements in emails from Susan this year for online professional development sessions organized by National Capital SAF, and I hope you've joined at least one.

National Capital is eager to partner more with the Allegheny Society, and it benefits us all to consider this a two-way street. Online engagement, certainly, is easiest for inviting wider participation across a broad geographic area, but I strongly encourage you to consider inviting National Capital members to field tours or in-person meetings where it makes sense. Let me know when such opportunities arise, and I will make sure the information is shared with their members. This year is an especially good time to build and reinforce these bridges since National Capital is working closely with us in preparing elements of the 2022 Convention in Baltimore.

Leadership Academy

A Regional Leadership Academy will be held this year jointly with the Allegheny, New York, and New England Societies. This is a fantastic opportunity to better understand leadership opportunities within the organization, develop your own skills as a leader inside and outside of SAF, and interact with other engaged members from outside our unit. More information is forthcoming.

Young Professional Board Work

Audrey Maclennan [currently serves](#) on the board as a representative for SAF's young professionals (defined as those under 40). She is the first in her position and is currently working to define the issues and opportunities for greater engagement among this demographic within SAF. If you find yourself in this demographic, I strongly encourage you to reach out to Audrey and her successor, who begins service in January. Support of young professionals in SAF is not just about graduating students transitioning into full membership but also about continuing support and development for mid-career professionals. As we look ahead to the theme of the upcoming Allegheny meeting in Clarion this February, "Young Forests and Young Professionals," it seems a particularly good time to reflect on this within our own membership.

Closing Thoughts

I've done a lot of thinking about SAF this year. Our Society is a continuous work in progress, not a fixed structure we inhabit. In our work for our day jobs, we are the stewards of the forest resource. In our work for SAF, we are the stewards of the profession. The nature of how we and others think of this profession evolves and lives with or without our attention and work, but in SAF, we have a choice to be active managers. SAF offers us our shared professional identity; this is the organization where we define and defend it. That work happens in many small ways by the actions of many people, not necessarily or even usually from the top down. If you have ideas or a willingness to serve or build something, then again, please, speak to others in SAF around you about it or come speak to me. My hope is to be a resource for you to make these things real or at least make the right connections.

Science Update

Contributed by Melissa Thomas Van-Gundy



A Microstand Approach to Management

One of the reasons I joined SAF was to be exposed to other ways of practicing forestry. My whole career has been with the USDA Forest Service and I know that federal land management differs greatly from industrial and non-industrial private land management. One obvious difference is operational scale. When I was on the Monongahela National Forest, we were often tasked with managing areas of several thousand acres through even-aged management to create age-class diversity at the landscape scale. The idea of microstands didn't fit with my practice of forestry.

Not long ago I was asked to review a conference paper that introduced me to the idea of microstands, patches of forest about 0.1 acre in size generally. In his paper, Jeffrey Ward of The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, outlines a decision tree for four prescriptions to be applied to patches within high-graded, poorly stocked stands to rehabilitate the stand and regain economic and ecosystem services potential. Dr. Ward tested the prescriptions against un-treated control stands in western and central Connecticut. To apply the microstand prescriptions, initial conditions are compared to pre-set minimum levels of trees of good quality and desired species (Fig. 1). Since this work is focused on poorly stocked stands, the thresholds are low and are described below:

- Poletimber Plot - at least 5 well-spaced quality poletimber trees; prescription - cut larger competitors of 5 to 10 target poles
- Sapling Plot - 10 well-spaced saplings of desirable species; prescription - cut all poles and culls
- Two-aged Plot - 2 to 4 well-spaced quality poletimber trees; prescription - cut all poles and culls except target poles.

Any microstands without any of these three conditions would be considered a Regeneration Plot with the prescription to cut all culls and poles except those retained as seed source. The prescriptions are based on established timber stand improvement and crop tree release ideas.

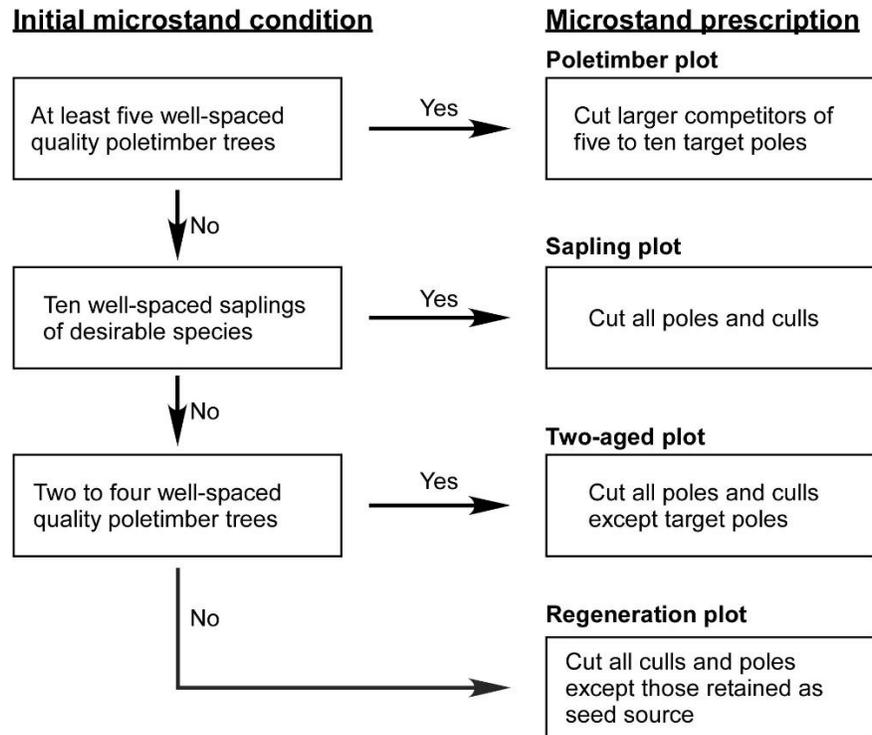


Figure 1. – Decision tree for microstand rehabilitation prescriptions for poorly stocked stands (Ward 2019).

