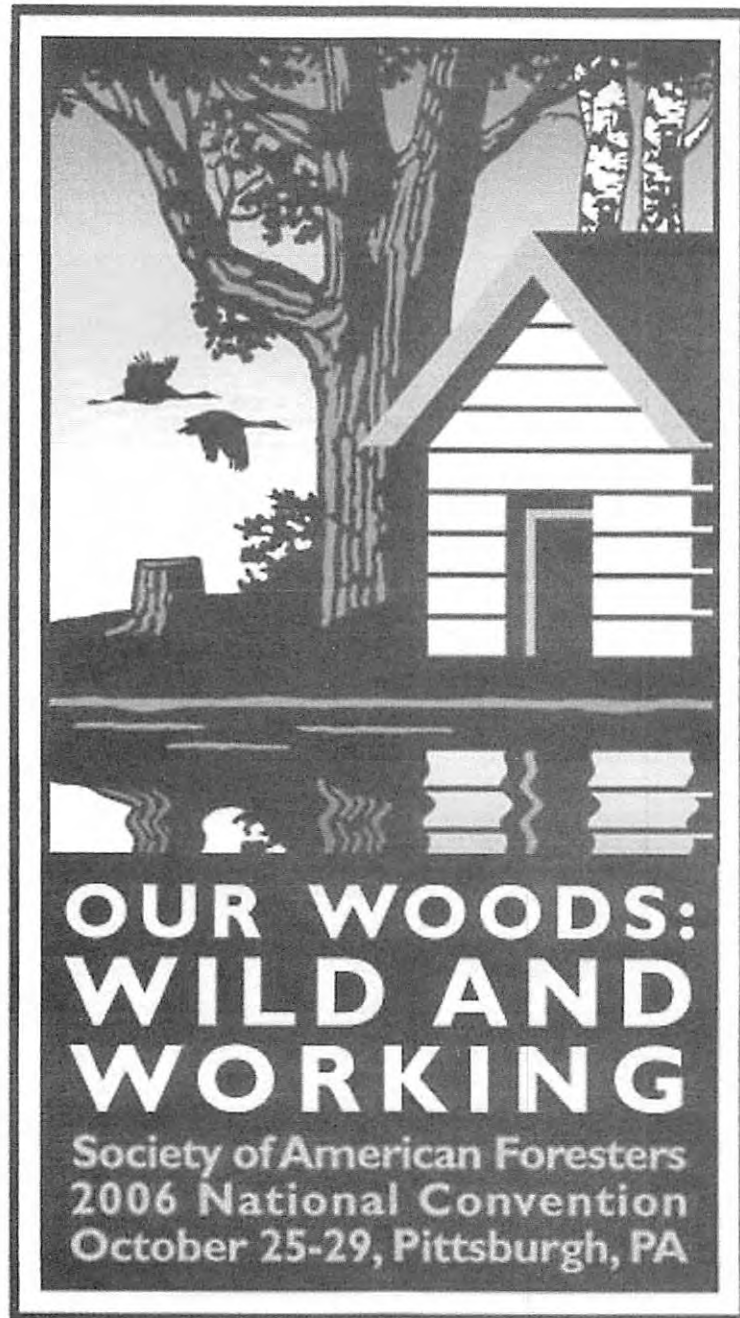
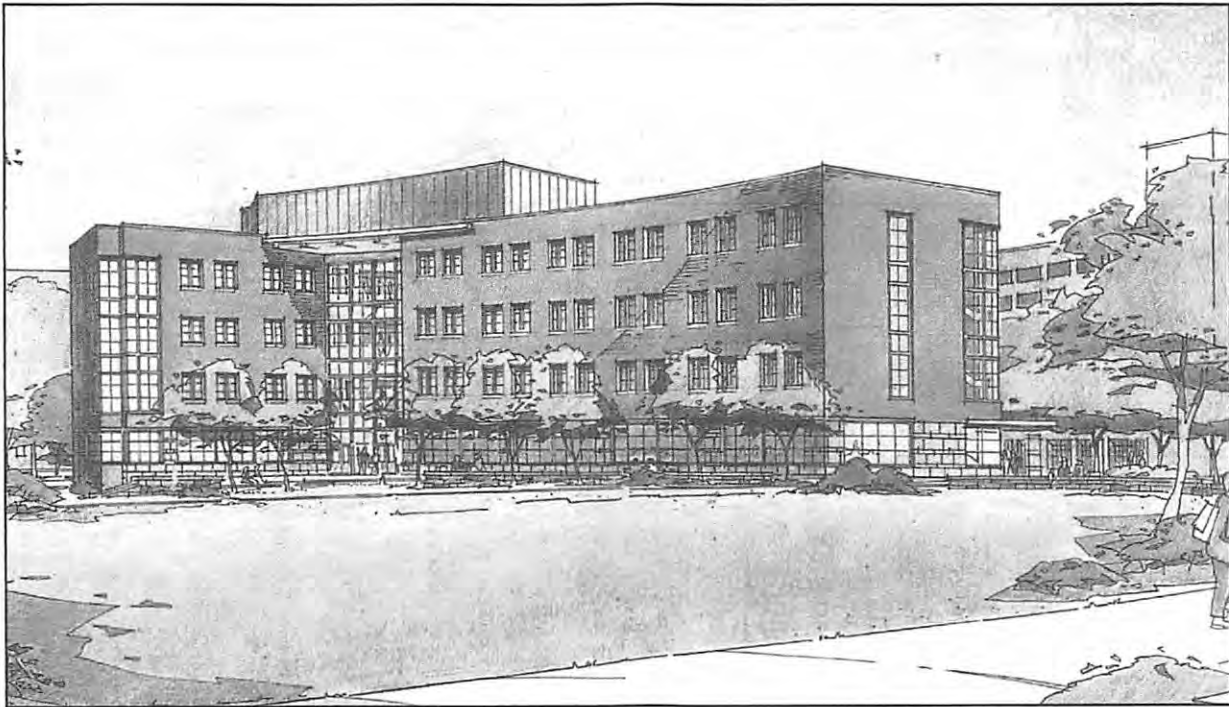


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The New School of Forestry Building at Penn State University

Congratulations to the PSU School of Forestry on its new center of four-year forestry education, extension and research in Pennsylvania!

The School of Forestry building, near the new main entrance to the University, is the beginning entry to PSU's new arboretum project. Many visitors to the Penn State campus will pass through this building, where prominently displayed plaques near doorways will recognize sponsorships of individual offices – one of which will be the Pennsylvania Society of American Foresters sponsored Goddard Chair office.

The PA SAF is well on the way to reaching the Goddard office sponsorship goal of \$30,000, but is looking for several more individuals or businesses to pledge a charitable gift of \$1,000. The pledge can be a one-time payment of \$1,000, or paid over a five-year time frame. The organization's name will be on permanent display outside the Goddard office with the name of each donor being listed as a supporter.

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Cover Illustration

The 2006 National SAF Convention will be hosted by the Allegheny Society of American Foresters in Pittsburgh, PA. Watch for information and your registration form in the mail from the National Office. See you at the "Wild & Working" convention!



Chair's Corner

By Kim Steiner,
Allegheny SAF Chair

Well, the big news of course is that we are only seven months away from the 2006 Society of American Foresters National Convention in Pittsburgh! It has been 38 years since a national convention has been held in our five-state region, so helping to host one will be a once-in-a-career opportunity for most of us. As our local arrangements chair, Kurt Gottschalk is coordinating the volunteer effort for the local support that we must provide. You can find Kurt's contact information in the back of this issue, and I urge you to let him know if you are interested in helping out.

Four years ago, when ANSAF decided to appeal for a convention in our area, there was some skepticism that we could mount the level of volunteer support that is necessary for a national convention. Afterward, when Council chose the location, I heard more worries about our capacity because Pittsburgh is on the edge of our region and Western Gateway is one of our smaller chapters. But I never doubted that our members would step forward, and indeed you have done so - with enthusiasm! Kurt is already well on his way toward completing the committee assignments. So, if you want to help out, act now... before it is too late! Not really - there is room for everyone to participate that wants to.

About 75% of our members have registered email addresses with the national office, and I have used those addresses to create a mailing list server on the Penn State computing system (the university is a willing host). As it is currently set up, only Jack Winieski, Ken Jolly and myself can post emails on the list server, and neither Jack nor Ken have done so as of yet. It does not really get used much, but we are and will be using it for important things. Besides distributing an electronic version of our summer newsletter on the list server, I intend to use it to send periodic updates about planning for the convention. If you did not receive email reminders earlier this year

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about the winter meeting, then we probably do not have an address for you. Contact me if you want to get on board (or, for that matter, if you want to be removed from the distribution list). Along with the rest of the world, ANSAF will inevitably rely more and more on electronic communications.

Speaking of the winter meeting, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of **Mark Buccowich** and other members of the Valley Forge Chapter for organizing what I thought was a most interesting and successful meeting in Lancaster this past February. You will find extensive coverage of the winter meeting in this issue.

Lastly, I want to mention a recent development in the selection process for SAF fellows. Under procedures approved by Council at its December and March meetings, nominations for fellow will now be made through voting district committees, and election to fellow status will occur within Council. As directed by our Executive Committee at its February meeting, **Susan Stout** has worked with an ad hoc committee of current ANSAF fellows and with Mary Coulombe, our Council representative, to develop a charter for the District VII Fellows Committee. I submitted that charter to a vote by our Executive Committee sometime in mid-March, and the same will occur within the National Capital SAF. In the meantime, we must proceed with the nominations process for this year, and you will find a call for nominations in an article by Susan Stout in this issue.

Watch your email in-box for information about the convention as it develops. See you in Pittsburgh! ☺



Allegheny SAF Educational Endowment Fund Continues to Grow

By Ron Sheay, Endowment Fund Coordinator

With the addition of four more contributions, our Educational Endowment Fund has reached \$32,635. Add to this total our original \$10,000 endowment and we have a \$42,635 investment to support educational programs within the Allegheny SAF mission. Keep in mind that the endowment stays intact and only the interest earned may be used to assist in educational efforts.

We thank the following that have made contributions since the last issue of *The Allegheny News*:

Albert Huber	PA
Suzanne Matlock	PA
John Moser	IN
William Vanidestine	PA

Current interest accumulation of \$4,542.82 is available for membership educational programs or for public educational outreach initiatives. If you are planning an educational program for 2006, you are invited to make a proposal for a grant or loan to augment your effort. Contact the Environmental Educational Chair:

Mark Webb, Chair
ANSAF EE Fund
11021 Rt. 6
Union City, PA 16438

You can also telephone Mark at (814) 663-4008. Remember to submit your proposal early in the planning stage. ☺

Edward Kocjancic Named A Penn State Alumni Fellow

Courtesy of *The Forestry Source*

The Penn State Alumni Association has named **Edward F. Kocjancic** an alumni fellow. Kocjancic is president of Edward F. Kocjancic Inc., Consulting Foresters and throughout his career, he has been active in the forest industry as a member of various organizations such as the SAF and the Pennsylvania Hardwood Development Council.

