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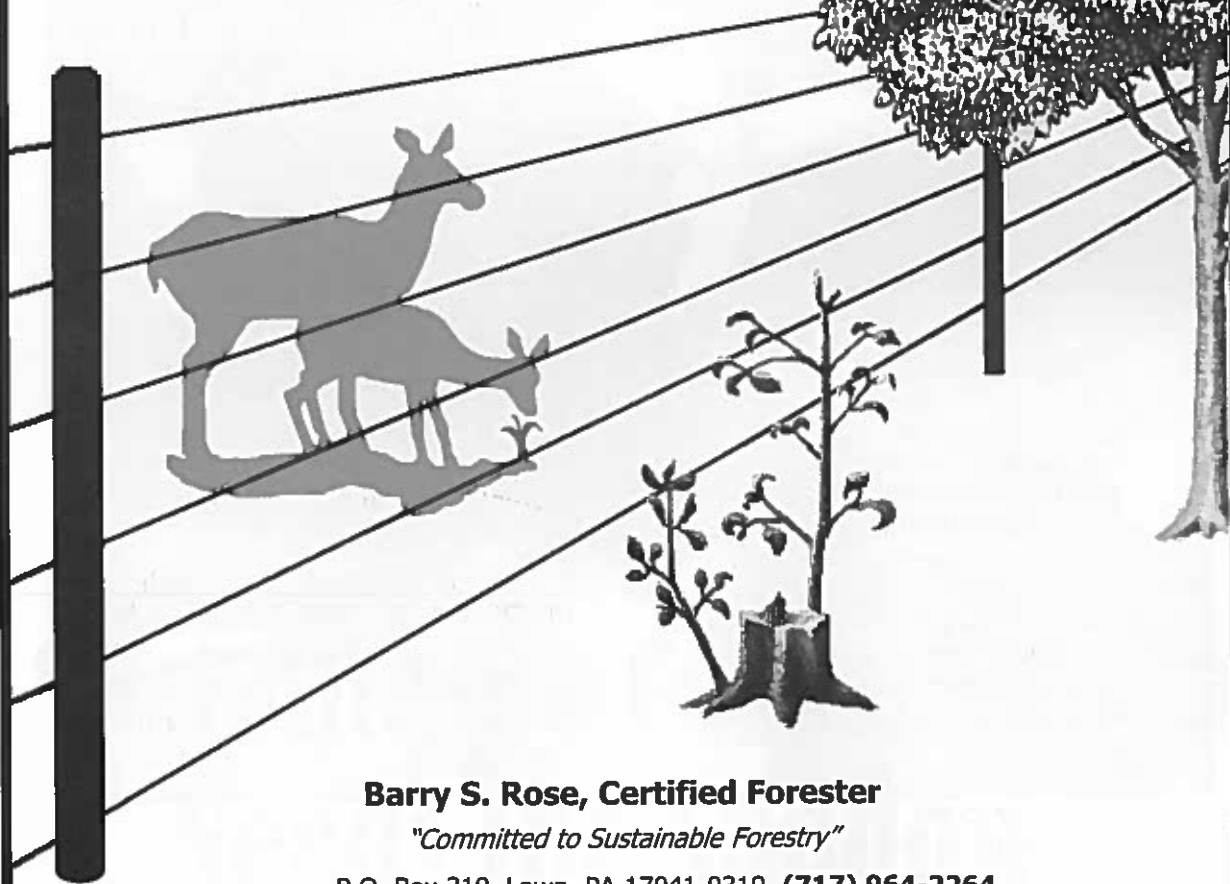
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Cover Story

Spring has sprung in Potter County, PA as a Painted Trillium (*Trillium undulatum*) makes its way through the forest floor to welcome warmer weather.

Photo by Forester Dave Haubrick

Chair's Corner

By Kurt Gottschalk, Allegheny SAF Chair



Spring Ahead!

As I write this column, spring has arrived according to the calendar. The first crocuses and daffodils started to bloom in my yard this weekend. I am out of birdseed and the birds are on their own until next winter. Spring is my second favorite time of year. I enjoy traveling during springtime and watching the forests bloom and change while enjoying the pleasant weather. One of my all time favorite springtime drives is go across West Virginia and Maryland on I-68 and see the flowering trees progress from lower to higher elevations. I especially enjoy the abundance of redbud flowers in the Ridge & Valley stretch between Cumberland and Hancock, MD. Redbud is one of my top five favorite trees. My wife and I moved in 2007 and left our redbuds behind at our former house. I ordered a redbud to plant at our current house this spring so that I will have one to look at in the future.

Spring brings promises of hope and the future. This is a perfect corollary to forest management as sustainable forest management also brings promises of hope and the future. All forest management (stewardship) plans recognize the past of the forest but their focus is rightly on the future - how are the owners' goals to be met by future management activities? How will we sustain the vast array of services provided by the forest? How will we deal with future unknown disturbances and changes to the forest? As you work with private

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forest land and even public land, concentrate on the future and how forests can and should be enjoyed in the present. It is the future outlook of forest management that makes forests a sustainable resource.

At our Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting, the Executive Committee voted to amend our by-laws to meet the new minimum by-laws standards. You will receive a ballot later this summer for approval of these changes. One change we are making is providing the flexibility to separate or combine the Secretary and Treasurer positions as we see the need. This fall we will hold Allegheny SAF elections. We will be electing a new Chair-Elect, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and four Executive Committee members. If you know someone who would be a good candidate for those offices, please contact Kim Steiner, Past Chair and head of the Nominations Committee, to recommend them. Replacing our leadership also allows us to Spring Ahead!



Full House for Ethics Workshop

By Steve Jaquith CF



Allegheny SAF hosted a forestry ethics workshop to kick off its 2009 winter meeting. Registration for the workshop quickly filled to its maximum of 20 participants. After an introduction to the SAF Code of Ethics, several case studies were posed and discussed.

Mike Lester and Lloyd Casey led the two-hour session, assisted by Steve Jaquith. Kim Steiner and Scott Kurtzman also helped develop the program, which was built around SAF's *Ethics Guide*. One of the goals of the workshop was to examine the guide as well as the Code of Ethics itself, both to become more familiar with them and perhaps to eventually suggest some improvements.

Comments on the workshop were positive, and participants earned two CFE credits. The workshop will be offered again in conjunction with our next winter meeting, so be sure to sign up early next year and save your spot.

This effort is intended to spark an ongoing discussion of the SAF Code of Ethics. Those with suggestions for next year's ethics workshop, including which case studies to discuss, are invited to send them to Steve.Jaquith@Gmail.com

ANSAF 50-year "Golden" Members

In recognition of 50 years of dedicated service to the Society of American Foresters and to the profession, SAF Golden members receive a certificate and a letter of appreciation commemorating their career milestone from SAF President Bernard S. Hubbard. SAF also rewards its Golden Members by waiving their membership dues in perpetuity.

John A. (Jack) Winieski CF (PA) was recognized at the Annual ANSAF Winter Meeting in State College, PA. James C. (Jim) Hamer (WV) will be recognized, and receive a certificate, at the next WV SAF Division meeting. Both Jack and Jim were classmates in the 1959 class of the State University of New York College of Forestry.

21st Annual Allegheny SAF Quiz Bowl Winners

By Steven Resh, Allegheny College of Maryland and Student Quiz Bowl Coordinator

The Allegheny Society of American Foresters conducted the 21st Student Quiz Bowl at their 87th Winter Meeting (2009) held in State College, PA. The Rothrock Chapter sponsored the contest that attracted four Forestry schools.

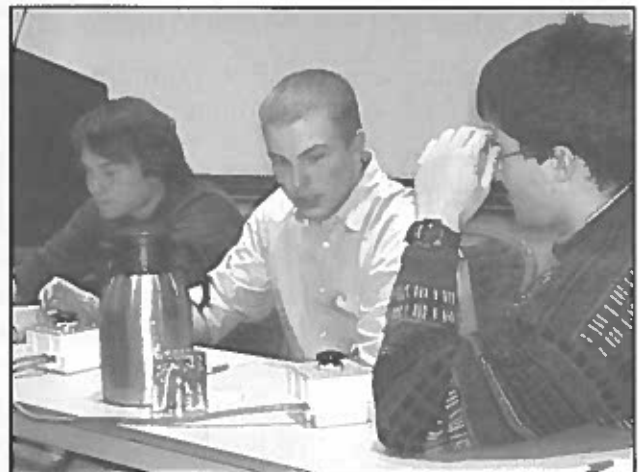
The first round saw a team from West Virginia University comprised of Adam Miller, Melissa Stevens and Luke Werner narrowly defeat the Penn State team of Chris Hone, Derek Larsen and Zachary Stephens. To say this was a close race is an understatement! The final toss-up question was correctly answered by PSU, and if they had been able to answer the five-point bonus question, the score would have been tied. Steve Resh, the Quiz Bowl Coordinator, could only remember one other contest where a tie had to be broken at the end of a 20-minute round.