In the study stands, stocking of unacceptable growing stock (UGS) was higher than acceptable growing stock (AGS) on 70% of the plots. As expected, there was an immediate decrease in the relative proportion of UGS resulted from applying the 3 non-regeneration prescriptions. Early results (4 years post-treatment) show the AGS basal area growth on treated plots was more than double UGS basal area growth on the same plots. For sapling and pole crop trees, diameter growth increased as well on treated plots. Even though these early results are promising, Dr. Ward notes it will take at least 10 years to be sure that the growth increases are permanent. The broader idea here is that small operations carried out at the microstand scale may be more welcome and implemented on private forest lands (the ones most susceptible to high-grading) than a stand-level regeneration cut, which may be unpalatable because of its size. Dr. Ward points out that these family-owned forests are the most susceptible to high-grading in the first place.

As I get more involved with the WV Women Owning Woodlands group, I am beginning to change the way I communicate forest management and I think this microstand idea will help. I can also see how managing at this scale will likely retain complexity and resiliency in these forests, although creating gaps large enough for shade intolerant species might still be an issue. Have you developed similar rules-of-thumb or cut-off numbers for the forests you work in? ever develop a flow chart to visualize your ideas? To read the entire paper check out - Ward, J.S. 2019. Rehabilitation of poorly stocked stands using a microstand approach. In: Clark, S.L.; Schweitzer, C.J., eds. Oak symposium: sustaining oak forests in the 21st century through science-based management. e-Gen. Tech. Rep. SRS-237. Asheville, NC: U.S. Department of

Agriculture Forest Service, Southern Research Station: 145-154.

<https://www.nrs.fs.fed.us/pubs/61041>.

And don't forget, all publications by federal scientists are available at Treesearch -

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/treesearch/>.

Allegheny SAF Summer Meeting Summary

For the 2021 Allegheny SAF summer meeting everyone gathered at Rock Gap Resort State Park for learning and fellowship for the first in person meeting in almost two years.

After an afternoon executive committee meeting, early attendees socialized at the ice breaker social with drinks and appetizers. The next day everyone was up and ready for a slate of field tours that fit the theme for the meeting.

The theme for the educational activities was Partnerships for Resilient Forests. Three excellent field tours were conducted that demonstrate the need sometimes to connect with different agencies and nonprofit groups to achieve good results in forest management. Attendees were able to choose two of the three field trips with one in the morning and one in the afternoon after an excellent box lunch at the Flintstone Volunteer Fire Department pavilion.

The first field session was held at Green Ridge State Forest. Jesse Morgan, Acting Forest manager for Green Ridge State Forest gave a history of the 47,000 acre forest with background on how it was formed over the years into its present state. Members learned of the management methods used which entails using management zones to differentiate high value forest areas, such as old growth forest, ecological significant forest, rare, threatened and endangered species habitat, and riparian forests. These were identified and mapped to satisfy SFI and FSC requirements in which Green Ridge is certified. SILVAH management protocols determine the allowable harvest based on these parameters and individual stand conditions. Available markets, especially for low value pulpwood is the biggest challenge manager face. Many of the pulpwood operators have transitioned to firewood production.

The second session held was on a private forest where MD DNR Forest Service foresters Adam Miller, and Julie Conway, and Indiana University of Pennsylvania Extension foresters Shannon Farrell and Joshua Rittenhouse joined forces with landowner Gary Holtz, to conduct a timber harvest improve habitat for Golden Winged and Cerulean warblers. In this harvest and one scheduled for a later date, basal area is reduced to 40 square feet per acre in certain areas to provide the early successional habitat needed for successful nesting. Regular maintenance of these area keeps invasive species in check.

The final field session involved an area of forest where the Nature Conservancy and MD DNR Forest Service, cooperated on prescribed burns to restore the natural regeneration. Dr. Deborah Landau, Forest Ecologist, with the Nature Conservancy, led a hike around the forest and explained the methods used to get a burn of light intensity to minimize the potential destruction. The positive effects on Table Mountain pine, a fire dependent species was observed with a

healthy number of seedlings established. Reduction of invasive species populations were also noted as well.

The threat of thunderstorms and rain forced the BBQ picnic scheduled on the patio indoors for the evening but with no effect on the great food and conversations held in the banquet rooms. The Friday session began with Division meetings and the announcement of the slate for the Fall elections in the Allegheny Society. Three members: Ken Kane, Howard Wurzbacher, and Cecile Stelter, were awarded the status of SAF Fellow. The first presentation was conducted by Elizabeth Vranas, American Forest Foundation on the Nature Conservancy and American Forest Foundation's Family Forest Carbon program which matches forest landowners with carbon markets. Craig Highfield, Director of Forest Programs with the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay then gave a complete overview of their Woodland Stewards programs and Healthy Forest Healthy Water programs. Lastly, Josh Smith, W. MD. Resource Conservation and Development Council, and Phil Gottwals, University of Maryland and ACDS, LLC. discussed the many ways the participants can join together under the Maryland Forestry Economic Adjustment Strategy.

The Summer meeting ended just before noon that day after two days of learning and an opportunity to reconnect with colleagues and friends. On to the winter meeting!