Kocjancic is a life member of the PA Forestry Association and has served as director for the Allegheny Hardwood Utilization Group, the PA Forest Industry Association, the McKean County Industrial Council, and the Kane Area Industrial Development Council. He received his BS Forestry degree from Penn State in 1954 and joined the SAF in 1991. ☺



In Memoriam - John J. Mohr

John J. Mohr, 87, of Salisbury passed away Tuesday, February 14, 2006, at Coastal Hospice at the Lake.

John was a 1939 graduate of Penn State University, where he studied forestry and civil engineering. Between 1941 and 1946, he was an officer in the CCC, worked for the War Department and served in the U.S. Army in the European Theater of Operations. Following military service, he held various career positions in the Maryland Department of State Forests and Parks, including district director of Maryland's Eastern Shore. He retired as chief of ecological and structural programs for the Maryland Park Service.

John initiated a large-scale reforestation program on the Eastern Shore and received national recognition for developing a Forest Improvement Program in 1952, designed to assist small woodland owners in planting and managing their timber. Along with Silviculturist Silas Little of the USFS, he conducted some of the original research on pine silviculture on the Delmarva Peninsula. At the time of his appointment as district director, only the one-acre Wye Oak State Park existed in the Eastern Shore District. John was instrumental in the development of state parks, such as Shad Landing, Jane's Island, Martinek and the renovation of Milburn Landing. Nationally recognized Assateague State Park was also developed under his leadership. Even after his retirement in 1979 as chief of ecological and structural programs for the Maryland Forest and Park Services, John remained active in forest management and preservation activities on the Eastern Shore. He was a founding member of the Maryland-Delaware Division of the Society of American Forestry and served on many SAF committees. He received the SAF Golden Member Award for his 62 years of service in the Society which he joined on January 1, 1944.

John was an Eagle Scout and maintained an active interest in Boy Scouts throughout his life. He received the Order of Merit and the St. George Medal.

He is survived by Elizabeth Mohr, his wife of 65 years; a son, John H. Mohr; twin daughters, Elizabeth Navarro and Margaret Dungan; a daughter-in-law, Linda Di Benedetto; two sons-in-law, Anthony Navarro and Kenneth Dungan; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. ♡



John J. Mohr

Jim Kochenderfer Receives Award

Contributed by Mary Beth Adams,
USFS, Parson, WV

James. N. Kochenderfer, Research Forester on the Fernow Experimental Forest, Northeastern Research Station, USDA Forest Service, was presented the Arthur A. Wood Outstanding Federal Employee Award On January 27, 2006 the West Virginia Forestry Association, meeting in Charleston, West Virginia. The award was given at the A.B. Brooks Forestry Symposium for Assistance to West Virginia Forestry

The citation reads, in part, "Jim in his nearly 46-year career has expressed repeatedly that the State's forest can be its most precious possession and has worked ceaselessly to help the industry overcome obstacles. He has worked tirelessly to show politicians and others with scant knowledge of forestry, but with influence to guide forest policy, that their social values do not always comport with forestry's complex silvical relationships."

Jim has a lengthy research record, with approximately 100 publications dealing with forest tree transpiration, soil moisture, forest fertilization, land management and water yields, sediment yield as a function of land use, cable logging, herbicide use in silviculture, water yield from forest management, and streamside management practices, among others. The award citation states that these are all "good science, but it has been his energetic popularization of best management practices on forest access roads, and the non-impact of professional forestry practices on flooding that have endeared him to this Association."

This award is given only occasionally by the West Virginia Forestry Association, and is one of the highest special awards that the Association bestows. It is named in honor of a revered 1930s Supervisor of the Monongahela National Forest, an icon whose efforts initiated the practice of professional forestry in the State. ♡

2005 SAF District VII Fellows

Election to Fellow in the Society of American Foresters (SAF) is the highest form of recognition from one's professional peers. The fellow award is limited to less than 5% of the National SAF membership. Two District VII (Allegheny and National Capital Societies) members were elected in 2005:

Terrance W. Clark, CF, is currently the Associate Director of Science and Education in the SAF National Office where his responsibilities include the Accreditation and Recognition Programs, the Science and Technical Program



for the National Convention and support for the Forest Science and Technology Board and the Working Groups.

Terry has been a member of SAF since 1972. During that time, he has held a variety of offices in the Maryland/Delaware (MD) Division, including Chair, Vice-Chair, Member-at-Large, Awards Chair and member of the Nominations Committee. He is a SAF Certified Forester, MD Licensed Professional Forester, member of Maryland's State Board of Foresters and an SAF Mentor.

He is known for his ability to work cooperatively with individuals and diverse groups of people. As a SAF MD/DE Division Chair, He served on the steering committee for the MD Governor's Conference on Forests and Trees, which brought together several hundred representatives of diverse natural resources conservation groups.

While working with the MD Forest Service and MD Water Administration, Terry was instrumental in developing and implementing the MD Tree Planting and Timber Stand Improvement Tax Deduction, MD's Chesapeake Bay forestry and non-tidal wetlands programs, as well as the use of geographic information systems to manage ground and surface water balances in Maryland's watersheds. As Maryland technical advisor to the Susquehanna River Basin Commission, he enjoyed his involvement in multi-state water management issues. He also played a role in the installation of a wood-fired cogeneration facility at the Maryland Eastern Correctional Institution. He has been an active participant in the Maryland Tree Farm Program.

In 2005, Terry was presented the Northern Arizona University School of Forestry's Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Michelle Mauthe-Harvey is currently President of MautheHarvey & Co. of Takoma Park, Maryland, and has held that position since January 2004. Previously she was Director of Science & Education for the Society of American



Foresters in Bethesda, MD. She has held many positions over the years, including: Vice President at Environmental Partnership Initiative, Management Institute for Environment of Business in Washington, DC; Executive Director of American Forest Foundation/Manager, American Forest Council in Washington, DC; Director of Placement and External Relations at the School of the Environment, Duke University in Durham, NC; and Forester at International Paper Co. in Natchez and Brandon, MS.

Mauthe-Harvey received a BSF from University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, and an MBA from Duke University, NC. She is a Certified Forester® (CF) under the SAF program, has participated in two Leadership Academies, and has attended 16 National SAF Conventions since 1984.

At the National SAF level, Mauthe-Harvey has served, and held officer positions, on the Centennial Campaign, National Science & Technology Board and Task Force on Forestry Education, the committee on Women and Minorities, and was a founding member and secretary of the Human Resources Working Group. She is Past Chair of the National Capital SAF, the SAF Program Committee, the Communications Committee of the North Carolina SAF, and was Secretary/Treasurer of the Sewanee SAF Student Chapter.

Professionally, Mauthe-Harvey has directed the CF Program revitalization through new competency examination development; revamped the marketing campaign; initiated national open call for presentations for SAF National Conventions; and served as the National Council for Science & Environment facilitator/analyst for the Outlook Process. She is on the Project Learning Tree (PLT) and WILD committees, and is an ex-officio member of the EPA National Environmental Education Advisory Committee. ☺



District VII Council Report

By Mary J. Coulombe, CF, SAF District VII Representative

Important: The 10th Annual Leadership Academy is open for enrollment. The Academy is June 17-20, 2006 at Snowbird Resort in Utah. You can register online at www.safnet.org/meetings/leadershipacad.cfm

My first Council meeting was March 11-12. In my newsletter updates I will provide information on Council activities and actions that particularly affect you, the members. If you see something that interests you or you have questions about, don't hesitate to call or email me (information is below).

One item that I believe is of high interest to members is the decision to change the process by which SAF Fellows are nominated and elected. Fellows will no longer be voted on by Societies, but instead will be nominated by District Fellows Committees and elected by Council. The District VII committee process is being worked out by a task group with representatives from both Societies. Our goal is to have a diverse committee that operates efficiently. There have been some concerns about numbers of fellows, but there are no rigid caps, only a national guideline of 5% of the membership. Council has agreed that being named a Fellow of SAF is a very prestigious honor and will be looking for ways to better recognize and honor Fellows.

Council is continuing to work on the process for a student representative on Council and has appointed a subcommittee to work out the details on this. This was one of the decisions of Council from the VOS report. The House of Society Delegates will also have a student member.

As both current and past Council members, I am concerned about our maintaining and growing membership in SAF. We heard several stories of people who decided to join SAF based on someone asking them!! I encourage you to reach out to potential members and ask them to join us, as well as asking members to work on SAF committees and activities.

Lastly, over the next year, SAF will be looking at a variety of ways to more effectively serve our members. Forestry continues to change and the jobs our professionals perform are evolving as well. SAF wants to become even more relevant to the changing needs of our members and to successfully outreach to new members. We will engage members and non members in this effort through focus groups and surveys. And from this, SAF will be able to better tailor its member benefits and messages to be more effective among our members as well as in communicating to the public. SAF will keep members informed as this business process takes shape over the coming months.

Well, it looks like I'm off running and hope that I can help you and SAF meet our goals and aspirations. We have a large District VII, from New Jersey to West Virginia to Washington DC, so it will be a challenge to make sure that I know what is on your minds that will be important in my job as Council representative. Please contact me at 202-463-2752 or via email at mary_coulombe@afandpa.org



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Forests For Life Jubilee

By Linda Finley, PA Forestry Association

When: September 23, 2006, 8:30AM-3:30PM

Where: Wyndham Hotel, Harrisburg/Hershey, PA

Why: The decisions that the more than 500,000 private forest owners make today, affect tomorrow's forests. We know that 70% of Pennsylvania's forests are privately owned; provide 80% of industry's raw material; and provide economic and environmental benefits that touch our daily lives.

The Forests for Life Jubilee will bring together, private forest owners, forest industry, land managers, environmental organizations, government agencies and educators to discuss the benefits and threats to working forests. Imagine such a diverse set of forest-focused stakeholders considering land use planning, forest regeneration, water, wildlife and wild flowers.

It is hoped that the continuing new segment of forest owners, who have not traditionally been part of discussions about sustaining our forest values, will use this opportunity to exchange concerns and learn from the experiences of the varied forest community. For more information about the Forests for Life Jubilee, contact Linda Finley at 814-234-9028. ☎

A New Process for SAF Fellow Nominations

By Susan Stout

SAF, at its December 2005 meeting, mandated a new process for the selection of SAF Fellows. The SAF Fellow Designation is intended to honor those members who have provided continuous service to the Society and to the profession, and is intended to recognize approximately five percent of the Society's membership. The fellow nomination process now involves a Voting District Fellows Committee, and District VII is still in the process of chartering a committee that meets the specifications of Council.

Nominations for SAF Fellow are due to Council by July 1, 2006, however, so we encourage members to nominate those deserving of the Fellow designation by submitting their nominations to Kim Steiner (kcs@psu.edu) until a District VII committee is formed.

To be considered as a nominee for SAF Fellow, a professional member must demonstrate both a strong continuing commitment through direct SAF volunteer activities, and exemplary action, sustained leadership, and advancement of the forestry profession in at least one of the following areas: application of forestry, education, public policy, research, or technology transfer.