Round two saw the technician schools compete against each other. Frank Grano, Eric Manger and Mark Mizak, representing Penn State Mont Alto were defeated by Allegheny College of Maryland. Therefore, John Brundege, Matthew Delimont, and Michael Mohl would take on West Virginia University for the championship trophy.

This final was especially interesting because of the fact that Ms. Melissa Stevens of the WVU team, graduated with high



Students from Allegheny College of Maryland were the winners of the 2009 Annual Quiz Bowl, flanked by Quiz Bowl Coordinator Steve Resh (l) and John Jastrzembski (r)



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Final

honors from Allegheny College of Maryland last May. The conflict between devotion to her alma mater and allegiance to her current institution of higher learning must have been strong, but in the end, Allegheny College of Maryland defeated the Mountaineers to take the championship for the fourth time in the series.

This contest has become the highlight of our conventions for many members and most students. It would not be possible without the financial support of the host chapter, the travel support given to students by the Allegheny Society and the faculty who encourage their students to attend professional meetings. The Quiz Bowl Committee would also like to thank Tim Kaden, Ken Jolly and Paul Erickson for serving as judges for the contest.

District VII Council Report

By Kenneth Jolly, CF, SAF District VII Representative

It was a pleasure for me to be able to attend the 2009 Allegheny Winter Meeting in State College, PA, and I commend all the hard work of the Rothrock Chapter in putting together an informative and interesting Agenda! The next day after the Allegheny Winter Meeting ended, Council held its first meeting of the year in Minneapolis, MN on February 21-22, 2009. The following are some highlights from the Agenda:



- ♦ Michael Goergen, Executive Vice President and CEO, updated Council on the Wild Acres Historic Preservation nomination that is currently under review and consideration by the Montgomery County government. This process began last year while SAF was working on the sale of the property (which was eventually terminated due to the national economic "credit crunch" and poor real estate markets), when a neighborhood citizen's group nominated the property for Historic Preservation status. Since this designation restricts the development options on the property, SAF has been engaged with the County and the citizen's group to reach an agreement on which portions of the property should be considered for this designation. SAF submitted what we consider to be a very reasonable proposal to protect the historic aspects of the property (e.g., the Grosvenor House, the Carriage House, and an appropriate area around these buildings), and which also protects SAF's property interest for future development opportunities. A hearing with the County Historic Preservation Commission is currently scheduled for mid-March to make a recommendation on this issue, which will then be sent to the County Council for action.

- ♦ In the policy arena, SAF is continuing to work on the Renewable Energy Standard definition and on Forest Carbon issues, and is also planning to do some Congressional briefings this year on forestry issues. In regards to SAF's testimony on Federal Appropriations (which generated some concerns last year), the Committee on Forest Policy (CFP) advised Council it will be much more involved with the review process to ensure that the membership's concerns are fully vetted in the future. In response to a request from New York SAF for SAF to develop a Position Statement on Highgrading, Council requested the Forest Science and Technology Board (FSTB) and CFP to conduct additional research for future consideration. Council also approved a Position Statement on International Trade.

- ♦ Several new technology improvements were discussed, most significantly the purchase of a new membership database software program that will greatly expand and enhance SAF's capacity to manage membership information and be more responsive to membership requests. One of the benefits of the new software is that up-to-the minute Membership Reports will be available for download by State Society leaders whenever they need it directly from a password protected secure area over the internet. Also, tracking Continuing Education should be much easier. In addition, Council discussed progress on the SAF website re-design and template websites for local units, which should be completed and available very soon. Also discussed was the online *Dictionary of Forestry* (which has been completed) and *Encyclopedia of Forestry*, which is nearing completion. The *Encyclopedia* will be written for a lay audience, and is expected to contain approximately 300 articles from a variety of forestry and natural resource scholars and experts.

- ♦ Since the 2009 Leadership Academy had to be cancelled due to low registration, Council reviewed and approved a "Draft Plan" for advancing leadership development in a new way for both the upcoming year and into the future. While the details are still being worked on, some of the opportunities that will be explored include: (a) incorporating a significant increase in leadership

development into the House of Society Delegates (HSD) Meeting; (b) possibly holding a leadership development workshop/session at the National Convention; (c) developing/scheduling leadership webinars on a frequent basis put on by staff and national leaders; (d) developing podcasts or "on demand" leadership presentations; (e) asking the Leadership Development Committee (LDC) to develop model regional leadership training programs; (f) expanding on the "nuts and bolts" leadership tools that are already available on the SAF website; and (g) create additional leadership content on the SAF website, such as articles, book reviews, etc. Council will follow-up on several of these items at its next meeting.

♦ Council reviewed progress on the 2009 Convention in Orlando, FL. The Keynote speaker will be Charles Mann, author of the non-fiction book *1491: New Revelations of the Americas before Columbus*. A harvesting demonstration is being planned to coincide with the Convention (as was done at the 2008 Reno Convention), and a 4-H Anniversary tree planting is also planned to take place. Any of the many Disney hotels where SAF members register will count to meet the SAF's hotel accommodations requirement, so members are encouraged to mention SAF when they register.

♦ Council continued its discussion on refining/streamlining the "SAF Strategic Actions Plan," which is the document which specifies the actions that will be taken to implement the five key goals identified in the SAF Strategic Plan which was developed in 2008. The desired goal is to keep this document tightly focused and tied to measureable actions, and to ensure it aligns with the SAF Budget. As part of this effort, Council reviewed an "Emerging Issues" document developed by the FSTB to determine if any of these items should be incorporated into the Strategic Actions Plan.

♦ Council carefully reviewed a number of recommendations (21 total) that were generated at the 2008 HSD meeting in regards to improving SAF's membership. The Council Membership Sub-Committee was requested to take a closer look at several of these recommendations for possible follow-up at the next Council meeting.

♦ Past President Tom Thompson provided Council with an up-date on the Communications Committee's work on the "Trees are the Answer" campaign. The Committee is currently working on refining the message/talking points for this communications effort, identifying partner organizations, and reserving a website address. Council also received/discussed reports from HSD, FSTB, and the Student Executive Committee (SEC), as well as a variety of Council District Reports.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the above items that were covered at the February Council meeting. Also feel free to contact me if there is anything else that you want to bring to my attention before the next Council meeting, which is scheduled for May 30-31 in Bethesda. I greatly appreciate hearing from you with any comments and suggestions you may have for advancing the mission of SAF.

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2009 Allegheny SAF Awards

by Teri Batchelor, Doug Tavella and Howard Wurzbacher

At the 2009 Allegheny SAF winter meeting awards banquet in State College, PA, two members were recognized for their exemplary conduct and dedication. The Allegheny Society has established two annual awards for individuals who have made outstanding contributions to forestry and 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 2008, along with promotion of the importance of professional forestry and a high caliber of professional conduct. The second award 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. The Outstanding Service to Forestry Award is named in memory of **Robert W. Bauer**, a long-time, active Allegheny SAF member and forester in northwestern PA. Bob was killed in a farming accident on December 31, 2002, and the outstanding service award was named in his honor in 2003.

Allegheny SAF Awards Committee members review information submitted for each nominee, and vote their selection for a recipient. These committee members serve individually and anonymously, and their service to the Society in this role is appreciated. It is also appropriate to offer thanks to those in Allegheny leadership who submitted their nominations.

The recipient of the 2008 **Robert W. Bauer Outstanding Service to Forestry Award** is **Kip Powers**, of the Maryland-Delaware Division. Kip is the Eastern Regional Forester for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources - Forest Service in Salisbury, MD. He encourages fellow foresters to join SAF and demonstrate to the public the caliber of a professional forester's work. He encourages MD-DE Division members to participate more fully at SAF affairs, and makes it possible for Eastern Regional DNR- Forest Service personnel to attend all SAF functions. In his role as Regional Forester, he has educated the public



Mr. & Mrs. Kip Powers

about the forestry profession's importance through local newspapers and television.

Kip attended Paul Smith's College in New York, and received his A.S. Forestry Degree. He transferred to the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, where he received his B.S. Forestry Degree in 1978. Kip joined SAF as a student member, and has been an active member for 28 years. After graduation, he worked on contract for the U.S. Forest Service N.E. Research Station in Broomall, PA, collecting field data for the Forest Inventory & Analysis Unit in the states of New York, Ohio and Maine. Since that time, he has worked in various positions for the Maryland Forest Service. In 1980, Kip was hired by Maryland DNR - Forest Service as a Forest Technician and worked in the southern part of the state. He became the Project Forester for Charles County, then the Bay Forester for Charles and St. Mary's Counties. In 1987 he advanced to Regional Forester for the Eastern Region, covering an eight county area. He supervises personnel that provide private land forestry assistance through the Stewardship Forestry program, and is responsible for managing two State Forests encompassing about 90,000 acres. In 2000, Kip was part of a group of resource professionals that helped establish the long-term management of

Chesapeake Forest Lands. Since then, Kip has worked with others to make this forest the first certified FSC & SFI sustainable management forest in Maryland. As part of that effort, he was instrumental in founding a unique private\public partnership to assist in the management of these forestlands. This partnership has enabled a significant amount of forest products to continue to flow out of these woodlands. A Maryland Licensed Professional Forester since 1981, Kip served as Board Secretary for various County Forestry Boards for six years. In 1993 he was recognized for helping to establish the Forestry Awareness Week in the Eastern Region, a program that has instructed thousands of 6th graders on the importance of Forest Stewardship, protection of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed and the protection and management of wildlife species.