Allegheny SAF Summer Meeting Executive Committee Meeting August 25, 2021, 2pm

Attendees: Mike Huneke, Steve Resh, Cecile Stelter, Dennis Galway, Brad Elison, Kimberly Bohn, Dave Trimpey, Robb Piper, Steve Goodman, Sarah Wurzbacher, Jonathan Kays, Bud Reaves, Susan Lacy, Melissa Thomas-Van Gundy, Rob Feldt, Joe Glover

Called to order at 2:04

Approval of Minutes from February 24, 2021- motion made, seconded and approved

Chair's Report (Mike Huneke)

- Beware of spam email from ANSAF executives
- Student rep needs to be filled, discussed that appointment should start at February meeting after students have been in school for a bit. Some discussion if position should be filled by Allegheny/DC capitol rep that is part of the national student board. Discussion tabled for later (see Old Business section below).

Treasurer's Report (Steve Resh)

- Checking account: \$15,461.45, including deposit of second quarter dues check
- Educational endowment fund increased from \$69,897 to \$78,394

- Susan Lacy indicated that gains for non-profit could come up as issue for taxes
- Might consider spending some of it down
- Ideas for spending- invest in convention, 100th anniversary, pay for half of new memberships
- Student fund- no activity this year
- Dues are down for this year
- Rothrock chapter – report from Paul Lupo for Foresters Fund grant went to Steve Resh instead of national office, Paul needs to resubmit to national office
- Motion made to approve treasurer’s report, seconded, and approved

Executive Director’s Report (Susan Lacy)

- Reminder that early registration for national convention on August 31
- Reminder to strongly encourage new officers to fill out leadership form when new officers in place so have access to membership reports, etc
- Ken Kane, Howard Wurzbacher, and Cecile Stelter all achieved Fellow status
- Leadership academy- started in 2018 with NY and NE. In 2022 will be in South Portland, Maine on a Monday and Tuesday March 21 and 22. Perhaps some adjoining chapters could carpool to location.
- A question was raised on whether there has been any follow up with how many of the members who attended previous leadership academies are moving into leadership positions. Steve Kalleser may have some information and
 - *Action item: Susan will also follow up with past attendees; put together a report.*

Membership Committee Report (Cecile Stelter)

- Significant decrease in membership, including students.
- Down 50 members from 625 in 2020 to 610 in 2021 to 574 currently.
- Similar to national % in decline
- Some evidence that national incentive programs such as 1st time membership or discounts for reinstating may be working.
- Dennis suggested making sure we recognize current members, and some discussion on calling dropped members to see why they dropped.
 - *Action item- Cecile will get names of lapsed members and pass on to chapter chairs so can make personal phone calls (would be 3-5 members per chapter)*

Program Committee Report (Dave Trimpey)

- Plateau Chapter planning Winter meeting, February 16-18, 2022 in Clarion with theme of “Young Forests, Young Professionals”; still finalizing hotel contract but program is set
 - Two field trips planned for Cook Forest and tour of Clarion Boards on the Wednesday afternoon
- Winter 2023- NJ will host (confirmed with Joe Dunn)
- Summer 2023- Richard Schwab confirmed Pinchot will host, likely at Grey Towers
 - Suggest that consider moving to September so students can attend

Leadership Academy Update

See comments in Executive Director’s report above

Awards Committee Report (Jonathan Kays)

- ANSAF awards due dec 5
- Sarah mentioned that national awards tend to focus on career awards, so diversity of younger members not recognized yet. SO perhaps this is an opportunity at regional level, for example with our Forester of the Year award.
- *Action item- Jonathan will write letter in next newsletter to promote awards*

Other Committee Reports

- **Forest Science Committee (Melissa Thomas-Van Gundy)**
 - Melissa has written some articles for Allegheny news
 - Suggested content for a Facebook page (we need one first)
 - Regular updates on forest health issues would likely also be of interest to membership
- Vacancies in communications, policy, history, education, and membership/recruitment and 100th anniversary that need to be filled

National Convention Update (Kimberly Bohn)

- Convention dates: starts on a TUESDAY September 20 evening with quiz bowl and convention itself ends on Friday, with just tours on Saturday the 24th
- Kimberly currently working to fill Coordinator positions for local convention needs:
 - Technical Field Trip Tour Coordinator: Anne Hairston-Strang (MD)
 - Sponsorships Coordinator- Kenneth Jolly (MD) (to be assisted by other state volunteers with sponsor connections, still need some volunteers from NJ and WV)
 - Student Activities Coordinator- potentially Abby Jamison (Penn State grad)
 - Quiz Bowl- Steve Resh (MD)
 - Foresters' / Science Funds Raffle and Auction Coordinator- tbd
 - Local Publicity Coordinator- tbd
 - On-site Volunteer Coordinator- tbd (Susan Lacy to assist with volunteer list)
- Would like to have coordinators and volunteers from all of the ANSAF states, so far most are from MD and PA
- Technical tours committee has been meeting bimonthly since early July. Have 10 or so potential tour ideas to propose that will be refined and submitted to the program committee/national office in late September.
- Other immediate 2022 convention needs from ANSAF:
 - The national office would like ANSAF to be responsible for putting together and staffing the virtual exhibit booth promoting the 2022 convention at the 2021 Convention. Most content we can get from existing sources- the national office is going to connect us with the Baltimore Tourism office for regional info, and there will be a "schedule at a glance" from the Program Committee.