A complete candidate package (available at www.safnet.org or 1-866-897-8720 x121) includes a consent form, a biographical and professional information form that shows how the candidate meets the criteria, three letters of recommendation, and a photograph. We suggest that people interested in nominating candidates supply a short narrative specifying the basis for the nomination, in terms of the Fellow criteria. After the District VII Fellows Committee is constituted, the Committee will work with nominators to complete the packages that will be forwarded to SAF Council. Council will make final decisions concerning selection of Fellows. ☎

Attention PA SAF Chapters

Check the inside front cover of this issue and carefully weigh whether your Chapter Treasury or a combination of member donors might consider a pledge in honor of Dr. Maurice Goddard. Older SAF members surely are aware of his influence on the forestry profession and on the intimate relationship he had with students at Mont Alto and the Main Campus. What a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to honor the influence he has had on the profession, forestry education, and our professional careers. ☎

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Almost 85 years of public service ...

Two long-term federal employees and public servants have retired from the USDA Forest Service, Northeastern Research Station, Timber and Watershed Laboratory. **Jim Kochenderfer** and **Bob "Bud" Rosier**, who both retired on January 3, 2006, celebrated their retirements with family and friends at a potluck luncheon held on January 20, 2006 at the First United Methodist Church in Parsons, WV. Many familiar faces, including other Forest Service retirees, clients, and colleagues were among the approximately 60 people present to wish Jim and Bob best in their retirements.

Jim Kochenderfer started his federal career in March of 1960 with the USFS, and has worked in Marlinton, WV, in Washington State, and in Parsons, with a stint in the Army included in his service. Jim has a lengthy research record, and has received numerous recognitions for his research efforts. His energetic popularization of best management practices, as well as work on land management and water yields, herbicide use in silviculture, all have focused on improving the practice of forestry, particularly on private lands.

Jim is a Fellow of the Society of American Foresters, a member of the West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame, and most recently received the Arthur A. Wood Award from the West Virginia Forestry Association, recognizing the Outstanding Federal Employee who has provided outstanding service to the West Virginia forest industry and the profession of forestry. At the luncheon, **Beth Adams**, Project Leader, read letters of congratulations to Jim from the Chief of the Forest Service, from Senator Robert C. Byrd, and a letter from the Northeastern Research Station Director, **Michael Rains**, awarding Jim the position of Emeritus Scientist – the first ever such designation by the Station.



Bob Rosier started working with the timber project at the Timber and Watershed Laboratory in May of 1967, and retired after almost 39 years of federal service, all of it in Parsons. Bob has been instrumental in many field projects from prescribed fire studies to studies on deer herbivory, but most particularly his work on the long-term silviculture studies. "Bud" has cruised and marked timber in the entire Fernow Experimental Forest and probably is the most knowledgeable person on the Fernow on the history of specific studies and tracts used and treatments received.

Jim and Bob were each presented with a book of letters and photos, with engraved pocket watches, with large wooden "certificates of appreciation", prepared by **Charlie McDaniel** of the Cheat Ranger District, and with other gag gifts. The staff of the Timber and Watershed Laboratory and the Fernow Experimental Forest will miss both of these men, and their wealth of knowledge, experience and wisdom. However, according to Beth Adams, both positions will be advertised

shortly, because "both of these guys did so much work, we can't take up the slack. We'll be bringing some new people into these positions, and hope they'll be as productive and dedicated as Jim and Bob." ☺

Digital photographs should be taken at the higher setting available.

The best resolution for offset printing is 1280x960.

Send your SAF photos as JPG files via email to *The Allegheny News* editor Jack Winieski at ansaf@paonline.com

Allegheny Society of American Foresters 2005 Treasurer's Report

BEGINNING BALANCES (on January 1, 2005)

Checking Account	\$12,176.38
Endowment Savings	\$13,841.92 ¹
Endowment CD	\$29,224.08

CHECKING ACCOUNT

CHECKING ACCOUNT INCOME:

2005 Allegheny Dues	\$ 9,132.25 ²
2005 Div/Chp dues (pass through)	3,394.75
2005 Winter Meeting-Pinchof Chapter	2,000.00
2005 Summer Meeting-Plateau Chapter	500.00
Reimbursement of seed money to Pinchof Chapter	750.00
Other Contributions:	
Donations from PA Division	2,000.00
Donations (for Allegheny News)	900.00
Dennis Galway (Reginald Forbes Art Contest)	100.00
Total Checking Account Income:	\$ 18,777.00

CHECKING ACCOUNT EXPENSES:

2005 Div/Chp dues (pass through)	\$ 3,449.50
HSD Assessment	526.40
Allegheny News (3 issues/bulk mail imprint - 1 via e-mail)	6,401.99
Executive Director Stipend/Expenses	6,720.00
Executive Director Bonus	500.00
Awards	140.44
Reginald Forbes Art Awards	185.00 ³
Student Travel	600.00
Total Checking Account Expenses:	\$ 18,523.33

CHECKING ACCOUNT INCOME LESS EXPENSES: \$ 253.67

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2005: \$ 12,430.05

ENDOWMENT SAVINGS ACCOUNT

ENDOWMENT SAVINGS ACCOUNT ACTIVITY:

Beginning Balance	\$ 13,841.92
Endowment Fund Contributions	3,230.00
Contributions moved into CD	(12,040.01)
Interest	280.41
Funds from CD deposited	41,564.58 ⁴

ENDOWMENT SAVINGS BALANCE AS OF 12/31/05: \$ 46,876.90⁵

ENDOWMENT CD

ENDOWMENT CD ACTIVITY:

Beginning Balance	\$ 29,224.08
Deposit to CD	12,040.01
Interest	300.49
Funds deposited to Endowment Savings	(41,564.58) ⁴

ENDOWMENT CD BALANCE AS OF 12/31/05: \$ 0.00

¹ Note that \$3,961.92 of these funds were liquid as of 1/1/2005 and \$9,880 were transferred to the endowment CD in February 2005.

² This amount consists of dues that were collected in the 2004 calendar year. The total amount collected for the dues year 2005 was \$12,411.

³ Reginald Forbes is a non-budgeted item. This fund began with a \$20 deficit. With the cost of awards at \$185 and the \$100 donation from D. Galway, the program is now at a \$105 deficit. This will be rectified with 2006 donations.

⁴ The CD was closed in order to allow the Endowment funds to be moved to a better investment option.

⁵ Note that \$4,542.82 of these funds are liquid as of 1/1/06.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Rachel R. Billingham
Allegheny SAF Secretary/Treasurer

Audited by:
Ronald J. Sheay

Foresters' Fund Silent Auction and Raffle

By Ron Sheay, FF Co-Chair with Tim Kaden

"Our Woods: Wild and Working" is the theme of the 2006 SAF National Convention being hosted by the Allegheny Society in Pittsburgh, PA, October 25-29. It has been 38 years since we last hosted the SAF national convention in Philadelphia. Mark your calendars now!

The Forestry Fund idea began in 1962 to promote education and enhance public understanding of the forestry profession — it is well and working 44 years later! This year, \$40,000 of the Foresters' Fund will be available to state societies, divisions and chapters to carry out the SAF mission.

Tim Kaden and Ron Sheay have volunteered to co-share this year's Foresters Fund silent auction and raffle. The following have volunteered to help: Rachel Billingham, Alex Day, Doug D'Amore, Frank Hennion, Earl Higgins, Terry Hoffman, Mike Huneke, Ken Jolly, Dave Miller, Craig Ostheim, Roxane Palone, George Pierson, Jason Shuey, Karen Sykes, Sue Thompson and Jack Winieski.

We could use at least seven more volunteers!

Volunteers help set up and take down display area, sell raffle tickets, check raffle ticket winners, give them their prizes, and help with the silent auction to name a few duties. This does not mean your time will be needed for the whole convention, but donating 4-8 hours during the convention will be a huge help. The more volunteers, the less time each volunteer's time will be needed during the convention.

Where we really need assistance is getting items donated to the silent auction and raffle. Books, clothing, forestry tools (old or new), equipment, local products (non-forestry), paintings, bed & breakfast weekends, or in other words, ANYTHING! Your donation will turn into Foresters' Fund cash. It is incumbent on the Allegheny members to supply a large majority of items for both the silent auction and raffle. Items can be sent or brought to the convention and accepted during registration hours. Just give us the name and address of the donor and bring it to the Pittsburgh Convention center or send it to: Sue Thompson/Jason Shuey, PA Biodiversity Partnership, 16 Terminal Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1209, or telephone (412) 481-4100.

If you decide to hand carry your items to the convention, please notify Tim Kaden by email (below) and provide: name and address; the individual, state society, division or chapter donating the item(s); and description (including approximate value) of the item(s). Donors will receive an acknowledgment letter from SAF that can be used for tax purposes.

Should you have any questions whatsoever, please contact either Forester Fund Co-Chair: Tim Kaden at timothy.kaden@state.de.us or phone (302) 739-9238, or Ron Sheay at (609) 397-7886. ☺



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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2006

Attendees:

Allegheny Officers: K. Steiner, Chair; Kurt Gottschalk, V. Chair; K. Jolly, Imm. Past Chair; R. Billingham, Sec/Treas; R. Siefert, H. Wurzbacher, N. Karger, M. Fajvan, M. Vodak, Exec. Comm. Members; J. Winieski, Exec. Dir.; M. Lester, Imm. Past Council Rep. **Division/Chapter Officers & Committee Representatives:** M. Huneke, MD/DE Chr.; F. Hennion, NJ Chr; B. Elison, PA Div.Chr.; T. Wieland, Keystone Chr; S. Stout for S. Seibert, Plateau Chr.; M. Hoppus, Valley Forge Chr.; M. Buccowich, Valley Forge Imm. Pst. Chr.; Craig Ostheim, W. Gateway Chr.; S. Resh, Quiz Bowl Chr; T. Kaden, Policy Chr.; C. Newlon, R. Forbes Art Contest; **Other Attendees:** D. Miller, L. Casey, T. Hoffman; D. Galway; and J. Jastrzembski

Introductions and transfer of the gavel from K. Jolly to K. Steiner

Minutes from Previous Executive Committee Meeting:

No discussion; approved as published in the Allegheny News.

Treasurer's Report (R. Billingham):

The current Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved. Current Balances: Checking: \$16,084.94; Endowment Savings: \$47,319.42. The Merrill Lynch account set up by K. Kane (from gifted IP stock, \$4,800 is approximate value). The documentation has been given to R. Billingham and she will roll it into the money that will be placed into a new Vanguard account within the upcoming months. R. Sheay completed the audit of the society. We were in the black by 253.67.