Kip has provided SAF leadership as Chair-elect of the MD\DE Division and has acted as Membership Chair for the Division since 1999. He was on a number of committees responsible for setting up and planning various MD\DE SAF meetings and training programs, along with several Allegheny Winter Meetings. Kip has served on the executive committee for his neighborhood Habitat for Humanity, and in 1992 was awarded the Volunteer of the Year Award from the local chapter. Since 1998 he has served his local Church on its Property & Grounds committee and the relocation committee, and helped oversee the construction of a multi-million dollar church facility.

The 2008 Forester of the Year Award was presented to Steven Kalleser, of the New Jersey Division. Although his nomination was for efforts in 2008, it represents the culmination of his involvement in the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act since 2004. The act regulates land use on 880,000 in northwestern New Jersey, and developed a Regional Master Plan for that acreage, affecting 88 municipalities in seven counties. Through Steve's efforts in conjunction with the NJ Farm Bureau, the NJ Forestry Association's Highlands Committee, and other foresters and woodland owners, an exemption from provisions of the Act and the Regional Master Plan was allowed for woodland owners with approved forest management plans.

In 2006, Steve served as a member of the Sustainable Forestry and Ecosystem Management

Technical Advisory Committee, and was the principal author of its report, which vastly improved the forestry section of the draft RMP. From 2006 to 2008, Steve networked with stakeholders such as the NJ Forestry Association, NJ Division of the Allegheny SAF, NJ Tree Farm and Farm Bureau as well as others in the forestry community to encourage participation in hearings and other opportunities for public comment through drafts, revisions, and final version of the RMP. He spoke at the NJ Forestry Association's Annual meeting in March of 2008, where he advised woodland owners to attend municipal planning board meetings as towns amend their land use planning to conform to the Regional Master Plan. Governor John Corzine approved the final RMP in September of 2008, with important suggestions made by the forestry community incorporated into the final version.

Steve is a consulting forester with Gracie and Harrington Consulting Foresters in Far Hills, NJ, having joined the firm in 2000. He is a SAF Certified Forester, a native of New Jersey, and has degrees from Rutgers University, Cook College.



Steve Kalleser (R) accepts the 2008 Forester of the Year Award from Allegheny SAF Chair Kurt Gottschalk

Steve's nomination states: "His efforts in the forest policy arena in one of the most regulated states in the Union deserve the thanks of thousands of woodland owners, and the respect of his colleagues in the forestry profession." The Allegheny SAF gives recognition to Steve as the 2008 Forester of the Year.

Thoughts on Becoming an SAF Fellow

By Steven Resh

When a member of the Executive Committee of the Maryland/Delaware Division of the SAF informed me that they wanted to nominate me as an SAF Fellow, I was surprised and humbled. Further introspection made me wonder if I had really done enough to deserve this status. After all, I thought, my career in forestry was not at its end. Isn't it only retired individuals who are given this ultimate career recognition? But they did nominate me, and I felt I should follow through and supply the required information for my nomination packet. This article is to let our membership know that I am glad that I did.

As I examine my SAF activities to date, I consider my work on the "Committee on Forest Technology School Recognition" as the high point. I served as a member on this committee for six years and was the Chair for two of those years. Our job was to evaluate the self-study reports of schools seeking to be recognized by the SAF and confirm that they were offering quality forest technology programs. During my tenure, we evaluated most, if not all, of the 22 programs in North America and I was constantly amazed by the rigor of those programs that had achieved Recognition. These reviews confirmed my belief that the graduates of an SAF-recognized forestry technology program can indeed make a very significant impact on the profession of forestry and can also contribute immensely to our professional organization. It just isn't possible anymore to take a "wood lot management" and tree identification course and call yourself a forest technician!

I feel my ultimate contribution to the Allegheny SAF was my introduction of the Student Quiz Bowl. I helped conduct this contest as a member of the New England SAF. What disturbed me most was the fact that forest technician schools could not participate in the New England SAF contest. When I wrote the first rules for the 1988 ANSAF Quiz Bowl held in Annapolis, Maryland, I made sure that the two-year students would always be included. I hope you agree that this contest has become one of the high lights of the winter meeting and helps keep all our students more professionally involved.

At the Division level I hope I had an impact on our profession. As Maryland prepared to celebrate



Steve Resh (l) accepts his SAF Fellow Award from Allegheny SAF Chair Kurt Gottschalk

the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Maryland Forest Service and the creation of the first State Forest, I wanted SAF to be involved. I felt it important that we recognize the contribution this fine agency has made to our forest products industry. The creation of the "Board Foot Plaque" was a unique way to make sure that this contribution was remembered. There were times when I thought the plaque would never be possible, but the work of the entire membership of the MD-DE Division, headed by the Executive Committee, State Forest Manager, **John Denning** and **John Forman** of Wood Products Inc. won the day along with the national award that came with the completion of the project. The membership presented one of these plaques to each of the Maryland lawmakers in Annapolis, and I believe this memento made a great impression.

There are certainly many people who I need to thank for their support of my nomination as well as my career to date. **Mike Huneke**, **Jonathan Kays** and **Bob Webster** wrote fantastic letters of recommendation for me. The Regional Fellows Committee reviewed my application favorably and deserves my thanks, and finally, SAF Council approved the award. June 10, 2008 will always be remembered as the high-water mark of my career as this was the day when I received word that my nomination was approved.

My career has been aided tremendously by my colleagues. In my first teaching position in Maine, Mr. Grant Estell and I shared an office as well as many great conversations on how to be an effective teacher of forestry. When I came to Allegany College of Maryland, Dr. Bill Cones taught me the difference between a forest technician and a forester and became my mentor. He remains my inspiration to this day as I strive to become as good a teacher as he was. Mr. John Jastrzembski and Dr. Jim Howell form a team with me and together we try to graduate the "perfect forest technician". Their dedication to education as well as their professionalism makes it easy to keep perfection as a goal. My wife of 34 years, Cathy, has always been receptive to my professional endeavors. She is the seed tree from which I begin all my forestry work. Finally, I need to thank all my current, former and future students. A forest manager can revisit stands and take pride in their accomplishments. A procurement forester can count the number of board feet purchased by them and evaluate their career. As a teacher, I look back on the hundreds of students who have sat in my classroom and realize they are the "product" by which I will be judged; they are my "board feet". Each and every one of them has made it so easy to come to work each day for the last 33 years. Any career recognition that I may receive will have been earned by their contribution to the forestry profession. I believe they have contributed, and will continue to contribute greatly.

To be one of the Allegheny SAF Fellows is truly an honor. When I look at the list of those members who have been granted Fellow status in the Allegheny Society, I am aware of what a great organization we have because of their hard work. I also believe that there are other members of our organization who are very deserving of the Fellow status. Please suggest their names to the local Chapter or Division. I am very grateful that someone suggested mine.

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2008 Treasurer's Report

BEGINNING BALANCES (on January 1, 2008)

1. Checking Account	\$18,421.52 ¹
2. Endowment Savings	\$49,081.70 ³

1. CHECKING ACCOUNT

CHECKING ACCOUNT INCOME:

2008 Allegheny Dues	\$11,501.75 ²
2008 Div/Chapter dues (pass-through)	\$ 4,366.00
Donation from PA Division	\$ 500.00
Donation from MD/DE	\$ 1,000.00
Donation from Keystone Chapter	\$ 1,500.00
Return of seed money from Western Gateway Chapter	\$ 1,000.00
Bank mistake in our favor	\$ 0.50
Foresters fund grant fund pass-through	\$ 3,660.80
Transfer from Endowment for Leadership Academy	\$ 500.00
Transfer from Endowment for Ethics Training Workshop	\$ 600.00
Total Checking Account Income:	\$24,629.05

CHECKING ACCOUNT EXPENSES:

2008 Div/Chapter dues (pass through)	\$ 4,366.00
HSD Assessment	\$ 525.25
Allegheny News (3 issues/bulk mail imprint - 1 via e-mail)	\$ 6,065.56
Executive Director Stipend	\$ 7,720.00
Awards	\$ 146.47
Student Travel	\$ 500.00
Foresters Fund grant fund pass-through	\$ 3,660.80
Website Expenses	\$ 166.70
Leadership Academy Support - NJ Chair	\$ 500.00
Ethics Training Workshop	\$ 600.00
Seed money to Western Gateway Chapter	\$ 1,000.00
Electronic Election Fee	\$ 120.00
Total Checking Account Expenses:	\$25,370.78

CHECKING ACCOUNT INCOME LESS EXPENSES:	\$ -741.73
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2007:	\$17,679.79¹

2. ENDOWMENT SAVINGS ACCOUNT

ENDOWMENT SAVINGS ACCOUNT ACTIVITY:

Beginning Balance	\$ 49,081.70 ³
Endowment Fund Contributions	\$ 75.00
Interest	\$ 163.02
Transfer to Checking for Leadership Academy	\$ -500.00
Transfer to Checking for Ethics Workshop	\$ -600.00
ENDOWMENT SAVINGS BALANCE AS OF 12/31/08:	\$48,219.72⁴

¹ There are several checks that have not yet cleared that were written a long time ago. This figure was calculated as if those checks had cleared.