- *Action item: recruit volunteers to be online to answer questions at virtual booth (sign up sheet to be circulated at summer mtg and via email)*
- I was also asked if ANSAF would like to donate a ‘big ticket’ item to the Silent Auction or that would be a prize they give away for attendees going to the most Exhibitors booths. Could be a dinner cruise or something in Baltimore.
 - Motion made, seconded, and approved for \$500 to purchase “big ticket donation”
 - *Action item: Kimberly will ask Kenneth Jolly or local MD member to contact harbor dinner cruise*
- ‘Goodies’ to be put in box being sent to 2021 Convention attendees (needs to be sent to national office by early October)
 - Suggestions for simple magnet or post-card with ANSAF 100th anniversary logo and/or Baltimore image with convention dates
 - Motion made, seconded, and approved for \$1000 towards goodie item for 2021 goodie bag

Hall of Fame

- Suggestions to look at California Oral History for ideas

Chapter/Division Reports – including any changes to officers

- **MD/DE-** lots of work in last few months to get summer meeting together
- **NJ-** Steve Kalleser named fellow in 2020; last meeting was virtual with urban forestry related theme (ash, SLF), Conrad Franz named Pres. Field forester for 2020
- **PA-**
 - Slate of nominees for 2022-2023: Joe Glover, Chair and Bryan Rose, Chair-elect
 - Can we piggy back electronic ballots with ANSAF election?
 - The PA Division’s Deer sub-committee continues to be active having provided testimony once again last winter to the PA Game Commission on the position of SAF on deer management in our state. The PA SAF also is represented on the steering committee of the PA Prescribed Fire Council.
 - Dave Trimpey relocated the PA Division by-laws. The original PA by-laws were adopted June 26, 1982, and there have been no significant amendments since then. In the next year a sub-committee will be formed to make some small updates so the bylaws are consistent with language in the ANSAF bylaws.
 - Robb Piper has written history of Western Gateway Chapter
 - Plateau Chapter finally able to get rid of dues; Northern Hardwoods Chapter working on it
- **WV** – Sept 14th and 15th meeting; last meeting in January

Allegheny SAF Slate of Officers

- Steve Resh will continue as treasurer, Howard Wurzbacher will step in as PA rep on ANSAF Executive Committee, Brad Ilison will continue as member at large
- *Action item: Need to find Secretary and Chair Elect, NJ representative at large*

Old Business

- Student member to serve on ANSAF Executive committee- follow up discussion. After review of previous ANSAF meeting minutes and decision was made at March meeting that student member was supposed to rotate between 4 schools for one year term.
- Motion made, seconded and approved to pay for student travel and registration for student rep to attend the winter and summer meetings; to come from funds at the discretion of the treasurer

New Business

- Susan's contract – expired at end of June
 - Motion made, seconded and approved to renew contract

Announcement

Roach Bauer Thurs Oct 14th – CWD

April 21st – PA Audubon Forestry for the Bird

Dave Jackson- Presidential Field Forester for 2021

New strategic plan needed- do after 2022 convention

Penn Future – looking for \$150 sponsorships

--Motion made to sponsor Marian Keegan if not already sponsored,
seconded and approved

100th anniversary discussion (Cecile Stelter)

- Jonathan Kays has contact to help with logo
- Create 100th anniversary booklet: hard copy handout plus available online

Meeting adjourned at 5:0

David Jackson Honored as the District 7 Presidential Field Forester



Dave Jackson has been a forest resources educator with Penn State Extension since 2002, where he delivers educational programs and assistance focused on forest management on private and public ownerships. His broad outreach work includes private forest landowners, industry foresters, public agency foresters, conservancy/conservation organization forest managers, youth and the public. He is also highly regarded by his peers for his many useful Extension publications, applied research, blog posts, online articles, events and programs.

Dave has been an active member in the Pennsylvania Rothrock Chapter of the Allegheny SAF since 2000 and recently led the Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting planning team. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in forest management and forest biology at SUNY ESF in 1988 and his MS in 2007, while employed at Penn State.

He also serves in an active leadership role in the American Tree Farm System® PA Tree Farm program since 2002, serving in the roles of Tree Farm Committee chair and inspector training coordinator. The depth and diversity of his experience in field forestry is a great asset. He understands the forest and uses research-based science along with adaptive management to assist forest landowners in sustainably managing their lands.

Congratulations Dave!

Three New Fellows Named in Allegheny SAF

Kenneth Kane



Ken is currently is President and Owner of the consulting firm Generations Forestry in Kane. He previously held the positions of Vice President of Keith Horn Consulting Foresters, Assistant Manager at Baillie Limber in Titusville and Research Technologist at Penn State. Ken holds a Bachelors degree in Forestry from Penn State.

Within SAF, Ken has been an active member of the Northern Hardwood Chapter and has served as Chair, on the Program Planning and Field Tour Planning Committees and led numerous field tours. Ken led the Allegheny SAF as Vice Chair and Chair from 1999-2004.

In addition to SAF, he is a member of the Association of Consulting Foresters, Pennsylvania Joint Legislative Task Force Advisory Committee, and Penn State University Agriculture Advisory Committee. Ken's leadership has extended to many roles in his community including 29 years on the Kane Area School District Board of Directors, with 13 years as the Board President; Adjunct Instructor and Advisory Board member at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford; Kane Lions Club and Lector and Eucharistic Minister at St. Callistus Church. He is the recipient of the Allegheny SAF Outstanding Service to Forestry Award and the Penn State University Outstanding Alumni Award.

Ken is a strong advocate for SAF and an absolute believer that forestry professionals should be a member of their professional association. He has ensured two generations of leadership in SAF through his personal activities and his mentoring of young professionals in the firms for which he has worked. He has also ensured that SAF was one of the voices consistently heard in support

of sustainable deer management in Pennsylvania, through his leadership in SAF, his field tours and testimony before the US House of Representatives, the Pennsylvania Legislature, and the Pennsylvania Game Commission. His ability to be everywhere set a remarkable model of what forestry leadership looks like, and also showed a wide diversity of public audiences the passion, science and art that inform our profession at its best.