Council Report (M. Lester):

Highlights regarding the VOS Task Force Report: SAF will stay at 11 districts, as people are used to the current culture. There will be a student as a non-voting member on Council (there were major discussions on whether the student should be voting or non-voting). Further discussions will occur in March on exactly how this will be accomplished. - The SAF website has been completely redone recently. All old *Journal of Forestry* magazines have been archived and are available on the website. Council decided to eliminate the \$5 Society application fee. SAF reserve funds were separated into endowment funds and the Foresters Fund because people have been upset that there were no Foresters Fund grants last year. From now on, there will be Foresters Fund grants each year. The endowment fund will be left to preserve principal (Foresters Fund = around \$800,000 currently). There is a proposal by the Tech School to go from being recognized to actually being accredited - this is still in progress, as more work needed to be done to make it happen. Leadership Academy will take place in 2006, as the USFWS has given some money and will have 2 of their people attend. There is a current proposal to restructure the roles of the SAF President and Vice President, as the presidential role is a lot of work. The new plan splits up the work load so that younger people will be able to run for president and thus increase the talent pool. Council is working on making the Fellow process more rigorous to improve the quality of some of the fellows. Council will receive all Fellow nominees and will evaluate and vote on them. The bylaws have been changed to reflect this. Note that ANSAF has less than 4% fellows and the Nat. Capital has 14% fellows. It is normal for the large societies to have smaller percentages of fellows.

HSD report (K. Jolly):

The House of Society Delegates has representatives from all state/multi-state chapters. Its job is to make recommendations to Council. At the latest HSD meeting, the VOS report was discussed, especially regarding how to integrate students in to the Society. HSD recommended that Council remove the 5% limit on Fellows. In the Southern US, there is currently a dispute between SAF and Consulting Foresters over certain wording in SAF's Code of Ethics. R. Barnes will approach ACF and see that this issue is investigated to find common ground. M. Lester is publicly commended for his work on Council. HSD recognized the need to continue discussions on the preamble to the VOS report because the report did not provide solutions to any of those problems. R. Billingham presented the Communications Handbook (put together by the National Communications Committee) at the HSD meeting.

Executive Director's Report (J. Winieski):

Thanks to all the people that took pictures for newsletter, which is really viewed as a historical record of the Society. J. Winieski is working on a sort of scrapbook of old *Allegheny News* issues. The paper for the last issue was donated by NewPage Corporation. We need more donations of paper or money to buy paper. This donation entitles the donor to the inside front cover advertisement. Paper donations have been scarce in recent years. Consider putting an ad in the *Allegheny News*. K. Steiner suggested putting together an interesting booth for the National Convention that highlights ANSAF as the host society. This would not necessarily be exclusive to SAF. The Forest Fire Museum Association and the Pennsylvania Forestry Association would have information/historical artifacts/photos. H. Gerhold is currently gathering this info for PSU. The Nelson video can be shown at the booth. There is currently a problem with address changes for the newsletter. Be sure to update your address with the National Office, if necessary.

Committee Reports

Awards (H. Wurzbacher): Nominations were received and awards were selected. Both of this year's awardees will be at tomorrow's banquet. Meals for the recipients have been covered. Wurzbacher has been active on the committee for consolidation of Presidential Field Forester awards.

Communications (R. Billingham for R. Farr): Nothing currently to report for ANSAF. Just as a note, the National Communications Committee will soon be finished with a Communications Handbook for Foresters. This should be a useful tool. It will soon be available on the website.

CFE Coordinator (M. Vodak): He is working on standardizing the format for the CFE credits. He will also try to make sure that credits for this meeting are available through the SAF CF link. All meetings for CFE credit should be routed thru Vodak and he will contact the National Office about it. Vodak will check on the percentage of members with CF designation.

Forest Science Coordinator (M. Fajvan): There was a summary of the recent deer meetings in the last *Allegheny News*. Two more seminars will take place soon. These meetings have received a lot of press. Based on input from participants, it looks like this effort was well received.

Membership (K. Gottschalk): There is good news: in 2005, membership was up slightly in SAF in general. Eight societies attained more than their goal. As for ANSAF, our numbers are currently up eight members over last year, however, the purge for 2006 has not yet occurred (this will take place in July). When the purge occurs, we usually lose 100 ANSAF members. As of this meeting, 299 members have not yet paid their 2006 dues. Gottschalk will e-mail information to each chapter chair on who has not yet paid their dues yet. Chapters should call delinquent members. Phone calls make a difference.

Policy & Legislative (T. Kaden): Legislative training is available from the National Office - There is a National Committee on Policy. One representative per state can be on this committee. If you want to be part of this national committee, send your name to K. Steiner. Kaden should identify people that would be good for this committee and Steiner will work on appointing them.

Program Committee (N. Karger): Meeting hosts need to start planning a year to 18 months ahead of time. The upcoming schedule of meetings is as follows:

Summer 06 — canceled due to National Convention in Pittsburgh

Winter 07 — MD-DE

Summer 07 — New Jersey

Winter 08 — Keystone

Summer 08 — Gateway

Winter 09 — Rothrock

Summer 09 — Northern Hardwood

Winter 10 — West Virginia

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Because we will not have a summer meeting, R. Billingham will provide Treasurer Reports for viewing in the summer issue of the *Allegheny News*.

Tellers (S. Stout): no report

Quiz Bowl (S. Resh): Tomorrow, our 19th quiz bowl will be held. Resh is concerned about the survival potential for the Quiz Bowl, as several schools are not coming this year. They say that they can not afford the meeting. \$60 for students is excessive. Note that Valley Forge is not making any profit off of students for this meeting. Perhaps make a plea to alumni for donations for student travel. Is this a possible use of our education endowment money? If we are to be an active society, we need new recruits. Perhaps a donation line could be added to registration forms or perhaps we could offer diversity scholarships. N. Karger will add a section to the meeting planning handbook regarding making meetings more affordable for students.

Old Business

Revision of the Operations Manual (K. Jolly & K. Steiner):

The last manual was done by M. Webb in 2000. Jolly has an electronic copy of the entire document. It will be distributed electronically. Some changes will be made according to the Colorado example. Committee Charters are out of date. Jolly will send out charters to the committee chairs for them to re-vamp and suggest changes. This manual will include the meeting planning guidelines. It will be a great service to the Society. Committees themselves may be obsolete/out of date. We need to focus on contemporary needs. Committee chairs should take this opportunity to look critically at the charters and come with recommendations for change and then we will vote on the changes and update all charters. If you feel your committee is not needed, let Steiner know. We need to figure out how to get our Committees back in action. We need committee members in addition to the chairs so that any work is not overwhelming. The Exec. Director should let Steiner know when he should do certain things; perhaps past chairs can help with this as well.

ANSAF Website (K. Steiner):

Other state societies have very nice websites. A website will help in recruiting and attracting members. We may have a member who would be willing to help us out in creating and maintaining a website. Steiner will check with recently graduated students and the Executive Committee should think about people they know that might have this skill and notify K. Steiner as soon as possible. Steiner will make a request at the upcoming general business meeting. It would be good to make old newsletters available on the site.

Guidelines for Annual Allegheny SAF Meetings (N. Karger):

This is a 9-10 page document that will help people through the process of completing a meeting. Karger is accepting comments. If you want a copy, e-mail Karger.

District VII Pres. Field Forester Criteria Proposal (M. Lester, K. Steiner, & H. Wurzbacher for M. Coulombe):

A process has been put together on how to work nominations for this award. Coulombe would like people to review this proposal and comment on it. Each year, obtaining nominees for this award by the deadline is very difficult. The Council Rep has to constantly remind people to send in nominees. This proposal suggests that a committee of three (Chair of Allegheny, Chair of National Capital, and the Council Rep) will vote on the nominees. Wurzbacher will take responsibility to come up with nominations for this award. Appropriate changes will be written into the revision of the Awards Committee charter. Contacts will be initiated quickly. Contact Wurzbacher if you have any nominees.

Allegheny News Review Committee (K. Jolly):

This ad hoc committee was recently set up and will be chaired by J. Purdue. There are various options to look into for the future of the *Allegheny News* (they will consider such ideas as a division assessment for print versions of the newsletter). This committee will explore all of the options and will report back at the next meeting. J. Winieski is ex-officio member of this committee.

Electronic Issue of the Allegheny News:

We need to make a decision now regarding the 2006 summer issue. The Executive Committee voted to use the

e-version for summer issue. This issue will be formatted exactly as a regular newsletter, just distributed differently. Winieski will prepare the document as usual and will send it to R. Billingham, who will make a pdf of the document, compress it, and will distribute it via e-mail to the Allegheny membership and will send paper copies to the people that do not have e-mail addresses. When website is up, instead of e-mailing the entire document to the membership, we could send a link to the document on the website.

Education Grant Review Committee (K. Jolly):

This committee is working on coming up with a process by which grant proposals would be submitted to receive funds from our endowment money. M. Webb is the chair. They have not received info back from chapters and divisions as of yet. This is a standing committee.

Budget Discussion (R. Billingham):

For 2005, we ended the year in the black because of some generous donations received during the year. For 2006, we are likely to have some deficit spending. Fortunately, K. Steiner does not expect to use any of the funds for Chair travel to the National Convention and we have decided once again to do an electronic version of the summer newsletter. The Executive Committee voted to approve the budget and to approve deficit spending up to \$1,000, if necessary. Note that we will be receiving \$10,000 from the National Office for hosting the National Convention this year. It is uncertain whether we will receive these funds by the end of the year or not. The 2006 budget is as follows:

Projected Income:

	<u>Projection</u>	<u>Actual Received as of 2/15/06</u>
2006 Dues ¹	\$12,411.00	\$ 7,345.00
Section Meetings ²	\$ 1,500.00 – \$ 3,000.00	\$ 0.00
Newsletter Contributions ³	\$ 500.00 – \$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00
Voluntary Contributions	\$ 100.00 – \$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00
Totals:	\$14,511.00 – \$17,411.00	\$ 7,345.00

Projected Expenses:

	<u>Projection</u>	<u>Actual Expenses as of 2/15/06</u>
HSD Assessment	\$ 527.00	\$ 0.00
Allegheny News	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 2,010.11
Exec. Director Stipend/Expenses	\$ 6,720.00	\$ 1,680.00
Chair Nat. Convention Expenses ⁶	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Student Travel ⁷	\$ 900.00	\$ 0.00
Awards	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00
Administrative ⁸	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00
Totals:	\$14,947.00	\$ 3,690.11

Proceeds from the Forester's Fund Raffle (K. Steiner):

For all groups handling Foresters Fund raffles or silent auctions, note that if proceeds are not going to foresters fund, this is problematic. Make sure that you are listing where the proceeds from your event will go. Consider sending half of the money to the Foresters Fund and half to the Allegheny. N. Karger will add this to the planning manual.

2006 Convention Planning Updates (K. Steiner):

The \$10,000 received from National Office could be used to defray costs for volunteers or students. The National Office could help us with registration deductions if we choose to do that. We could use some of this money for hats and vests or other ways to identify volunteers at the convention. The Executive Committee authorized the use of up to \$2,000 of income from upcoming convention to be used by the planning committee at their discretion to subsidize volunteer registration or to provide some sort of volunteer identifier. There is a concern that some divisions/chapters may be left out of the planning process. Everyone should be kept up to date on what is being done. Most of the work to be done will be from this meeting onward.