² This amount consists of dues that were collected for the dues year 2008 (as a reference point, we collected \$11,728.75 in 2007 dues).

³ Note that \$5,962.62 of these funds were liquid as of 12/31/07.

⁴ Note that \$5,025.64 of these funds were liquid as of 12/31/08.

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

Allegheny Society of American Foresters

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2009

Attendees:

Allegheny Officers: K. Gottschalk, Chair; M. Fajvan, Chair-Elect; K. Steiner, Imm. Past Chair; R. Billingham, Sec/Treas; N. Karger, B. Elison, Exec. Cmte Members; M. Lester, SAF Vice President; K. Jolly, Council Rep.; J. Winieski, Ex. Dir.; Division/Chapter Officers and Committee Representatives: D. Tavella, NJ Div. Chair; H. Wurzbacher, PA Div. Chair/Awards Cmte Chair; J. Kays, MD/DE Div. Chair; J. Stuffle, Valley Forge Ch. Chair; M. Kusko, Keystone Chap. Chair; R. Merrill, Rothrock Ch. Chair; N. Lylo, Pinchot Ch. Chair; S. Resh, Quiz Bowl Chair; M. Webb, Education Cmte Chair; D. Galway, Auditing Cmte Chair; J. Purdue, Webmaster; S. Jaquith, member

Report on Recent Ethics Workshop (S. Jaquith):

A group gathered earlier today to attend a highly successful ethics workshop. S. Jaquith thanked the ANSAF for providing funding via the educational endowment. Approximately \$100 profit was made on the workshop, which will be sent back to the Treasurer to be returned to the endowment fund. He has asked for comments from those who attended and plans to do another workshop next year.

Minutes from Previous Executive Committee Meeting

The minutes were approved as printed in the *Allegheny News*.

Treasurer's Reports (R. Billingham):

The 2008 Treasurer's Report indicates that we had a deficit of \$741.73 for the year. The current checking account balance is 22,410.45 and the current endowment savings account balance is 48,277.91, of which \$5,033.83 is available for grants. The auditing committee will meet with R. Billingham within the next several months to check the books. The committee will send the information from the audit to the executive committee. A motion to accept the reports was made by S. Resh and seconded by M. Webb. The reports were approved.

HSD Report (K. Gottschalk):

Council has revised the standard minimum bylaws for divisions and chapters. We are fairly close to compliance, except for one new section that was added. National SAF has a new website that is easier to use, especially for non members. National is working on developing a set of minimum website standards to provide some sort of uniformity among the branches of the organization. Christopher Whited was hired at the national office (works on membership and communication/marketing). He is responsible for the website information. National will roll the website out in stages and may provide a template to state societies for ease of use and uniformity. There may be an opportunity for the national office to host the websites for the state societies. Council has recently passed a new policy on the use of SAF's name, especially as a co-sponsor of meetings. The SAF name provides credibility to attendees, but there is a concern that the co-sponsored meetings be held to some sort of standard. Before SAF can be used as a co-sponsor of a meeting, a form must be filled out listing information about the meeting. The SAF EVP must then provide approval of the meeting. Note that if SAF is the lead on the meeting, we do not have to go through this process, it is only if we are not the lead that it becomes an issue. They are not sure what the turn around time will be at this point. National will try to turn these forms around quickly, so that progress is not hindered on meeting planning. The MD/DE Division won a national HSD award for their board foot project. K. Jolly continues to encourage submissions for this award, which recognizes outstanding activities in state societies or local divisions/chapters. Allegheny was commended for its participation in HSD. If you have items that HSD should discuss or success stories, send them to K. Gottschalk.

Council Report (K. Jolly):

K. Jolly thanks all who supported his Council nomination. The Council meeting will take place in Minnesota next week. Note that SAF's testimony regarding the US Forest Service's State and Private Forestry budget recommendations will be discussed at upcoming meeting. The Leadership Academy has been cancelled for this year, due to lack of participation. Last year, SAF rewrote its strategic plan, which now fits on one page and includes a supplemental document to help understand what the actions will be. SAF is starting what are called "Society Ambassadors," who will work on keeping the members we have an encouraging more interest. M. Lester intends to

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call and welcome people to the Society to let people know that there is interest in them. C. Whited is working on producing a new membership and career brochure which will hopefully aid our membership efforts. Council will discuss options currently on the table for improving membership at next week's meeting. The national leadership academy is a very broad and excellent training program focused on developing leadership. Council should consider how national and regional leadership programs can mesh together. The Leadership Academy may move to a different region each year so that members in each region can receive training.

Executive Director's Report (J. Winieski):

The winter and summer issues of the newsletter have been a bit light in content. We currently have 192 people that have opted to receive a hard copy. There are some changes that have been made with the Executive Director's position per advice from the national office, which wants to make sure that we are protected from IRS auditing. J. Winieski is listed as a private contractor and will receive a 1099 each year. Additionally, newsletter expenses will be sent directly to the Treasurer instead of going through Winieski and then being reimbursed. There is no news regarding a replacement for Winieski (he intends to retire from the position in about a year and a half). He will work on an advertisement and position description. Winieski says we may want to establish an office somewhere. Right now, we have phone, email and fax. The next Executive Director should have some background in SAF politics and how the organization works. It would be good if the future executive director were retired from regular employment.

Committee Reports:

Nominations (K. Steiner): Elections will take place this year. Steiner needs suggestions as to nominees. Others who will help on this committee: K. Jolly and perhaps F. Hennion. Let the committee know if anyone is interested in running. Chair Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and four At-Large members are up for election. They need ideas of who will run in time for the summer meeting. Nominees must be members in good standing (Secretary is responsible for checking on this). Ideally, we will have several candidates for each position. It would be great if divisions/chapters could come up with nominees.

Tellers (K. Gottschalk): Gottschalk is working on a new chair for this committee. The position is not as onerous as it used to be due to the use of electronic ballots. Many thanks to S. Stout who did a great job chairing this committee for many years.

Awards (H. Wurzbacher): Both the Bauer Outstanding Service to Forestry and the Forester of the Year awards will be given out this year to Kip Powers (MD/DE) and Steve Kalleser (NJ), respectively. Both will be attending the awards banquet and are aware that they are receiving the awards. The committee will soon initiate the process for the Presidential Field Forester awards. The national criteria for this award is rather vague and it is up to our council member to put forward a selection out of the pool of nominees. Perhaps we need to consider procedures and criteria for that award at a future meeting.

Education (M. Webb): This year, funds were spent out of the endowment fund to support the NJ chair's attendance at the Leadership Academy and to support S. Jaquith's Ethics Workshop. There is still some confusion regarding CFEs. Divisions/chapters that host ANSAF meetings need to make sure that the meeting shows up on the SAF website's calendar and also that it is posted so that those who sign up for CFEs electronically can do so. Note that if you sign the CFE sign-in sheet and receive an attendance certificate, you will still need to officially register your credits with SAF. Also note that CFE coordinators cannot assign credits for their own organization's events, due to conflicts of interest. There is a new manual that describes all CFE-related items.

Membership (M. Fajvan): Our current count is at 977 members as of 1/31/09. Note that 339 have not paid their dues yet. Usually 100 members are purged each year. We need to start calling some people and urging them to renew their membership. We need to split up the calling to decrease the burden on everyone. The new purge date is now at the end of February (there is no longer a 6-month grace period - there is a provision in the existing by-laws that states that 3/1 is the purge date). K. Steiner will send out a message to the membership indicating that the purge is earlier this year. SAF is providing reduced dues fees or payment

plans for those under financial hardship. M. Fajvan suggested that ANSAF provide a membership reward of a membership pin indicating years of membership. This could take place at the ANSAF winter and summer meetings in order to give a larger feeling to the recognition. We could also publish the names of the members who have reached milestones in the newsletter. The price is \$3 per pin, which would cost us approximately \$225. NJ and MD/DE already do this for their membership. It is best to give these out in a meeting to publicly recognize people. It is a small cost for a large amount of recognition. There is currently no 5-year pin, so we may want to suggest the creation of a pin or perhaps the awarding of a certificate for 5-year members. We need to compile a list of topics that have been covered at recent meetings to add to the value of membership.