Cecile Stelter



Cecile is currently the Forest District Manager for the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry in Warren. Throughout her career, she has held a variety of forestry and natural resource positions with the Bureau, the USDA Forest Service, the US Park Service and Penn State. Cecile holds a Master of Forest Resources and a Bachelor of Science in Forest Science, both from Penn State.

Cecile has earned and maintains a variety of professional certifications including SAF Certified Forester, ISA Certified Arborist, Project Learning Tree Facilitator, Certified Tree Farm Inspector, Certified Public Pesticide Applicator, Pennsylvania Forest Fire Warden and NWCG Public Information Officer. She served as a member of Pennsylvania Forestry Association Board of Directors for 16 years; as Steering Committee Chair of the Roach-Bauer Forestry Forum for the last 4 years and a life member of Girl Scouts USA (including receiving the Gold and Silver Award and the First Class Award). Cecile has served as a public information officer on numerous western fires and wildfires in Pennsylvania.

Within SAF, Cecile has been an active member of the Plateau Chapter – serving as Secretary/Treasurer, Chair-Elect and Chair. She also served on the Allegheny SAF Executive Committee from 2010 to 2013. She is currently the Allegheny Chair-Elect and will take over as Chair in 2022.

Cecile has a long history of educating elementary students, the general public, forestry and natural resources students, her peer foresters, and policymakers about the science, issues, practice and benefits of good forestry. At the local level, she has participated with SAF-based initiatives such as “Walk in the Forest” to provide elementary students with a hands-on outdoor experience that permits students to share time in the field with a professional forester to teach about the dynamics of forest management and science.

Cecile is everywhere in the world of forestry. She is a proven leader, a trusted and experienced advisor. She generously mentors others and inspires personal and professional growth among her peers and associates.

Howard Wurzbacher



Howard retired in 2018 after leading the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) as a Regional Forester for 15 years. Earlier in his career, he also served in several other forestry roles with the PGC as well as a procurement forester for Endeavor Lumber Company and Fisher & Young Lumber Company.

Howard received a Bachelor's degree in Forest Science from Penn State. He is also an SAF Certified Forester, has completed Allegheny Hardwood Silviculture training, OakSILVAH training and extensive wildland/prescribed fire training.

Within SAF, Howard served as the Plateau Chapter Secretary/Treasurer, Chair-elect and Chair. In Allegheny SAF, he led the Pennsylvania Division as Chair and served on the Allegheny SAF Executive Committee, the Awards Committee and numerous planning committees for the Allegheny SAF summer and winter meetings. Howard is also the recipient of the Allegheny SAF Outstanding Service to Forestry Award, the Pennsylvania Game Commission Wildlife Conservation Award and the Allegheny SAF Chairman's Award.

Howard has been an active leader in his community. He received the Penn State Forest Resources Outstanding Alumni Award. Howard volunteered for many organizations including the Penn State Forest Resources Alumni Group Board of Directors, the Roach Bauer Forestry Forum Steering Committee, Titusville Youth Soccer Association coach, Pleasantville Lions Club and the Saint Paul's United Church of Christ in Titusville.

On a regional and statewide level, Howard demonstrated the importance of collaboration and science-based research and application for issues such as deer/habitat imbalance and response of desired regeneration to prescribed fire. He was often asked to serve on a variety of collaborative and advisory committees such as the Allegheny Hemlock Collaborative and the Allegheny Forest Health Collaborative. He often provided venues, forums, presentations and discussions so resource professionals could foster understanding and implement better on-the-ground forest management.

The forestry community benefitted greatly from Howard's leadership with his willingness to discuss successes as well as failures and to provide constructive feedback to his fellow professionals. Many young SAF professionals in the northwest PA region are in their current leadership positions in part due to their interaction with Howard. The forestry profession has gained from his work with growth and sustainable management of new forests but perhaps even more impactful is his work with the growth and development of young foresters.

Congratulations Ken, Cecile and Howard!

PennFuture Honors Marian Keegan with Lifetime Achievement in Conservation Award

PennFuture is a non-profit organization which prioritizes protecting air, water and land and empowering citizens to build sustainable communities for future generations. Each year PennFuture honors the accomplishments of exceptional women conservationists in Pennsylvania. The event rotates throughout the state and in 2021 focused on Northeast Pennsylvania.



Marian Keegan currently holds a Senior Management position as **Director of Community Conservation** for the **Hemlock Farms Community Association**, which is a forested residential property of 4600 acres and 3200 homes. She brings value by offering strategic leadership for protecting the environment and managing natural resources. Throughout her esteemed and productive career, Marian has advanced goals to conserve ecosystems.

Marian earned a Master of Forestry degree from **Duke University** and Bachelor of Arts degrees in Science and Biology from **Hiram College**. She's a North Carolina Registered Forester, a USDA Certified Silviculturist, an ISA Certified Arborist, and a QDMA Deer Steward.

She's planned and implemented projects with research scientists and natural resource professionals and administered timber sales for the **USDA Forest Service**; assisted forest landowners and suppressed wildfires as a Service Forester for the state of North Carolina; completed forest inventory projects for Mead-Westvaco, Rayonier, and Container Corporation of America; and brought buyers and sellers to the negotiating table for timberland sales as a consultant.

Marian has spearheaded award-winning programs such as **Outstanding Water System of the Year from Pennsylvania Rural Water Association**, Environmental Lake Management Award from the Pennsylvania Lake Management Society, Gold Star Community for Communications from the Communities Association Institute, USFS Outstanding Performance Award, and the ITT-Rayonier President's Safety Award.

Her publications include "**Standards of Professional Forestry in Pennsylvania**" and chapters author in the book "Deer Management for Forest Landowners and Managers." She was the lead on the recently rejuvenated Pocono Source Water Protection Collaborative funded by the League of Women Voters and PA DEP.