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Proposed Procedure for Electing Fellows (M. Lester for M. Coulombe):

M. Coulombe has prepared a motion proposing that we compose a committee that has a representative from WV Division, PA Division, NJ Division, National Cap, and MD/DE Division. This proposal suggests that this committee be made up of fellows from specific decades within these divisions. It was decided that using decades could be problematic, especially in combination with a particular division. Everything was passed except nominee representation. The minimum should be five people and the committee should be expanded to provide good geographical representation. An ad hoc committee was appointed to provide a solution to Steiner – the members are: L. Casey, K. Gottschalk, S. Stout, J. Winieski, T. Kaden, and M. Vodak. Susan will take the lead on this.

Golden Member Awards (K. Jolly):

K. Jolly provided awards for the Golden Members. The following members are receiving awards this year: Samuel M. Brock (MD/DE Division), Richard B. Mires (NJ Division), Ronald J. Sheay (NJ Division), Sydney J. Walker (NJ Division), and Brent T. Scott (WV Division). Only one will be at tomorrow's banquet. All others should be presented at division/chapter functions.

Draft Biomass Resolution (T. Hoffman and T. Kaden):

Hoffman provided a draft for the group to look over. It is similar to the SAF National policy with the exception of the background. This resolution would help to promote biomass as a valuable type of energy and will help to get this issue on the radar screen of political people. The resolution indicates that ANSAF is a resource that can be tapped for information on biomass energy. There is a concern of where this may lead and an additional concern to provide a market to get low grade wood out of the forest. This approach may be more competitive when oil is over \$60 per barrel. There is a proposal to implement something similar in MD. This initiative is about raising awareness. We need time to look at this and to evaluate the consequences. Global warming not proven, and thus should be removed from the resolution. The National policy should be referenced. Hoffman will revise the documents as per the comments and send it to Steiner to e-mail to the group for a vote.

Division/Chapter Reports

MD/DE Division (M. Huneke): 2006 marks the 100th anniversary of forestry in MD. They are planning a meeting to celebrate this fact. This division recently lost John Moore, a golden member, who was a founding member of MD/DE SAF. Information about him will be sent to J. Winieski and to the National Office for inclusion in their publications.

NJ Division (F. Hennion): – Held a meeting at the Rutgers Club on Jan. 25. This meeting had a large turnout of about 50 people. NJSAF has had an impact on how rules are being written for the practice of forestry in NJ. They will have 2-3 workshops in 2006. NJSAF may become a partner in the ecotourism at Luscroft Farm. They will be working on a management plan and on sawmill and sugaring operations there.

PA Division (B. Elison): – Recently held two meetings on wood energy with approximately 50 people at each meeting. Some end-users did show up.

Keystone Chapter (T. Wieland): – The Executive Committee will be meeting soon get meetings back on track. We will discuss having a Keystone Summer meeting. Steiner requests to be kept in the loop.

Plateau Chapter (S. Stout): They had a good experience with summer meeting and were able to make a contribution to the Allegheny.

Valley Forge Chapter (M. Hoppus): Welcomes everyone to the winter meeting. Congratulations to Mark Buccowich for putting the meeting together. Last year this chapter met and visited John Rock Pallet Company, which was very interesting.

W. Gateway Chapter (C. Ostheim): – Will have an election at their next meeting.

Allegheny Society of American Foresters

General Business Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2006

Brief reports were given of all of the information discussed in the Executive Committee meeting on February 15.

M. Coulombe: Coulombe is honored to serve as ANSAF/Nat Cap Council Rep. As Council Rep, she does two main things: 1. Participates in SAF governance and 2. Represents our region. She needs to hear from the ANSAF chair and the Division and Chapter chairs in order to properly represent the group. She is currently working on setting up a district-wide committee. She is also working on the SAF Fellows issue and the Presidential Field Forester Award. Marvin Brown is the SAF president for 2006. He wants to move forward and make foresters and forestry more visible. Coulombe was complimented for developing procedures for the Presidential Field Forester Award.

M. Fajvan: Fajvan is available to offer suggestions on scientific speakers for any future meeting.

T. Hoffman: Hoffman is working on a biomass resolution. He will re-draft the resolution from suggestions received from the Executive Committee. It will be voted on by the Executive Committee via e-mail and then will appear in the next issue of *The Allegheny News*.

J. Purdue offered to take responsibility for the webpage. Francis Zelblum and Jeanne Marie Kavinski offered to help Purdue.

Remember to get your correct e-mail address to the National Office.

National Convention: K. Gottschalk has filled all of the committee chair positions and we now have the minimum number of volunteers, but we would like to have more volunteers if possible, so that the volunteers we have will have more time to enjoy the convention. S. Stout and J. Finley have confirmed Daniel Bodkin, an ecosystem scientist who recognizes the importance of working forests. Dave Kitteridge, extension forester in MA, is also in line for the program. 2004 Nobel Peace Prize winner Wangari Mattai has been invited. The deadline for papers has been extended. Call Stout if you need help writing an abstract. The evening social event will be held at the Carnegie Museum and will include a "behind the scenes" tour. A newsletter will be created to send to everyone on the ANSAF distribution list so that everyone will be kept up-to-date on what is happening with the Convention. T. Kaden is in charge of the Foresters Fund Raffle and Silent Auction. He needs items for these events, especially items that showcase what we do here in the Allegheny region. E-mail Tim if you have an item that you would like to donate.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40am.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel R. Billingham, Secretary/Treasurer

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Over 140 Foresters at Lancaster Winter Meeting

By Terry Hoffman, Valley Forge Chapter

On February 16-17, 2006, Allegheny SAF members gathered to discuss emerging issues in forest management and the direct implications for members and the Allegheny SAF. The two-day session was organized around three major topics of direct concern to the Society. Throughout the two days, members were challenged to get involved and to help make positive changes for forestry.

Valley Forge Chapter Chair Mike Hoppus opened the meeting with the results of the various woods he found at a local Home Depot and the source of these woods to clearly demonstrate how we are a part of a global economy. His findings set the stage for what we were to hear from various other speakers on global markets and global competition.



Mark Rey

The keynote speaker was Mark Rey, the Undersecretary for Natural Resources, US Department of Agriculture. Mark oversees both the US Forest Service and the Natural Resources Conservation Service within the Department of Agriculture. Mark was very positive about progress being made over the past several years in the management of both the National Forests and private lands. The catastrophic fires of recent time have raised the public's awareness and understanding the need to manage the forest to reduce the fire hazard. The acres being treated have increased almost five times the amount of five years ago, and a major plus has been the ability to enter into long-term stewardship contracts. The new controversy is over how to do post fire recovery. Is salvage logging appropriate as well as other techniques? Mark challenged us to step up and be proactive, both as an organization and as individuals, to support bill HR 4299 which addresses post event recovery.

Congress is also considering changes to the Endangered Species Act (ESA), and the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee can again use our comments and suggestions. Mark looked to the future and the reauthorization of the Farm Bill in 2007. So far, the administration has held 54 listening sessions in preparation for the new Farm Bill, and there appears to be strong support for continuing an emphasis on the conservation provisions that are a part of the existing farm bill. Mark concluded by addressing the administration's emphasis on cooperative conservation, which is a true collaboration between all parties to address restoration and management concerns.

Richard Widmann chaired the first theme session presented on "Global/International Issues and the Local Connection." Al Goelzel of Seneca Creek, William Luppold of the US Forest Service Research, and Galen Weaber, President and CEO of Weaber Lumber all described a story of rapid and sometimes unexpected change in the forest products industry. We are in a global market with intense global competition.



William Luppold



Galen Weaber



Bill Luppold stated we are not in a typical market cycle, but that we are seeing major eras of change. He described the era 1970-2000, where we saw large export markets to Europe and Japan, floating exchange rates which benefited international trade, and significant infrastructure changes such as the closing of 150 mills and 51 pulp and paper mills.

We are now in a new era with new production powerhouses such as China and India. We are also seeing a slower rate of growth in timber demand, and stumpage prices are not increasing as once projected. Prices for some species have even decreased. Pulpwood production and paper demand is down, and there are major changes in the movement of wood and wood products between countries. There are major changes in landownership, as industry ownership continues to decline and private lands continue to be fragmented. Surprises were that there is the potential for reduced demand for US hardwood products and that there is continuing demand for softwood species. Many of the coming changes are being driven by: forest certification, criteria for green buildings, illegal logging in many countries, lack of environmental regulations in many countries compared to the US, trucking costs have risen 1/3 over the last three years, the average hauling speed is going down, and the world monetary market is awash in liquidity.



The speakers suggested some of the following to enable US wood to compete: our biggest advances may come in biotechnology, attract capital by creating a good environment for more investment, fight the anti-wood bias that exists in things like green building certification, design products for upper level Chinese women consumers, focus growth in decorative construction products and semi-custom or smaller cut furniture manufacturing, obtain more clear material from mid and lower grade lumber, and finally deal with globalization through ruthless efficiency.



Mike Goergen

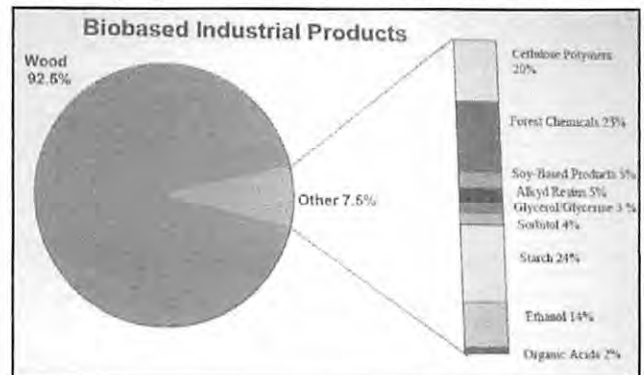
So where does this leave us? The concluding remarks for the conference reminded us that change is the one constant in life. It is our responsibility to continually monitor change, to adapt to specific business situations by making change happen when we can influence, find a niche, produce a quality product, deliver quality customer service, and be flexible!

Mike Goergen, SAF Executive Director, opened the afternoon session with a very positive report on the state of SAF. The National Office continues its critical work on policy and testimony to Congress. Mike also challenged the membership to reach out to their respective members of Congress in support of key natural resource issues. Working with the news-media is a continuing and tough process to get our story told. Mike stressed the long-term nature of building relationships with the press at both the national and local levels.

Several new SAF services were discussed, including continuing education courses — which may now be taken online — as well as the process of archiving all SAF publications, like all of the issues of the Journal of Forestry online. The Leadership Academy is still being offered and several other professional organizations are joining us in this effort. Mike urged anyone to consider attending, not just SAF officers. Our membership nationally has been decreasing and the responsibility of changing this trend is ours at the local level through personal contacts. Mike gave a report on the national budget, which has the National Office in the black each year and working to build up a reserve to carry over any lean years.

Terry Hoffman chaired the session titled “Bio-Energy, Short Rotation Crops and the Local Connection.” Speakers included Lynn Wright, Co-Manager of the Bioenergy Feedstock Development Program at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Oak Ridge, Tennessee; Larry Abrahamson, Professor, School Environmental Science and Forestry-State University of New York, Syracuse, New York; and Kevin Davis of Maine BioProducts, LLC.