Forest Science Coordinator (M. Fajvan): Fajvan needs to step down from this position when she becomes chair. She is looking for someone to take over. The position has national guidance, provided via John Helms. As a group, we need to be kept up to date on new scientific information. We need to recruit speakers and be involved in the planning of meetings. Note that the Forest Science and Technology Board has three regional representatives. Don Dickman is our representative.

Program Committee (N. Karger):

Winter 2009: Rothrock Chapter (State College, PA)
Summer 2009: Northern Hardwood Chapter (UPB-Bradford, PA)
Winter 2010: West Virginia Division
Summer 2010: Pinchot Chapter
Winter 2011: Plateau Chapter
Summer 2011: Maryland/Delaware Division
Winter 2012: New Jersey Division
Summer 2012: Volunteer or Valley Forge Chapter
Winter 2013: Volunteer or Keystone Chapter or Gateway Chapter
Summer 2013: Volunteer or Keystone Chapter or Gateway Chapter

The 2009 summer meeting will be hosted by the Northern Hardwood Chapter at the University of Pittsburgh, Bradford campus July 22-24. The topic will be landscape impacts associated with oil and gas extraction (forest fragmentation; pipelines and storage; water acquisition and disposal; road issues; and landowner rights versus subsurface rights). There will be a field tour on Thursday. They hope to attract a lot of people by having it on campus with \$40 per night for a campus room.

The Roach-Bauer Forum will be held Thursday, April 16 at the Kane Country Club. The fall meeting is Thursday October 22 at the same location (featuring "25 years of change in forestry," which will include a celebration). Note that when ANSAF holds summer meetings in the 2nd half of July, NJ foresters have hard time attending due to farmland tax deadlines. August is a better month for the summer meeting. Karger will add this information to the meeting guide. Note that we now have the option to have the national office take registrations for our meeting so that people can pay with a credit card. In order to do this, they would need meeting information several months in advance. We are not sure how fast National can get money to the division/chapter when this model is used. Note that we have the right to refuse attendance to anyone when necessary because we are a private organization. Karger will amend the meeting guide and will send it out to everyone.

Quiz Bowl (S. Resh): This year we will hold the 21st quiz bowl. There will be at least 4 teams competing. Resh hopes that Mike Powell will take over his position as quiz bowl coordinator.

OLD BUSINESS:

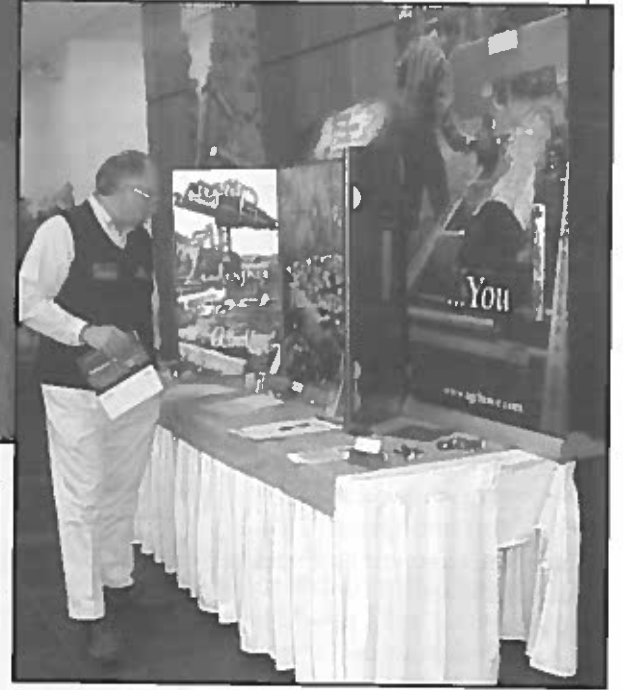
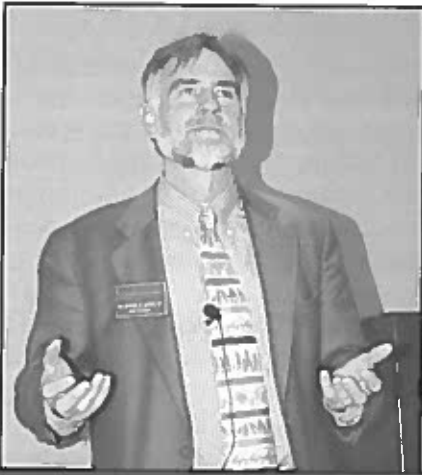
SAF Archives (K. Steiner): Steiner handed out information to the group relating to the option of having Pennsylvania State University Archives house ANSAF's old records. Our records are currently in Mechanicsburg, PA at the PA Forestry Association office. To date, nothing has really been sorted. The Penn State archivist is very eager to house and sort our records. She said she will accompany one of us to the location, get the records, go through them, and catalog everything. We would always have access to our material. This will secure our records,

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Photo Highlights of the Allegheny SAF 2009 Winter Meeting

Photos by Alex Day, Sanford Smith and Jack Winieski





order them, and will make them accessible to anyone. K. Steiner will see if A. Day is willing to act on our behalf as the intermediary in making this transfer. These records would be accessible to the Forest History Society, should they need to access them. K. Steiner made a motion that ANSAF donate its historical records to the archives at Penn State. The motion was seconded by J. Kay. The motion passed. K. Gottschalk will sign the necessary forms.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review and Approval of the 2009 ANSAF Budget (R. Billingham): The budget is as follows:

Projected Income:

	<u>Projection</u>	<u>Actual Received as of 2/18/09</u>
2009 Dues ¹	\$11,501.75	\$ 4,951.25
Section Meetings ²	\$ 1,500.00 - \$ 3,000.00	\$ 0.00
Newsletter Contributions	\$ 500.00 - \$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00
Voluntary Contributions	\$ 100.00 - \$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00
Totals:	\$13,601.75 - \$16,501.75	\$ 4,951.25

¹ Last year's dues collection was used for the projection. Note that this year's receipts are down \$1441 from last year's receipts at this time. Note that due to the economic situation of the country, we may see additional decreases in membership.

² This figure represents the range between the minimum contribution expected from the respective Division/Chapter that hosts the Allegheny Section Meetings (e.g. the minimum expected from the Winter Meeting is \$1,000 and \$500 from the Summer Meeting) and a guesstimated "maximum" (e.g., in the past, Divisions/Chapters have contributed significantly above the minimum level - in 2004, the Meeting Hosts contributed \$3,000). However, it should also be realized that on a few occasions when the Section meetings were not very profitable, or money was actually lost, no contribution has been made.

Projected Expenses:

	<u>Projection</u>	<u>Actual Expenses as of 2/18/09</u>
HSD Assessment	\$ 525.25	\$ 0.00
Allegheny News	\$ 5,265.00 ³	\$ 873.16
Exec. Director Stipend	\$ 7,720.00	\$ 1,930.00
Chair Nat. Convention Expenses ⁴	\$ 0.00 - \$1,000.00	\$ 0.00
Student Travel ⁵	\$ 900.00	\$ 0.00
Awards	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00
Website	\$ 170.00	\$ 0.00
Administrative ⁶	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00
Totals:	\$14,980.25 - \$15,980.25	\$ 2,803.16

³ Last year's expenses were used to estimate this year. This includes estimates for two print issues and two electronic issues of the *Allegheny News*.

⁴ If the Chair can get his employer to cover travel expenses, this may not be needed.

⁵ \$400 for Winter Meeting travel support (\$100 per school), \$500 for National Convention Travel Support.

⁶ Postage, etc.

Note that we have received much less in dues than we normally do by this point in time (see footnote 1 in the budget). There is a possibility that we could run a greater deficit this year than last year. A motion to accept the budget was made by M. Webb and seconded by S. Resh. The motion passed.

NJ Endowment Fund Grant Request (D. Tavella): NJ Division SAF is working on a DVD project that will help them reach policy makers in the executive and legislative branches of state government. They also feel that it will be a useful tool to reach 10s of thousands of NJ citizens via public television. Tavella produced a handout explaining the project in detail (available from D. Tavella for those who want more information). A demo DVD has been produced to date. This will be a very good quality production. It is under the direction of Bob Williams and will show the value of forest management and fire in NJ. Right now, the forest is unhealthy and fire-prone. The absence of management and prescribed fire has created a dangerous situation in NJ. This is a great opportunity to break

through into the consciousness of the citizens. They are beginning to see progress in NJ, so now is a good time for this effort. They are currently in the pre-filming stage and are bringing stakeholder groups into the process (tree farmers, school teachers and students, industry, natural resource professionals, local cranberry farmers that need the clean water provided by well-managed forestland). The production will be 44 minutes long. They have incorporated foresters from different places in the country. Some groups that used to exclude foresters are now beginning to consider including them. NJ has received funding from many sources and they are requesting grant funds from our endowment account. A motion to donate \$2000 from the endowment fund for this project was made by M. Webb and seconded by K. Steiner. The motion passed.