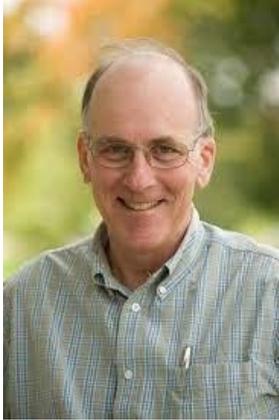
Of note, Marian validates the need for forested lake communities to employ natural resource professionals who bring balance to natural systems. Marian's new interests are sustainable investment strategies and transitioning to politics.

Marian is also the President of the **Grey Towers Heritage Association**.

Congratulations Marian!

In Memoriam

Jim Finley



We are deeply saddened by the sudden and tragic loss of Dr. Jim Finley, on October 2, 2021. Jim was Ibberson Chair and Professor Emeritus of Private Forest Management and Human Dimensions of Natural Resources at Penn State University. His decades of work informed our understanding of forests, private forest landowners, and all people who care for the woods.

Jim began his Penn State career and involvement in forestry as an undergraduate in 1965. In 1970, he completed his BS in Forest Science and left Penn State to join the USDA Forest Service Northeast Research Station in Broomall, PA. He did this to gain more practical, what many foresters call their “dirt forestry,” experience. While with the Forest Service, he and a colleague were among the first to estimate the population of private forest landowners in the United States,

setting him on his path to understanding and engaging woodland owners.

In 1975, Jim completed an MS degree in Forest Resources at Penn State and joined its Cooperative Extension Service as an area extension educator working out of Dushore, PA. While there, he helped organize and initiate two of what would become a statewide network of woodland owners associations, which educated and connected woodland owners to professionals who could help them fulfill their hopes for their land. In 1981, Jim joined the School of Forest Resources faculty at University Park. There his work focused on advancing research and Extension education programs on sustainable forest resource management, especially on private forests. In 1991, he completed his Ph.D. in Extension Education at Penn State.

From the beginning of his career, Jim strived to find innovative ways to protect forest health and vitality. In 1991, a collaborative partnership established between Pennsylvania’s Department of Conservation and Natural Resources’ Bureau of Forestry and faculty from the School of Forest Resources provided a platform for Jim and his colleagues to do so. Focusing on private forest landowners and their land, the Pennsylvania Forest Stewardship Program emerged from this partnership, educating and empowering landowners to share what they’d learned with others and supporting them with a set of foundational educational resources to inform their decision-making. Several signature initiatives emerged from Pennsylvania’s Forest Stewardship Program which continue to this day.

The network of peer volunteers which was established to help educate and inspire other landowners to undertake stewardship of their land celebrates its 31st anniversary this year. This Pennsylvania Forest Stewards volunteer program, with over 750 members trained, remains a vibrant and knowledgeable resource for landowners and professionals alike, and has become a benchmark program for others around the country. Importantly, the work of this partnership continues, with webinars, myriad publications and newsletters, woods walks, and more. Through all of his efforts, Jim reached hundreds of thousands with his simple but profound message, encouraging all of us to care together for the woods of this state, region, and nation which enrich our lives so much.

Jim also was an outstanding academic scholar, with a broad scope encompassing both forestry practice and the connections between people and the natural world. He contributed significantly to the scholarship of

the profession across his career, with foundational writings in partnership with lifelong friends and colleagues. As Jim's career evolved, he dedicated himself to understanding how people engage with, and care for, the natural resources around them. He was also committed to helping landowners, professionals, and communities understand that forests, if managed sustainably, could both thrive and provide a host of benefits to people, wildlife, and broader society.

Despite being a forester first and foremost, Jim's work in human dimensions found purchase in the creation and nascent development of the International Association for Society and Natural Resources (IASNR). In large part, this reflected his increased involvement in the guidance of students from across the university including forestry, wildlife, rural sociology, recreation, parks and tourism management, geography, anthropology, and extension education. And his role was not simply as member or reader on MS and PhD committees – he routinely served as an official or unofficial co-advisor to these students. Moreover, he coauthored numerous articles with them which were regularly part of the annual IASNR meetings. But he was more than that. He was an early champion of the organization, serving on numerous committees, promoting it and its transdisciplinary nature wherever he went, and served in the important role as Treasurer. Few individuals were as integrally involved in IASNR as Jim and he considered it his home, attending its meetings as often as he participated in the Society of American Foresters.

Jim's knowledge and insights were highly sought after within both academic and landowner communities. He mentored hundreds of graduate students, undergraduates, and natural resources professionals through his long tenure at Penn State. He also became a friend to many who began their time with him in the classroom at Penn State, interacted with him through trainings, or found his writings. Moreover, he educated tens of thousands of landowners who viewed him as both a highly knowledgeable resource and a source of inspiration. Walks in the woods with Jim Finley were a highly sought-after experience for anyone interested in forests. Wearing his trademark fedora, Jim could often be found wandering through private woodlots or state forests, followed by groups of landowners or professionals, all of whom had a keen interest in what he had to say. He also gave generously of his time to individual landowners, visiting the woodlots of anyone who asked for his help, offering advice, encouragement, and inspiration. Everyone returning from these walks emerged more knowledgeable about the trees, forests, and ecosystems surrounding them and were inspired by Jim's reverence for the natural world. His distinctive ability to encourage landowners to connect their land with their values gave many the confidence to embark on the path towards stewardship. And he repeatedly demonstrated an ability to turn his expert advice into the foundation for deep and meaningful friendships.