Lynn set the stage for this session by



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looking at biomass energy from a national level. She pointed out that presently six percent of our total energy is coming from biomass sources, mostly from wood. Biomass is also the only renewable energy source that can meet the need for carbon based fuels. Various units of government are providing the push to create and use carbon based fuels, such as the recent announcement by President Bush that the Administration's goal is to displace 30% of our nation's fossil fuel use. Even if we look to the future of hydrogen fuel, BP Oil has stated that biomass will be the source of the needed hydrogen. We presently have 1.3 billion tons of biomass production from forest and agriculture land that is not presently being used. To meet the projected goals, we will need to use 1 billion dry tons per year. This is achievable, but we will need to use a



Lynn Wright



Larry Abrahamson



combination of wood waste and residues, low-value small round wood, and short rotation woody crops. No one source can meet this need alone.

Larry Abrahamson pointed out that the conversion figures of energy used to energy output was very good for biomass. He listed one joule of biomass producing 11-16 joules of energy while corn is 1.67 joules of output, and natural gas is .4 joules. There are many benefits from woody biomass production, including riparian buffer protection, windbreaks, living snow fences, nutrient waste management, brownfield restoration, phyto-remediation, and wildlife habitat. There are now new financial incentives with supports of 1.9 cents per KWH for closed loop biomass systems, and .9 cents for open loop systems. A recent

change in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) now allows landowners to harvest a crop for energy every three years. We are also gaining in knowledge of how to grow biomass, and we are closing the price gap. Breeding leads to new varieties, and harvesting equipment is being developed to handle woody crops like willow. Possibly one of the biggest benefits of biomass energy is the opportunity to keep money local. We presently have \$1,800 per person per year going out of the local economy for energy.

Kevin Davis discussed a bio-refinery project his company is working on in Maine. He compared the operations of a bio-refinery to an oil refinery – the products being like a pyramid, with the base being levulinic acid, topped by biofuels and fuel additives, polymers and plastics, and the smallest part being other niche markets. The process they plan to use is acid hydrolysis, and a production-sized plant has just been completed in Italy. This company is working in Maine because of the business climate established by state, industry and local communities. They have developed a vision and goals in concert with the coordinated support at all levels, along with a grants program. Maine is looking to the future of their forest industry. The process sounds a lot like cooperative conservation and raises the question of why can't we not do something similar here in the Mid-Atlantic States?



Kevin Davis



Lloyd Casey

Lloyd Casey led the final session on "Legal/Political Emerging Issues." Speaking on this topic were Michael Jacobson, Cooperative Extension at Penn State University; Thom McEvoy, Cooperative Extension at the University of

Vermont; and Lloyd Casey for John Greene of the USDA Forest Service.

Mike talked about taxes and private forestry and asked the question, "Are we providing the right incentives?" To do this he presented the results of a survey and analysis of various tax programs in all of the states that are designed to recognize the value of forests and provide tax relief for forestland owners. They found the programs to be very variable, but all having valuable assets, and most being successful in what they were trying to accomplish. These various programs were compared to the Clean and Green program in Pennsylvania to determine if the program should be modified in PA, and if the Pennsylvania Division of SAF should develop a position paper on this topic. Some considerations include rewarding landowners that have given conservation easements, or those that have management plans in place and are showing accomplishments. There is a feeling that any incentives need to compliment other programs as well. Mike has a group of 30 interested people looking at these questions and has invited other SAF members to participate if they want to help move this forward.

Thom McEvoy took us onto an interesting look at the evolution of property rights and private forestland management with a specific question on how sovereign is private property. His presentation charted a course of how we got to our present situation based on the history of land ownership from Europe to the United States. Thom concluded that for the future he sees questions on how sovereign is private property, stronger notification, more credentialing, publicly reserved interests and certification. He felt that we need to change our thinking from looking at forests as "assets" to "ecosystems," and that we should probably eliminate ad valorem taxes for owners who make long-term commitments.

Lloyd Casey made the final presentation on estate planning and private forestland management. He stressed the present laws on estates, and emphasized the fact that landowners must know the value of their property and they must plan if they want their heirs to inherit and retain the property. There is no excuse for not planning. As professional foresters we must be able to promote and direct clients/landowners to appropriate sources and estate planners.

Mark Buccowich, Past Chapter Chair, organized the winter meeting and did an excellent job in selecting the site and overseeing all of the planning for this very successful meeting. The Valley Forge Chapter thanks the attendees for participating in this session. The quantity and quality of questions from you after each panel of speakers was excellent. We hope you each had several key items that you wish to follow-up on and pursue as a result of the speakers' presentations. ☺



Michael Jacobson



Thom McEvoy



Ron Sheay (l) receives his 50-year Golden Member Award Certificate from ANSAF Chair Kim Steiner

SAF 50-Year "Golden" Members

In recognition of 50 years of dedicated service to the Society of American Foresters and to the forestry profession, SAF golden members receive a certificate and letter of appreciation from the SAF President, commemorating their career milestone. The following were recognized at the Allegheny Winter Meeting Awards Banquet:

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Richard B. Mires, Member
Ronald J. Sheay, CF, Retired Fellow
Sydney J. Walker, Member

Maryland/Delaware Division

Samuel M. Brock, Member

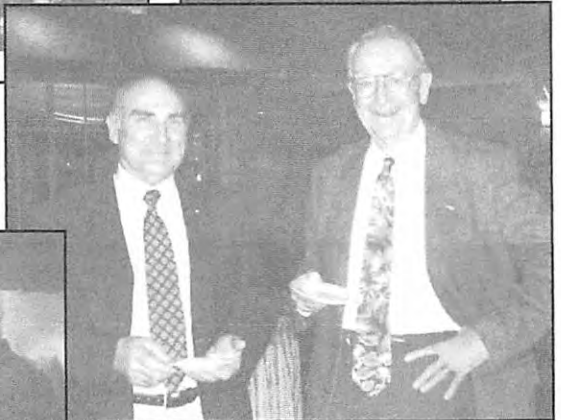
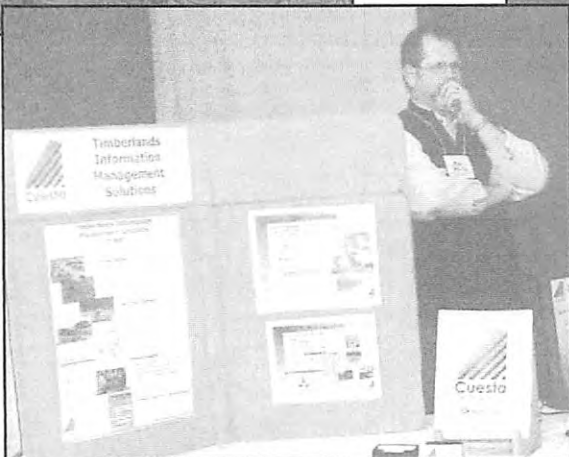
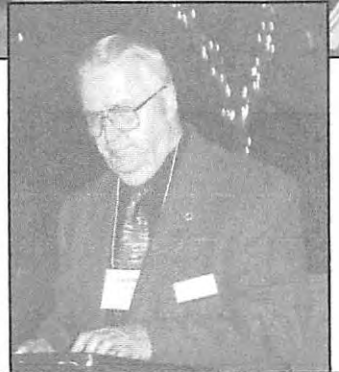
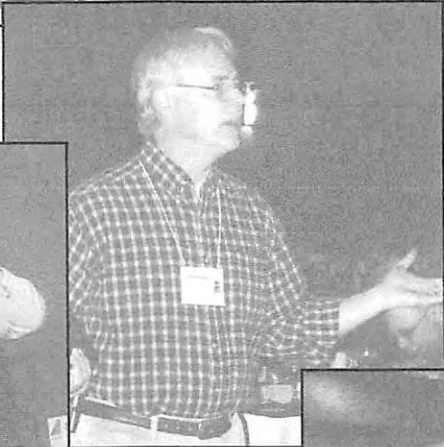
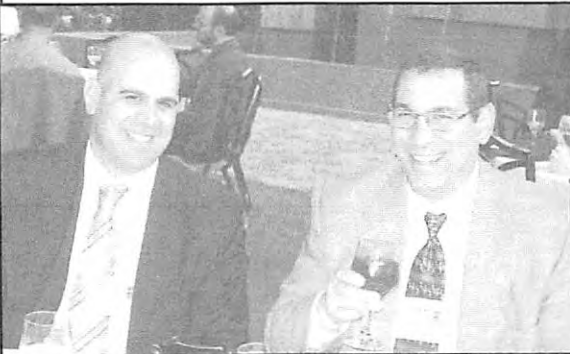
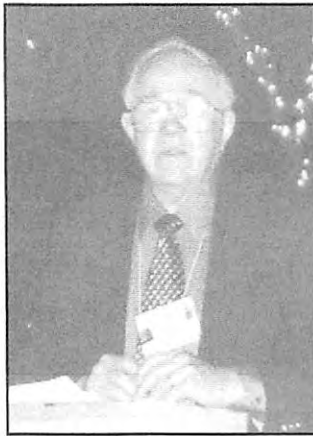
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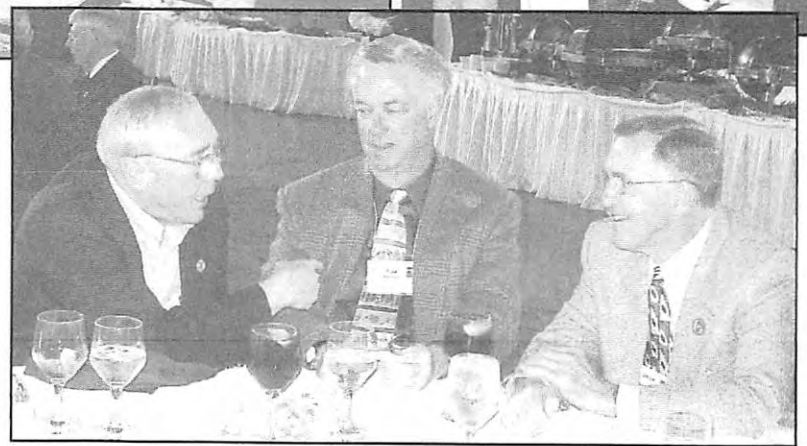
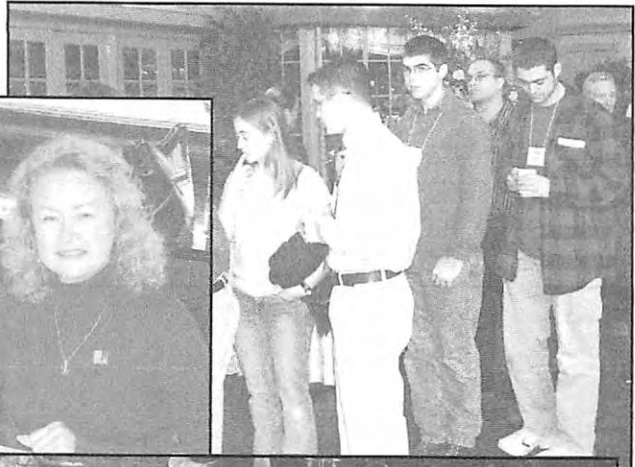
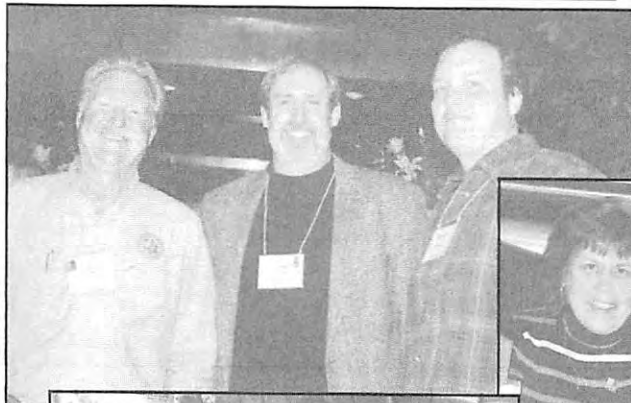
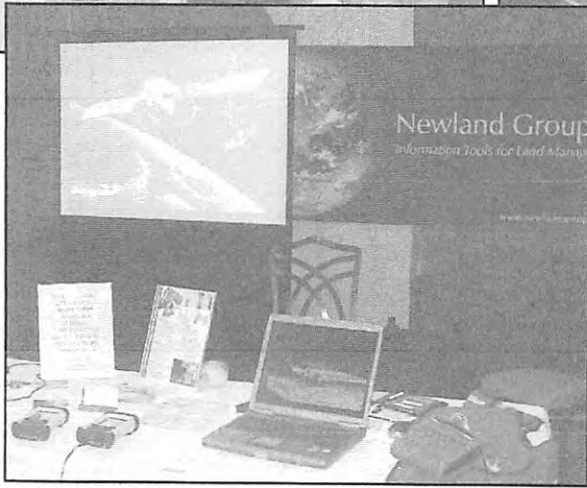
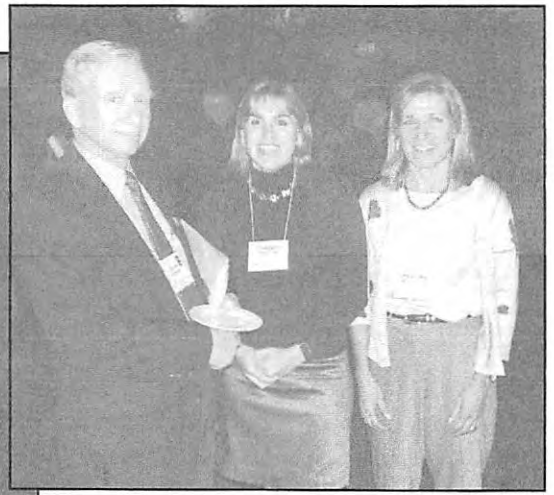
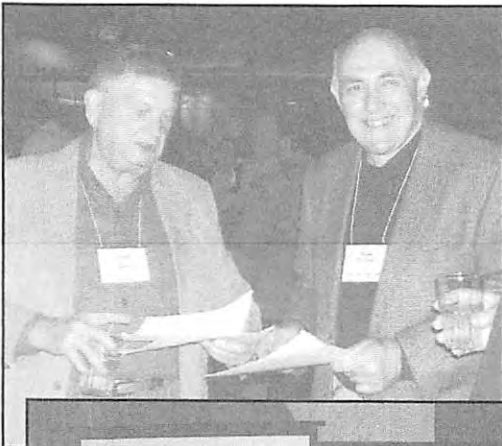
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More Photo Highlights of the Allegheny Winter Meeting