Revision of Bylaws and Committee Charters (K. Gottschalk):

K. Gottschalk has been working on revising the ANSAF bylaws so that we are in accordance to the National Standard Minimum Bylaws. Most of the changes are minor. There are a few larger changes, such as the suggestion by R. Billingham that the Secretary/Treasurer position be split into two positions in order to distribute the large workload inherent in that position. A motion was made by M. Webb to have the option of separating the two positions if necessary. This motion was seconded by K. Steiner. The motion passed. K. Gottschalk will soon provide a summary of all changes made to the bylaws to the membership so that the members will be informed when they vote. Bylaws can only be changed with approval of a 2/3 majority of members. Note that all SAF divisions and chapters must make sure that their bylaws meet the minimum standards. K. Gottschalk will send the revised ANSAF bylaws to R. Billingham, who will then send them to the national office for review. The bylaws will then go out to the executive committee and a ballot will be prepared for the membership's vote. K. Gottschalk will work with J. Purdue to post the current and new bylaws on the website. Gottschalk will prepare a short summary of the major changes. Since the election will take place in early June, M. Webb moved that the chair be empowered to make minor changes to the committee charters as per the bylaws. Second by N. Karger. Motion passed.

The operations manual needs to be updated with the position description for the executive director, the forest science coordinator, the CFE coordinator, and the webmaster. Note that K. Gottschalk will scan our 75 year history publication as a .pdf file for the website.

Division/Chapter Reports:

MD/DE (J. Kays): will submit a report.

NJ Division (D. Tavella): submitted the following report:

Summary of 2008 NJ Division SAF activities and accomplishments:

- NJSAF concluded its four-year involvement with the NJ Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act by providing oral and written comments on the final version of the Regional Master Plan. Our involvement in the Highlands process spanned four-plus years, and has been well documented.
- The Chairman attended the National SAF Leadership Academy April 26-29, 2008. His attendance was co-sponsored by NJSAF (\$410.00) and Allegheny SAF (Educational Endowment Fund \$500.00). A summary article on the academy was published in the Summer, 2008 Allegheny News.
- Spring and Fall newsletters were delivered to the membership on time. All members received a hard copy of the Spring newsletter. The Fall newsletter was sent via e-mail to all members with e-mail. Thanks to Charlie and Barbara Newlon for their hard work and dedication in getting this excellent publication to the membership.
- A NJSAF Workshop on the Flood Hazard Area Control Act rules was held in June, 2008. This workshop resulted in follow-up communication with Land Use Regulation in DEP aimed at clarifying approved forestry operations in forested wetlands.
- NJSAF pledged monies to pay for inventory work accomplished by NJSAF members at the state-owned Lusscroft Farm property in Sussex County. Individual NJSAF members contributed over \$400 to the cost of the project through a 'buy-a-plot' appeal.
- NJSAF attended a round table discussion with USDA - NRCS personnel regarding funding for forestry projects under the new Farm Bill (EQIP funds). SAF made recommendations for prioritization of forestry funds: site preparation (including prescribed burning), reforestation, fencing, timber stand improvement work, and invasive plant control were recommended as priority practices for cost-sharing.
- NJSAF was invited to participate in the policy discussion involving the DEP forest management initiative at Double Trouble State Park and adjoining lands.

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- In June, NJSAF was awarded a Forester's Fund Grant from National SAF in the amount of \$3,876 to help pay for a trade show display explaining the benefits of forest management to New Jersey's forests, and the role of professional foresters in the execution of good forest management on the landscape. This display will be ready by Spring, 2009. This is a joint venture with the NJ Forestry Association.
- Throughout Summer and Fall, NJSAF established a relationship with the NJ Outdoor Alliance, culminating in a vote of the membership to join the NJOA Conservation Foundation. Through this association, NJSAF will have an opportunity to advance the message of the value of managing New Jersey's forests to members of the NJ Legislature.
- NJSAF was invited to join the newly formed Pinelands Stewardship Council, which was formed to pursue means by which active forest management can be re-established on a larger scale in the Pinelands region. PSC meetings were held in September and January, at which NJSAF provided meaningful input regarding the value of forest management to forest health and biodiversity, and the challenges presented to re-establishment of the forest industry in the region.
- A grant request has been submitted by NJSAF to the Allegheny SAF Educational Endowment Fund to co-sponsor an Educational DVD project. So far, this project has received donations or pledges from the American Tree Farm System, the NJ Tree Farm Program, forest industry, and the NJ Forest Fire Service.
- NJSAF members assisted in the inventory of the state-owned Lusscroft Farm in Sussex County, and helped to clear the old sugar bushes in preparation for re-initiation of the maple sugaring open house to be held February 21, 2009.
- NJSAF provided oral and written comments to the Draft Global Warming Response Act Recommendations Report as it pertains to terrestrial carbon sequestration.

PA Division (H. Wurzbacher): They will have an election in fall and are looking for a chair elect.

WV Division (M. Fajvan): They had a successful meeting 2 weeks ago on oil and gas issues.

Keystone Chapter (M. Kusko): They are planning two meetings for this year.

Northern Hardwood Chapter (N. Karger): They are busy planning the summer meeting - please come!

Pinchot Chapter (N. Lylo): They have elected officers, now have a chair elect, and are working on membership.

Rothrock Chapter (R. Merrill): Welcome to State College. They have been busy planning this meeting and are working on a fall chapter meeting.

Valley Forge (J. Stuffle): They had four meetings last year, including speakers on Fuels for Schools, woodworking, and timber sales. They went to Weaber sawmill in a joint meeting with the Keystone chapter. They are planning four meetings this year dealing with current issues such as PNDI, Stewardship plans, and a research facility dealing with cellulose.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

General Business Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2009

The quorum was met.

Brief reports were given of all information discussed in the Executive Committee meeting on February 18.

The group viewed the NJ Division promotional DVD for their video project for which ANSAF agreed to donate \$2000 from its endowment fund. Everyone is looking forward to seeing the finished product.

Council Update (K. Jolly): SAF realizes that there was some controversy over the testimony it gave regarding the budget for the US Forest Service's State and Private Forestry programs. He will bring this up at the upcoming Council meeting. The buyer for the SAF property in Bethesda fell through during the economic downturn. National continues to investigate the sale of the property. Council is currently revising SAF's strategic plan. SAF continues to be recognized as a leader in policy on the Hill and has a new policy director: Erika Road. Membership is a prime concern with the organization. National has hired Christopher Whited to work on membership.

Remember that if SAF is requested to cosponsor a meeting, we must now go through an approval process for this to take place. Meeting adjourned.

Reginald Forbes Art Contest Winners

By Bob Merrill & Brent Harding

Following the members' award ceremony at the annual Allegheny SAF winter meeting, Brent Harding and Roy Bucher (filling in for Charlie Newlon this year) presented the 2009 Reginald Forbes Art Contest Awards. The winners are as follows:

Category	Place	Name	Description of Art
Overall	Grand Prize	Shirley Waskiewicz (in absentia)	Counted Cross Stitch Winter Deer
Kids	1 st Prize	Evan Fajvan Lynn (in absentia)	Wooden Cherry Spoon
Photo Art	1 st Prize	Nevin Dawson	Woodland Mushroom
Photo Art	2 nd Prize	Meghan Tweedy (in absentia)	Coast Guard Lighthouse
Photo Art	3 rd Prize TIE	Nevin Dawson	Kayaks
Photo Art	3 rd Prize TIE	Nevin Dawson	Seagulls in Flight
3D Art	1 st Prize	Teri Batchelor	Quilted Wall Hanging
3D Art	2 nd Prize TIE	Thomas Kase (in absentia)	Curly Maple Bowl
3D Art	2 nd Prize TIE	Rachel Billingham	Handmade Jewelery
Flat Art	1 st Prize	Trevor Smith (in absentia)	Pen & Ink of Tree
Flat Art	2 nd Prize	Shirley Waskiewicz (in absentia)	Counted Cross Stitch Winter Deer
Flat Art	3 rd Prize	Shirley Waskiewicz (in absentia)	Counted Cross Stitch Foxes

Congratulations to all the contestants and winners this year!



“Changing Forest Dimensions”

The 2009 Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting

By Bob Merrill, SAF Rothrock Chapter Chair & Brent Harding SAF Rothrock Chapter Chair Elect

Nearly ten months of planning culminated on Wednesday, February 18, 2009 in State College, Pennsylvania with the kickoff of the 2009 Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting. Over the course of the three-day event, in excess of 110 professional SAF members, more than 40 SAF student members, close to a dozen distinguished speakers and numerous guests of members enjoyed the proceedings, the hospitality of the State College Ramada Conference Center, and the Central Pennsylvania winter weather.

The Wednesday afternoon “Foresters Ethics Workshop” preceded the 2009 Winter Meeting. Twenty pre-registered professionals representing private consulting, procurement, academia, government, management and industry gathered to listen to workshop facilitators **Mike Lester**, **Lloyd Casey** and **Steve Jaquith**. The formal component of the day wrapped up with the Allegheny SAF Executive Committee Meeting. The assembly adjourned shortly after 6:00 PM. As participants exited the conference room they were greeted by members mingling at the icebreaker social. Hot and cold complimentary hors d’oeuvres were provided while a cash bar distributed beverages, including the regional favorite Yuengling Lager.