In 2003, Jim was elected as a Fellow in the Society of American Foresters, a high honor within the professional organization he joined in 1970 and actively participated in throughout his tenure. Jim was also a Pinchot Institute for Conservation senior research fellow. He co-chaired the USDA Forest Service's National Roundtable on Sustainable Forestry and served, most recently, on the boards of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, the Foundation for Sustainable Forestry, the Policy Council for WeConservePA, the education committee for the Pennsylvania Forestry Association, Eden Hill Conservancy, and many others. During his tenure at Penn State, he shared his expertise with numerous organizations and groups, including state, regional, and federal agencies, non-profits, and others focused on serving forests and people around the world, often garnering awards and recognitions for his effort – far too numerous to list.

In 2011, with colleagues from the newly created Department of Ecosystem Science and Management and others across the University, Jim established the Center for Private Forests at Penn State. This Center

continues his pioneering work on private forestlands and landowners, exploring innovative ways to provide landowners with the inspiration, skills, and advice needed for effective stewardship. Despite officially retiring in 2017, Jim continued to work tirelessly to foster the Center's development and growth. He served as the Center's Council Chair, continued to work on applied research projects, and wrote even more material on what it meant to be a steward of the woods. With what little "free" time he had, Jim could be found in his woodshop – often turning his famous bowls and not unsurprisingly teaching others how to do the same; volunteering at the faith-based Krislund Camp in Madisonburg, PA; and enjoying and teaching about the woods with family and friends.

Born December 6, 1948, in Munhall, Pennsylvania, Jim was the son of the late Samuel A. Finley and Martha Eleanor Wycoff Finley. He is survived by his wife, Linda Jones Finley of Port Matilda, PA, one son, Andrew O. Finley (Sarah R. Laubscher) of Okemos, Michigan, three grandchildren, Ava G., Oliver J., and Callum A., a brother, David A. Finley (Anna Marie Balint) of Coatesville, PA, and a nephew, Nathan Finley also of Coatesville, PA.

Jim touched innumerable lives with his decency, humility, passion, and care for the woods and also for students, colleagues, landowners, and all people. His kindness knew no bounds. This profound loss will echo through personal and professional relationships and the private and public forests of the state, region, nation, and beyond. Please hold his family and friends in your hearts and prayers.

Ken Carvell

Kenneth L. Carvell, 96, of Morgantown, passed away peacefully Sept. 24, 2021, in Mon Health Medical Center. He was born May 1, 1925, in North Andover Mass., the son of the late Reverend Clinton W. and Helen Scoby Carvell.

Kenneth served his country in the 29th Infantry Division in the European Theater from 1943-1946 receiving both a Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. He returned home to continue his education, earning his Bachelor of Arts in botany from Harvard, his Master of Forestry in forestry management from Yale and his doctorate in forest ecology from Duke. He joined the West Virginia Division of Forestry in 1953, where he taught until retirement in 1988 as professor emeritus of forest ecology. While at WVU, he earned numerous honors, including being elected a Fellow in the Society of American Foresters and in the Danforth Association. He received the Order of the Vandalia and the first Lifetime Achievement Award from the WVU Division of Forestry. His students were and still are part of his family.

Kenneth was very active in many community organizations, including the Izaak Walton League, Monongalia County Historical Society and the Nature Conservancy. He served on the Morgantown City Council before moving to the Cheat Area in 1967. He and his wife received the 2011 Senior Citizens of the Year award from the Celebration of America Committee for their efforts to record and preserve the history of Monongalia County. He was a frequent contributor to the "Wonderful West Virginia" magazine, and taught several classes for Lifetime Learners. He was an active member of Trinity Episcopal Church while his health allowed.

He married Elsie Scott in 1959, who died in January of 2018. Surviving are his two children, W.

Louise Sweeney (John), of Waynesburg, Pa., and Glenn A. (Kelly) Carvell, of Acworth, Ga.; two grandchildren, Hillary L. (Jason) Shipkowski, of Pittsburgh, and Ian K. (Alexandra) Sweeney, of Cabot, Ark.; and four great-grandchildren, Easton and Imrich Shipkowski and Logan and Luke Sweeney. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Frank Carvell and Richard Carvell and a sister: Virginia Honig.

The family is suggesting that gifts in his memory can be made to the Dr. Kenneth L. Carvell Graduate Fellowship (Fund number 3Z400) at WVU Foundation.

Ralph Glover



Ralph Playford Glover, Jr., 80, of Charleston, passed away on September 7, 2021 following a short illness. Known as “Sonny” to friends and family from his native Preston County, Ralph was born in Kingwood and raised in Terra Alta. He was the first in his family to attend college, graduating with a BS in Forestry from WVU, where he met his beloved wife and partner, Marti-lou Workman, on a blind date. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. After graduating, Ralph served in the United States Army as an Infantry Unit Commander and was honorably discharged at the rank of 1st Lieutenant.

Ralph dedicated almost all of his professional career to public service with the WV Division of Forestry, rising to the level of Assistant State Forester and Deputy State Forester. He was also active with the International Public Management Association of Human Resources. Throughout his career and after retirement, Ralph was an active officer and member of the WVU Forestry Alumni Association, South Charleston Lions Club, and the Charleston Good Samaritan Center. Ralph was honored to be named a Kentucky Colonel and he was a universal blood donor who donated nearly 30 gallons to the American Red Cross.

Ralph made a point of never missing his children’s activities and he continued this dedication to his grandchildren. Through the decades he attended countless basketball games, softball games, baseball games, soccer matches, wrestling matches, band performances, archery tournaments, and dance performances. Wherever the event, whether in Charleston, Lynchburg, VA or even as far away as Orlando, FL, his children and grandchildren knew he would be there to support them.