Photos compliments of Alex Day, Charlie Newlon and Jack Winieski





2005 Allegheny SAF Award Recipients

By Howard Wurzbacher, Steve Resh, and Jason Albright

At the Allegheny Society of American Foresters (SAF) Winter Meeting Awards Banquet in Lancaster, PA, two individuals from among our membership were recognized for their exemplary conduct and dedication to the Society and to the forestry profession. Two Allegheny SAF annual membership awards recognize outstanding contributions to forestry and to the Society.

The first is the *Forester of the Year* award, which recognizes professional performance in the previous calendar year, or a specific and notable achievement within 2005, along with promotion of professional forestry and a high caliber of professional conduct.

The second is the *Robert W. Bauer Outstanding Service to Forestry* award, in recognition of outstanding professional achievements in forestry over a career time span, a high caliber of professional conduct, outstanding promotion of forest conservation, and service to the Society of American Foresters and local community organizations.

Francis O. Zembrun II, of the Maryland/Delaware SAF Division was the recipient of the 2005 SAF Forester of the Year award. Francis is currently serving as the Forest Manager of the Green Ridge State Forest in Allegany County, Maryland.

Francis works in the management of the 40,000-acre forest with one other forester and several seasonal employees. He implements the annual timber sale program on the forest, and regularly visits logging sites to maintain a working, teaching relationship with timber sale operators. Special recent projects on the forest include identification of old growth stands, invasive

species issues and wood turtle surveys. He conducts a variety of forest management activities, while being constantly scrutinized by the public in an increasingly urbanized area of the State. He is a true conveyor of the meaning and benefits of multiple use forest management to the public.

Francis has gone beyond the management duties of his position to help undertake preparations for the centennial celebration of the birth of Forestry in Maryland that will take place in 2006. He has conducted intensive research on the creation of Maryland's state forest and park resources, and its first Forester, Mr. Fred Besley. Mr. Besley was a believer in the benefits of educating the public about the new science of forestry by traveling throughout the state giving presentations to anyone who would listen. Our award recipient has resurrected many of these old presentations in a celebration format, making historical presentations in the uniform of the early "forest ranger" as a part of Maryland's forestry centennial celebration. His devotion to the history of our profession is worthy of recognition in this special year.

Ned R. Karger, CF, who received the 2005 Robert W. Bauer Outstanding Service to Forestry award, is currently Silvicultural Manager of the Kane Hardwood Division of the Collins Pine Company in Kane, Pennsylvania. Ned oversees silvicultural operations on approximately 126,000 acres of FSC certified forestland, and has 23 years of experience with Collins Pine. He had previous employment experience with Hammermill Paper Company, the US Forest Service Forestry Sciences Laboratory, and the USFS Sheffied Ranger District on the Allegheny National Forest in northwestern Pennsylvania. An SAF Certified Forester since 1998, Ned is a graduate of the SAF Leadership Academy in 2000, and has served SAF as Vice-Chair/Chair of the Northern Hardwood Chapter, 1996-99, Vice-Chair/Chair of the Pennsylvania Division 2000-03. He currently serves the Allegheny SAF on the Executive Committee and as Program Committee Chair.

Ned has displayed professional promotion of forest conservation through his participation as Chair of the Roach-Bauer Forestry Forum Committee - named in part for Bob Bauer, whose name is also borne on this award, as a member of the PA DCNR Bureau of Forestry's Ecosystem Management and Silviculture Advisory Committees, and Penn State's College of Agriculture Ag Council. He is a member of the



ANSAF Chair Kim Steiner II congratulates Francis O. Zembrun II



Ned Karger (l) with Awards Chair Howard Wurzbacher

Technical Committee of the Allegheny Hardwood Utilization Group, and regularly participates in planning and presenting annual loggers safety meetings.

Ned has presented numerous forestry-related programs locally for classes ranging from elementary to high school in the Kane Area School District. He is a member of, and has served in a variety of leadership positions in, the Kane Players community theater group for over 25 years, and has used his skills to write, direct and perform in Logging Safety Skits as part of the annual

Loggers Safety Meeting in Kane, PA. Ned is a member of the Elk County Striders and the Wilcox Sportsman's Club.

It is very appropriate that this individual is recipient of the Robert W. Bauer Award. Ned and Bob frequently interacted and participated in a variety of activities within the forestry community in Pennsylvania and the Allegheny SAF - their strong and vocal advocacy for professional forestry and professional friendship was always evident.

We thank the members of the Awards Committee, the Allegheny leadership, as well as the Division and Chapter Chairs who submitted nominations for the 2005 awards.

Members of the Awards Committee serve anonymously in considering each nomination and individually vote their selection for the recipient of each award. Their service to the Society in this role is greatly appreciated.

While participating in the regular activities of our SAF Chapters or Divisions throughout the year, please take time to note individuals among us who display leadership in communicating the message of forestry to the public, and in the practice of good forestry by example. A request for nominations for the 2006 Allegheny Awards will be distributed to Allegheny leadership late this fall, and your experiences with deserving individuals throughout the year will provide a great head start to the 2006 nomination process. ☺

Allegheny Society of American Foresters 2006 Reginald Forbes Art Show Winners

By Charlie Newlon, Art Show Director

There were eleven entries in the 2006 Art Show at the Winter Allegheny SAF meeting in Lancaster, PA. Rules changed this year. The main change was to award certificates and ribbons instead of certificates and cash. The professional category was dropped and open class was created for both amateurs and professionals to compete together. The main reason for this change was the fact that very few professionals entered the competition.

Mrs. Bob LaBar and family have kindly purchased the ribbons for the awards in Bob LaBar's memory.

THE WINNERS ARE:

The open 3-D class, first place went to Paul Higby for his relief carving and second place to Chrissy Harrigan for her Penny Rug.

The open Flat Art class, 1st place was earned by Marilyn Hennion for her painting of a "Brook through a Meadow, and 2nd place to Marilyn Hennion for "The King of the Roost" and 3rd place to Ron Harrigan for his painting of a "Blue fin crab."

The open Photo Art class first place award was captured by Dave Miller with his "White Ibis" photo, second and third place ribbons to Jack Purdue for his photos of "Family at Lake Erie" and "Man Walking into the Setting Sun." Honorable Mention went to Paul Higby for his montage of photos taken along the "Shades of Death Trail."

First place in the open Sculpture class was earned by Don Nibert for the "Sassafras Bowl" he turned on a lathe. The Kids category was won with a first place award by Scott Harrigan for his photo of a "Hamster in a Shoe." ☺

The 2006 Allegheny SAF Student Quiz Bowl

Steven Resh, Allegheny College of Maryland, Beth Brantley, Penn State Mont Alto

The 19th Allegheny SAF Student Quiz Bowl competition was held on Thursday, February 16 at the 2006 Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting in the Best Western Eden Resort at Lancaster, PA. Five teams competed, and each round lasted 20 minutes.

Steven Resh chair of the Student Quiz Bowl Committee, Ron Sheay, timekeeper, Tim Kaden scorekeeper, and Paul Eriksson (an excellent moderator for the competition) combined to keep the competition excitement in the forefront for the students involved and the appreciative audience. The Quiz Bowl Committee especially thanks these individual member volunteers and the audience for their continuing to support.