Bob Merrill, the morning session moderator, welcomed the attendees **Thursday** morning and introduced **Dr. Michael Messina**, newly appointed Director of the Penn State School of Forest Resources. Dr. Messina arrived at the University at the start of the spring semester. His predecessor is Dr. Charles Strauss, Director and Professor Emeritus of Forest Resources.

Leading off the lineup of presenters was keynote speaker **Richard Carbonetti**, Association of Consulting Foresters of America, INC. President Elect. Mr. Carbonetti urged all professional foresters to become motivated and engaged within our communities. He emphasized that not only land planning but also societal decisions should be discussed and solved with the input from professional foresters. At the conclusion of the keynote presentation members were refreshed at the morning break compliments of **Forest Products**

Credit, AgChoice. **Nathan Meiser**, AgChoice Loan Officer & Forest Products Specialist coordinated the gracious monetary donation.

Dr. Jim Finley, Penn State SFR Professor of Forest Resources, reengaged the audience following the break with insight into the values and incentives compelling non-industrial private forest landowners in Pennsylvania. **Caroline Kuebler**, Outreach Manager for the Center for Family Forests, expanded the topic of private forestland ownership to a national level with an emphasis on the opportunities and challenges facing American Tree Farmers.

Dr. Ben Jones, PA Game Commission Game Lands Planning Biologist, had the unenviable task of presenting immediately following lunch. He held the audience’s attention as he discussed in detail the concerns and challenges associated with enhancing wildlife populations while providing hunting and recreation opportunities. Two notable changes currently impacting Pennsylvania Game Commission management are encroachment from neighboring private parcels of land and the expansion of the Emerald Ash Borer into the commonwealth.

Two Pennsylvania DCNR Section Chiefs enlightened the members during the middle of the afternoon session. **Gene Odat**, DCNR Section Chief, Rural and Community Forestry, focused on the increasing fragmentation of forestland within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Open land, right of ways and transportation networks break up the continuity of the forests thus making landscape management more exacting. **Teddy Borawski**, DCNR Section Chief, Minerals, provided a very comprehensive explanation of the current Marcellus Shale natural gas rush that has captured the attention of Pennsylvania landowners as well as natural resource managers for the past five years.

Tom Weiland, Northeast Regional Manager of Glatfelter Pulpwood Company, brought the day’s agenda to a close with a very comprehensive presentation on how a global fiber company adjusts in the recent economic atmosphere to stay viable, fresh and innovative. The Student Quiz

bowl followed Tom's Q&A session (Quiz Bowl results on page 3.)

The evening's fellowship began with a cash bar followed by the **Awards Banquet** served poolside, in the Ramada's Atrium. As members were enjoying coffee and dessert, Awards Chair **Howard Wurzbacher** and ANSAF Chair **Kurt Gottschalk** presented the annual awards and recognition (see the article about Allegheny SAF awards on pages 6-7).

At the conclusion of the awards presentations, **Dr. Harry Wiant Jr.** presented his reflections on the meeting presentations to date. He then read a poem he had just penned during the banquet meeting (see page 26), and proceeded to introduce the evening's featured speaker, **Dr. Elliot Abrams**, Senior Vice President, AccuWeather, INC. Dr. Abrams educated and entertained the audience with a multi-media presentation on weather and global warming which utilized 18th century Revolutionary War battles and campaigns to frame the discussion.

The Friday morning agenda started early with the Chairman's Breakfast featuring inspirational speaker **Janice Gottschalk**. Separate Pennsylvania SAF Division and Allegheny SAF Section Business meetings preceded the morning session.

Dylan Jenkins, The Nature Conservancy Director of Forest Conservation in Pennsylvania, opened the regular session by presented new

models for aggregating forest landowners for effective and sustainable cross-boundary management. He incorporated into his presentation the proposed mechanism to utilize professional foresters in this endeavor.

Dr. Patrick Drohan, Penn State, Assistant Professor of Soil Pedology delivered the final formal presentation of the meeting. Dr. Drohan gave a very comprehensive and scientific summary of our forest soils and their response to fifty plus years of air pollution legislation.

Mike Lester, National SAF Vice-President (and Allegheny member) brought closure to this successful Winter Meeting with a summation of highlights, and his comments to membership. Be sure to check out the meeting's photo highlights on pages 16-17, and throughout the newsletter.

The SAF Rothrock Chapter Executive Committee members **Andy Blazewicz**, **Mike Powell**, **Sandford (Sandy) Smith**, **Roy Bucher**, **Randy White (Treasurer)**, **Bob Merrill (Chair)** and **Brent Harding (Next Chair)**, would like to thank District #9 Forester **Chris Dahl** and all the SAF members who volunteered a significant amount of time in meeting coordination and execution, the distinguished speakers, the more than a dozen exhibitors and the donors of an amazing number of silent auction items. Together they created an atmosphere conducive to a continuing education and entertaining Winter Meeting.

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Membership Recognition

The following Allegheny SAF members have achieved significant membership milestones. Congratulations to everyone!

AN SAF Division	Member	Years	AN SAF Division	Member	Years
Maryland/Delaware	Scot Aitkenhead	5	Northern Hardwood	Thomas C. Kase	10
Maryland/Delaware	Scott C. Bacon	5	New Jersey Div	Jon Klischies	10
Maryland/Delaware	William C. Baldwin	5	West Virginia Div	Jeffrey Davis Kochenderfer	10
Northern Hardwood	Mark Lloyd Brown	5	Maryland/Delaware	Daniel P. Landry	10
Plateau Chapter	Jack W. Buckler	5	Rothrock Chapter	Steven J. Larson	10
Western Gateway	Eric F. Buterbaugh	5	Plateau Chapter	Robert D. Laverick	10
West Virginia Div	Christopher V. Cartwright	5	Rothrock Chapter	Bruce E. Lord	10
Plateau Chapter	Barry Jay Cunningham	5	Valley Forge Chapter	Roy L. Patton	10
West Virginia Div	Curtis A. DeLong	5	Keystone Chapter	Brian S. Pedersen	10
Maryland/Delaware	Chad S. Devine	5	Valley Forge Chapter	Robert G. Pliszka	10
Valley Forge Chapter	Bethany L. Dhunjisha	5	West Virginia Div	Robert L. Radabaugh	10
Northern Hardwood	Michael C. Eckley	5	Plateau Chapter	Matthew P. Shaffer	10
West Virginia Div	Thomas R. Elliott	5	Northern Hardwood	James Robert Snyder	10
Plateau Chapter	Chad Gadsby	5	West Virginia Div	Allen Waldron	10
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WV SAF Looks at Oil/Gas Development and Forestry

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At the winter meeting of the West Virginia Division of the Society of American Foresters, held February 5 and 6, 2009 in Mineral Wells, WV, professional foresters had the chance to learn about the issues faced by their counterparts in the oil and gas industry and how the two industries relate. Division Chair **Bob Beanblossom** said, "the area around Mineral Wells was a particularly fitting place to hold the meeting because of its history and current involvement in oil and gas production."

The two-day meeting included talks by geologists, oil and gas producers, foresters and other professionals discussing the oil and gas resources in West Virginia, the industry, the permitting and leasing processes relative to drilling, surface owner rights, and legislative rules. A number of speakers spoke about the possible

impacts of oil and gas development on forest resources, and most emphasized the need for early and active communication between oil and gas developers, landowners and resource managers. Attendees earned a total of 9.5 CFE Hours (Category 1) for their participation, and there were about 85 people participating.

Mr. Jeff Herholdt, the Acting Director of the West Virginia Division of Energy, was the speaker for the banquet held on Thursday evening, and described Energy Issues and Opportunities in West Virginia, including transmission line development, wind energy, and coal mining.

A lively business meeting, which was held on Friday morning before the technical session, resumed discussions of plans for the summer meeting and an uneven-aged management trip to the Fernow Experimental Forest.

Seller Beware: Some Perils and Solutions to Leasing Oil and Gas Rights

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With the recent improvements to the technology used to extract the natural gas reserves within the Marcellus Shale formation, there has been a domino effect of energy companies, prospectors and brokers scurrying to secure the oil and gas subsurface rights to large contingents of properties spanning the heartland of Pennsylvania's forests. Sometimes the motivations and allegiances of the parties involved are not always clear. For a landowner, the decision whether to lease the oil and gas rights to a property can be a complicated equation confounded by the pressure to act quickly. Before signing any document, including access agreements for subsurface investigation, it is important for the landowner to understand and appreciate all of the terms of the agreement. Without proper consideration, it is possible that leasing the subsurface rights can have a significant impact on the surface rights, both economically and mechanically. The primary issues to understand about subsurface agreements are the benefits which you will receive and the burdens you will carry. As with any legal document, you should seek the advice and guidance from an attorney with relevant experience before agreeing to the terms of any oil and gas lease.