Ralph was survived by his children, Michael P. Glover (Rena) of Lynchburg, VA, Mark A. Glover of Charleston, Katherine L. Parrish (Michael) of Charleston, and Dawn P. Glover-Davis (Aaron) of Killeen, TX and his cherished grandchildren, Kirsten Davis (Evan) and Jared Glover of Lynchburg, VA, Margaret Glover, Sara Glover, Micah Parrish and Elijah Parrish of Charleston, brother-in-law Keith Workman (Vickie) of Holly Springs, NC, sister-in-law Rhonda

Glover of Terra Alta, WV and Cindy Glover of Rowlesburg, WV. Ralph is also survived by his close friend and brother, Lowell McPherson of Fairmont and the McPherson family. He was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Marti-lou Workman Glover, parents Ralph P. Glover and Wilma A. (Cole) Glover, sister Loretta Hall and brothers Gary A. Glover and David A. Glover.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest donations to the WVU Forestry scholarship in his name with checks made payable to WVU Forestry Endowment Fund, 806 Daverton Road, Charleston, WV 25303 or the Marti-lou W. Glover Memorial Nursing Scholarship, WVU Foundation, PO Box 1650, Morgantown, WV 26507-1650.

Save the Date

*Allegheny/ New York/ New England SAF
Leadership Academy
March 20-22, 2022
South Portland, ME*

Walk in Penn's Woods

On Sunday, October 3, forty walks were scheduled across the state. There were walks in rural, urban, and suburban woods, state forests and parks, community parks, conserved areas, private lands and even student-led hikes showcasing the multiple values, intricate components of, and diverse uses of Pennsylvania's priceless forest resources. This year, people were also invited to get out on independent walks in the woods.

Allegheny SAF Pennsylvania Division's \$2000 contribution helped get the word out to the citizens of Pennsylvania, to invite them to take part in the walks and other events happening near them, and, together, to build awareness of the important environmental, social, and economic resources that comprise the woodlands of our state.

We hope you'll continue to show your support by joining or leading a walk on Sunday, October 2, 2022 for a Walk in Penn's Woods or by sharing information about Penn's Woods with others.

Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting
February 16-18, 2022
Clarion, PA

The Plateau Chapter of the Society of American Foresters, located in beautiful northwest Pennsylvania is eager to host the Allegheny Society Winter 2022 meeting on February 16, 17 and 18, 2022 in Clarion, PA. This year marks a historic milestone for the Allegheny as the Society reaches its 100-year anniversary. An array of natural resource professional and researchers will gather to deliver new research, technology and crucial subject matter on this meeting's topic of "Young Forests and Young Professionals."

While the Allegheny Society continues to make large impacts to the forestry community across the five-state region, over the last century our forests have changed drastically. At least 89 birds, mammals and reptiles have declined due to the lack of early successional forest habitats. Forestry professionals play a vital role in the manipulation of these essential habitats that are relied upon by many wildlife species during some point of their lifecycles. In addition to the important job of managing our natural resources, foresters are also responsible for the fostering of young professionals who will someday be responsible for overseeing (or managing) the forever changing forestry world. It is our jobs as leaders in the forestry community to mold not only the land, but the minds for the benefit of future generations to come.

Participants in this year's training will have the option to pick from two tour locations. The Clarion River valley is home to the Forest Cathedral Natural Area in Cook Forest State Park where guests will be able to take a winter hike through the breathtaking stand of old growth eastern white pine and hemlock. Members seeking a warmer tour option have the opportunity of visiting Clarion Laminates, a fiberboard plant located in Shippenville, PA that manufactures laminate flooring and plays a vital role in the region's forest product industry. Please join us to help celebrate the Allegheny's 100-year anniversary, fellowship with old friends, create new connections and hear exciting presentations from the natural resource community.

Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting
Very Draft Agenda – More Details Soon
"Young Forests & Young Professionals"

Wednesday, February 16, 2021

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM – Registration

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Tours to Clarion Boards and Clarion Laminates to visit local laminate flooring manufacturer OR Cook Forest State Park to hike through the old growth Forest Cathedral.

3:00 – 6:00 PM – ANSAF Exec Committee Meeting
6:00 – 9:00 – Icebreaker/Social Reception

Thursday, February 17, 2021

Breakfast on your own

8:00 AM – Art Contest, Exhibits, Silent Auction Open
8:30 AM – Welcome, housekeeping & Introduction of first speaker
8:40 AM - TBD
9:25 AM – Lisa Williams/Bob Blystone, PGC GPAST Tool
10:10 AM – Break
10:30 AM – Pat Brose, USFS Black Birch Management in Young Stands
11:15 PM – Erik Zenner – PSU

12:00 PM – Lunch

1:00 PM – National Representative
1:45 PM – Jeff Larking, IUP
2:30 PM – Break
3:00 PM – Young Professional Panel Discussion
4:00 PM – College Quizbowl

6:00 PM – Banquet Dinner
7:00 PM – Banquet Dinner Presentation: Ben Jones, RGS/AWS
7:30 PM – Awards and Announcements

Friday, February 18, 2021

7:00 AM – Chair’s Breakfast (Pre-registration required)
Chair’s Breakfast Presentation: Sandy Smith
Reginald E. Forbes Art Contest, Exhibitors, and Silent Auction areas open

8:15 AM – Division Meetings
8:30 AM – Allegheny SAF Business Meeting
9:00 AM – TBD
9:45 AM – Break
10:15 AM – TBD
11:00 AM – Wrap Up & Raffle Winners

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Coming Events

February, 2022

16-18 Allegheny SAF Winter Training
Clarion, PA

March, 2022

20-22 Allegheny/NY/NE
Leadership Academy
South Portland, ME

No ANSAF Summer Meeting due to
hosting National Convention in
September, 2022

Future SAF National Conventions

2022: Baltimore, MD
September 20-24

2023: Sacramento, CA

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