The first round saw the Penn State University team defeat the Pennsylvania College of Technology team. Other first round action pitted Penn State Mont Alto against Allegheny College of Maryland. The team from Mont Alto defeated the Maryland team to move on to the next round.

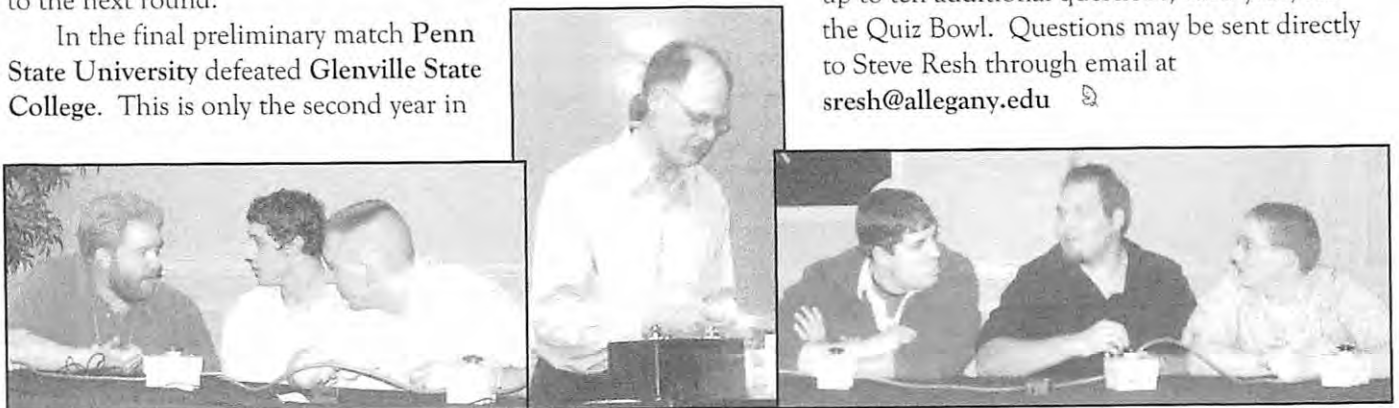
In the final preliminary match Penn State University defeated Glenville State College. This is only the second year in

which Glenville has competed in the contest. The "Mountain State" team drove six hours to compete, and put on a very good show — keep up the good work.

The championship round saw Penn State University's team of Kimberly Linett, Aaron Cook and Benjamin Gamble defeat Penn State Mont Alto by a score of 50-45. This was one of the most hotly contested final rounds ever in the history of the quiz bowl. The lead changed several times, and the outcome was in doubt until the final question was asked and answered.

Because both the Pennsylvania State University schools are hosting the National Student Quiz Bowl at the National Convention in Pittsburgh this year, they will not be allowed to compete in the national competition. However, we look forward to seeing Allegheny, Penn College and Glenville all representing the Allegheny at the National meeting!

All forestry schools in the Allegheny SAF may submit up to ten additional questions, each year, for the Quiz Bowl. Questions may be sent directly to Steve Resh through email at sresh@allegheny.edu



Steven Resh (l) with the 2006 Student Quiz Bowl winners from PSU: Kimberly Linett, Benjamin Gamble and Aaron Cook

Lloyd Casey Receives Award

At their recent winter meeting, The New York Society of American Foresters presented Allegheny SAF member Lloyd R. Casey with the 2005 Society Commendation in, "Recognition of your extra ordinary efforts or significant contributions, which further the goals of the Society and profession." Congratulations to Lloyd!



WV SAF's Rebuttal to A Negative Editorial re: Timber Harvesting and Flooding

Contributed by Mary Beth Adams*

An editorial published in the January 10, 2006 Charleston Daily Mail, entitled, "Science vs. Popular Belief," the author provided numerous quotes, most of them from popular articles or books, which appeared to provide support for the popularly held opinion that timber harvesting causes flooding. The WV SAF decided that it was important to provide a rebuttal to the erroneous scientific evidence provided in the editorial, and a small group was formed to draft the response. Following are excerpts from the WVSFAF response:

"Many of the quotes describe the consequences of the severe logging and resulting fires that occurred between 1870 and 1920 in West Virginia. The near liquidation of forests around the turn of the century cannot reasonably be compared to modern timber harvesting activities and their effects, either in geographic scale, intensity or technology. It is tempting, but inaccurate, to equate the "deforestation" around the turn of the century with current harvests used in conjunction with Silvicultural management systems within environmental law. Deforestation is that act of removing trees or forests in the process of converting the land to other uses such as grazing lands, agriculture, parking lots, shopping malls, infrastructure, etc. — land that will not be returned to forests in the near future.

"During the half century between 1870 and 1920, the upland forests of West Virginia were subjected to such intensive logging that by the end of this period the original forests had been essentially eliminated." (Roy B. Clarkson, The early lumbering activities in West Virginia and some of their effects on the state. Proceedings of the West Virginia Academy of Science 40:42-45, 1968).

The writer also failed, when quoting A.B. Brooks, to include burning with the statement regarding timber cutting increasing the fluctuation of streams. Burning very thoroughly removed whatever organic matter was on the ground; the organic matter acts as a natural sponge, which would hold back normal rainfall. To quote A.B. Brooks more completely:

"The increase of the total discharge of West Virginia Rivers, in spite of diminishing rainfall and a greater fluctuation than formerly in the periods of high and low water, is due solely, so far as available data can interpreted, to the deforestation of the mountains. There is no reason to doubt that a continuation of the timber cutting and burning will increase the fluctuation of the streams, if, indeed, it does not permanently reduce the rainfall which is by no means improbable." (A. B. Brooks, WV Geological Survey, Volume 5, Forestry and Wood Industries, The Acme Publishing Company, 1911.)

The common belief that timber harvesting causes flooding may be in part, due to confusion about scientific terms and the complexity of forest hydrology.

Quoting research from the Fernow Experimental Forest and Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory, the editorial writer states that any time more than 23 percent of the forest canopy is removed, there will be a measureable increase in runoff. In the case of this research, however, runoff is defined as annual water yield — the total amount of water that leaves a watershed over the course of a year. Runoff does not equate with flooding, as implied by the editorial.

Research from the Fernow and Coweeta, and other long-term watershed studies in the East, demonstrated that, while removal of more than approximately 25% of the tree canopy cover of a watershed may increase the total amount of water flowing out of a watershed during the year, this total increase is largely due to an increase in low flow during the growing season. The effect on large peakflows (those high water flows that might equate with flooding) was minimal. It is also important to note that even these effects were short-lived as the forest re-grew. This is an important distinction.

Thus, the West Virginia Chapter of the Society of American Foresters agrees with the writer on January 10th — public policy should be based on science, not on popular beliefs. We hope that the best available science will be brought to bear in these civil lawsuits. We also hope that many of the commonly held myths about the affects of timber harvesting activities will be recognized as such, and that the social, economic and ecological decisions we make related to using wood, recreation, water and wildlife will continue to be explored, debated and improved." ☺

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Barbara Breshock and Rudy Williams assisted in the rebuttal

Allegheny Society of American Foresters Pennsylvania Division

Lancaster, PA - February 17, 2006
PA Division Breakfast Meeting Secretary's Report

Meeting called to order by Chair Elison at 8:05 a.m.

Secretary's Report - Approved

Treasurer's Report - Approved

Old Business

Nelson Video - The Division purchased 500 dvds and has been in the process of selling them to interested individuals. At this point we have covered the costs of the dvds and are starting to slowly recover production costs.

Biomass Meeting - There were approximately 125 individuals who attended the biomass workshops. The workshops have generated a large amount of interest with over a half dozen different contacts. Several other states are looking at hosting similar meetings and there are a number of school districts looking at developing projects.

Licensing - Marion Keegan is the new president of the Pennsylvania Council of Professional Foresters (PCPF) and Don Oaks is the Secretary/Treasurer. Joe Dudick is the lobbyist hired by PCPF has provided testimony to the Legislature on Growing Greener and timber theft legislation. Representative Bastion of Somerset County arranged a meeting between the Timber Caucus and PCPF in the Summer of 2005. Representative Bastion will be contacting PCPF about licensing legislation in early 2006. PCPF is online at the following address: paforesters.org. The annual meeting will be held March 10, 2006 at the Ramada Inn in State College.

New Business

Goddard Chair - A motion was made to sponsor a portion of the Goddard Chair's office in the new Forestry Building at Penn State. The recommended amount was for \$1,000.00. This motion was seconded and approved.

National Meeting - A committee of individuals from the Pennsylvania Division is in the process of developing a display for the National Meeting in Pittsburgh on the logging history of Pennsylvania. After much discussion the motion was made for the Division to cover the booth rental costs. This cost was reported to be \$1,100. This motion was seconded and approved. The booth space has been rented. The display will be located in booth 627.

Nelson Video - Issues over the ownership of copy rights and use of the Nelson Video were discussed by the members present. This issue is very complicated and will require a case by case decision on the video's use. The general consensus of the group was that educational uses would be allowed free use of the material with an acknowledgment to SAF. Commercial users would pay a fee. The Division Officers are empowered to make the final decision. Motion was seconded and approved.

Biomass Meeting - The written and oral presentations from the biomass meeting will made available on the internet through Penn State Cooperative extension Service.

A second motion was made to pass a resolution to encourage the state and federal governments to pass legislation to promote and fund a landowner incentive type program for low grade material. This program would function as a subsidy to landowners to help encourage the sale of low valued trees. This motion was seconded and defeated in a hand count ballot.

There will be no summer meeting due to the National Meeting being held in Pittsburgh in October.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug D'Amore

Coming Events

April

20 American Tree Farm Inspection Certification Training, Shartlesville, PA. Contact Rick Deppen at 610-489-8326 or rdeppen@state.pa.us

May

16-18 Smallwood 2006 Conference, Sheraton Richmond (VA) West Hotel. Small tree, low-value, and waste wood utilization. In conjunction with Expo Richmond 2006, May 19-20. Julie Lang, conferences@forestprod.org

June

15 Deadline for articles/photos for the Summer issue of *The Allegheny News*

17-20 2006 SAF Leadership Academy Snowbird Ski/Summer Resort in Utah 29 miles from Salt Lake City Airport. Register today on safnet.org

July

No ANSAF Summer Meeting... see you in Pittsburgh at the Convention!

September

15 Deadline for articles/photos for the Spring issue of *The Allegheny News*

23 PA Forestry Assn. presents "Forests for Life Jubilee," Benefits and Threats to PA Working Forests. Wyndham Hotel, Harrisburg/Hershey, Linda Finley at 814-234-9028

October

25-29 SAF National Convention, Pittsburgh, PA, hosted by Allegheny SAF

December

15 Deadline for articles/photos for the Winter 2006-07, *The Allegheny News*

Future Allegheny SAF Meetings

Winter 2007 - MD/DE Division

Summer 2007 - NJ Division

Winter 2008 - Keystone Chapter

Summer 2008 - W. Gateway Chapter

Future SAF National Conventions

2007 - Portland, OR, October 24-28

2008 - Reno, NV, November 5-7

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