Background

The Marcellus Shale is a geologic formation composed of shale buried several thousand feet below the ground surface. The Marcellus Shale formation is approximately 54,000 square feet running northeast from southern West Virginia and eastern Ohio, through Pennsylvania and into southern New York. In Pennsylvania, the Marcellus Shale spans the entire western and central part of the state and continues up through the northeast. Geologists have estimated that the Marcellus Shale traps about 50 trillion cubic tons of recoverable natural gas. This volume of natural gas equates to about \$1 trillion dollars worth of domestic natural gas. Tapping into these reserves could significantly improve the United States'



independence from foreign oil. However, it comes at some cost.

The current recovery process for accessing the natural gas reserves in the Marcellus Shale involves using tremendous quantities of pressurized water to fracture bedrock as the wells are drilled deep into the earth, sometime as deep as 6,000 feet. When a well reaches its specified depth, the drill moves horizontally in order to maximize

the pockets of gas reserves which the well can draw from. After drilling, the water used to fracture the rock, or "frac water", must be treated before it is discharged. Treatment is required because the resulting frac water is contaminated from the drilling process. Therefore, depending on the location and logistics of the drilling operation, massive retention basins are required near the drilling pad in order to temporarily hold or treat the water before it is discharged. Including these detention basins, the surface footprint of a well can span over five acres. Therefore, it is important to understand the oil company's proposed use of your property, along with the benefits and burdens actually set forth in the terms of the oil and gas lease, before coming to an agreement with any party with regard to your subsurface rights.

Lease Benefits

An oil and gas lease provides several mechanisms for the oil company to compensate the landowner for the subsurface rights. These mechanisms can include a bonus payment, rental payments and royalties. A bonus payment is an up front payment by the oil company in exchange for your agreement to sign the oil and gas lease. While the oil and gas lease may address rental payments, the language of the lease may state that the rental payments are actually included in the bonus payment.

Royalty payments are the primary economic incentive for permitting an oil company to have access to your oil and gas rights. Multiple properties may be "pooled" together by the oil

company for the purpose of royalties and obtaining drilling and environmental permits. Pooling allows the oil company to access gas reserves which expand beyond individual property boundaries without having to drill multiple wells. If pooled, the royalty payments will be divided among the properties in the pool and based on property's percentage of the surface area of the pooled unit. You may consider requesting information regarding the size and location of properties within your pooled unit.

Pennsylvania has set a minimum royalty of 12.5% of the market value of all oil or gas removed or recovered from a property. While 12.5% may be the floor, it is by no means the ceiling. The royalty percentage can vary from property to property and town to town based on a variety of factors. You may consider contacting other oil companies or your neighbors to determine if the proposed royalty is consistent with what others are receiving in the area.

Along with the royalty fee, there is also a "shut-in" royalty. A shut-in royalty is a fee that an oil company will pay if it drills a well on a property in the pooled unit but is not prepared to commence gas extraction at the time. The purpose of the shut-in royalty is to prevent the oil and gas lease from expiring before the oil company has an opportunity to extract the gas. You should understand how the shut-in royalty payment is calculated because it may give the oil company ability to perpetually extend the lease at very little cost.

Lease Burdens

An oil and gas lease is a property interest in your land. While the agreement is called a "lease," it should really be viewed as a sale of part of your property. Along with the sale of your subsurface rights, you may be responsible for providing access to your property. Even when the primary extraction well may not be on your property, the oil and gas lease may provide the oil company with virtually unrestricted access to the surface. Without careful consideration, there is a potential that the oil company's access and activities on your property could have a significant impact on your use or enjoyment of the property. For instance, some issues to consider include the impact the activities will have on the wildlife, timber, vegetation, and water resources.

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As part of addressing the oil company's access to your property, you may consider requiring notification a week or so prior to the oil company commencing activities on your property. You may also consider requesting the right to approve any earth disturbing activity on your property, along with reimbursement for any harvested timber. You may also require the oil company to restore any disturbance to the property by reseeding the property after consultation with a natural resource specialist.

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Testing water quantity and quality associated with the drilling operation is an important component of an oil and gas lease. The drilling requires tremendous quantities of water to fracture the bedrock in order to capture the gas. After the water is used, it is no longer potable and must be treated. In some circumstances, the impacted water can escape and negatively affect nearby drinking water. For this reason, periodic testing, both before and after the drilling operation, of drinking water supplies is worth considering.

The Term of the Lease

Another significant burden of an oil and gas lease involves how long the lease will last. Typically, an oil and gas lease provides for an initial five-year term. After the five-year term expires, there may be an opportunity to extend the term of the lease. While the extended term may be ultimately beneficial, you should consider how the extended term becomes effective. If the oil company has the ability to choose to renew or terminate the lease at its own discretion, you may be at a disadvantage because the oil company will choose the cheapest option.

The length of an oil and gas lease may also be extended if the oil company has commenced operations to extract the natural gas. Depending on how the lease is drafted, this clause may result in almost any activity causing the extension of the lease for an indefinite period of time. Meanwhile, the oil company may not be paying royalties if it continues to investigate without actually extracting gas. A more reasonable approach would be to only allow for the automatic extension of the lease if you are receiving royalty payments or shut-in royalty payments.

Another important issue for consideration is your termination rights. Oil and gas leases are drafted so that there is little recourse the landowner has against the oil company. The lease may even provide that you will be unable to terminate the lease even if the oil company refuses to make the royalty payments.

Additional Items to Consider

When deciding to lease out the subsurface rights, it is important to consider what ramifications may result to your ongoing forestry operations. For instance, the operations associated with gas extraction could significantly impact

activities like hunting, fishing, camping or gathering firewood. For instance, these operations require roads, pipelines, and large detention basins for the frac water. Also, the noise from drilling the extraction wells may negatively impact hunting by driving away the game. Third parties may have a license or lease to conduct these types of activities on your property. Before signing an oil and gas lease, you should consider how third parties with a legal right to use the forest may be affected.

Another important part of an oil and gas lease is a promise to indemnify and maintain insurance from the oil company. There are many aspects of the drilling operation that are out of your control. An indemnity can help to protect your rights, your forest, and your business from potential liability resulting from the operations of the oil company. You will want the oil company to reimburse you for any direct losses you sustain and defend you if you are sued by a third party as a result of the oil company's use of your property.

The information provided in this article is not written or intended as legal advice and may not be relied upon for any such purposes. Every leasing situation is different. You should always consult an attorney before signing any legal document.

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And hoped for this when it grew tall
Of life, it says, I could ask no more
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Silviculture News

Mary Ann Fajvan, Forest Science Coordinator

Silviculture and the Carbon Equation

The challenge of mitigating greenhouse gases has resulted in considerable focus being placed on the carbon storage capacities of forests. Forests can be considered carbon sinks because trees and other plants naturally remove CO₂ from the atmosphere and temporarily convert (sequester) carbon in wood, roots, leaves and the soil. Forests in the United States annually sequester about 200 million metric tons of carbon (Heath and Smith 2004). It is estimated that our forests and forest products capture and store 10 percent of all U.S. carbon emissions produced from burning fossil fuels each year (Birdsey et al. 2006). Even more carbon can be converted if the health and vigor of current forests are improved. The prevalence of private forests in the eastern U.S. has always presented challenges to implementing forest management practices across the landscape. The controversial carbon credit market has evolved in conjunction with carbon accounting methods and has the potential to offer market driven incentives for practicing sustainable forestry.

Forestland will remain forested as long as the values the landowner appreciates are greater than the opportunity cost of conversion to an alternative land use. Sustainably managed forests can sequester more carbon than unmanaged forests (Ruddell et al. 2007) because the resulting higher growth rates result in net carbon storage. Throughout early stand development, stem accretion and ingrowth are greater than mortality, and periodic annual increment is greater than mean annual increment. When stand density becomes a critical influence on growth rate, net carbon sequestration will slow until converted carbon equals the carbon emitted through decay from mortality. Throughout a rotation, the objective of intermediate silvicultural treatments is to decrease mortality, and improve stand vigor and growth rate; hence more carbon is gained. At the end of the rotation, even-aged regeneration



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harvests create a short-term input of carbon into the atmosphere until the rapidly growing young trees begin to absorb and sequester more carbon than they give off.

Most private landowners can be financially motivated to harvest trees, especially for short-term gain. Perhaps the current negotiations surrounding the development of federal climate change policy will result in financial incentives for implementing silvicultural treatments to increase carbon storage. Economic and technical assistance would improve the chances of developing management plans with long-term goals.

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Coming Events

April

16 Roach-Bauer Forestry Forum, "Forests and Carbon Sequestration," at the Kane Country Club in Kane, PA. Contact Program Chair Ned Karger at nkarger@collinsco.com

May

7-9 7th Annual PA Land Conservation Conference, Penn Stater Conference Center, State College, PA; contact www.landandwater.org

June

8 Schatz Tree Genetics Colloquium, "Genetics, Ecology and Management of Pennsylvania's Pines." Contact www.ma.psu.edu or 717-709-0778

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July

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