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## Cover Photo

*Presentation of Student Leadership Award (l. to r.) Mike Powell, Penn State Student Chapter Advisor; Jeff Osborne, award recipient; Jonathan Kays, Awards Chair.*

*All photos in this issue by Robert Remillard and Steve Kallessen.*

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## Chair's Corner

*Mike Kusko*



Hello to all! It was great seeing so many of you at the Winter Meeting in Wilkes-Barre. What a great turnout! Many thanks to the Pinchot Chapter for putting together a very interesting, timely, and stimulating agenda. We were fortunate to have in attendance Clark Seely, SAF National Vice President. Also attending from the National Office were Patricia Adadevoh, Leadership Services Manager and Kelton Chapman, Meeting Services Manager. Clark gave us an update on SAF's mission and other items from the national level. Patricia and Kelton outlined how their respective offices can help Society's Divisions/Chapters plan, organize and conduct their meetings. We appreciate them all taking time from their busy schedules to join us at our Winter Meeting.

The Executive Committee met on the Wednesday afternoon of the meeting. The 2015 budget was proposed and approved by the Committee. Executive Director, Susan Lacy, reported that she had not yet received final reports from all of the Divisions/Chapters. Susan needs to have these reports as soon as possible in order to complete the filing of our 2014 tax returns on time. Hopefully by now, Susan has all the information she needs. For those of you who have yet to respond to Susan, please do so yesterday.

2015 is an election year for Allegheny SAF officers. Some of you may have already been approached to serve. If you have been, or are asked to serve, I strongly urge you to do so. I have found it very informative and rewarding to serve in a leadership capacity. For you younger folks, it's a great way to network and connect with your fellow foresters.

Speaking of serving, the Chair of the Auditing Committee has been vacant for over a year now. This is a vital position that does not require a tremendous commitment of time. Please contact me if you might be interested in serving in this capacity.

2022 will be the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Allegheny Society. It's not too early to begin discussing ideas and thoughts as to what should or could be done to celebrate this auspicious milestone. The Executive Committee would welcome any thoughts, ideas, or suggestions you may have. If you wish to be part of the planning and/or execution of this event, please contact any member of the Executive Committee.

The recent preview of spring appears to be turning out to be a tease. The forecast is for some amount of snow on the first day of spring. Ol' Man Winter certainly has a sense of humor! Better hold off on planting those peas and onions! Hopefully, a lasting spring will arrive sooner than later.

The Summer Meeting is being hosted by Rothrock Chapter on September 16-18, 2015 at Lake Raystown near Huntingdon, PA. This is a beautiful area of Pennsylvania and promises to provide a very interesting meeting. Hope to see many of you there. Here's hoping you have an enjoyable spring and summer. Take care!

# District VII Board of Directors Report

Kurt Gottschalk, CF



Greetings from your new District 7 Board of Directors member! SAF is in the process of transitioning from the old Council structure to the new Board of Directors (BoD) structure. As part of this process, the Board is working to refine its job which is to lead the organization toward the desired performance and to ensure that that performance occurs. This job description can be loosely clumped into two major areas: providing leadership, policy, and strategic direction to meet SAF's mission and providing fiduciary oversight and accountability. At the March 2015 BoD meeting, we spent time working on improved governance and internal operations resulting in the following actions:

## ***Board Policy Manual***

The Board of Directors adopted the governance concepts, approach, and framework expressed in the book, *Good Governance for Nonprofits*, as its governance roadmap. Given the recently redeveloped Articles of Incorporation and revised bylaws, the board members used the book at the December 2014 board meeting to develop an initial understanding of what good board governance should be. The board's acceptance of this roadmap does not alter how the board operates. The Roadmap codifies existing policies on effective board governance in a new Board Policy Manual and provides a framework for review and evaluation of board policy.

## ***Financial Reserve Policy***

The Board voted to pass a financial reserve policy, which states that SAF is to maintain cash reserves to meet the goals of:

- Having sufficient cash for day-to-day operations – (Operating Cash Reserve),
- Having sufficient and readily available cash for contingencies – (Contingency Reserve), and
- Maintaining long-term investments in order to meet significant programmatic needs through growth and earnings (Long-Term Reserves).

The policy also places limits on the use of the reserve funds by requiring monies to be repaid if used for programmatic or contingency needs.

One of my BoD assignments is that I serve as a member of the Finance Committee which develops and recommends to the board those financial principles, plans, and courses of action that provide for mission accomplishment and organizational financial well-being. Two other activities from the March BoD meeting related to external relations where SAF is inviting SAF's partners to tell us how they see SAF and leadership development. Summaries of these activities are presented. The external relations process was started at the December 2014 meeting and was continued at the March meeting.

## **External Relations: How SAF's Partners See the Organization**

Speakers David Tenny, CEO, National Alliance of Forest Owners; Donna Harman, CEO, American Forest and Paper Association; and Joe Tague, Division Chief, Forestry, Range,

Riparian and Plant Conservation, USDI Bureau of Land Management, made clear (or perhaps reinforced), the notion that SAF's partners in the natural resources conservation community perceive the Society as the voice for credible, science-based information on forest management. They do not necessarily look to SAF to take a leadership role in advocating for forest management.

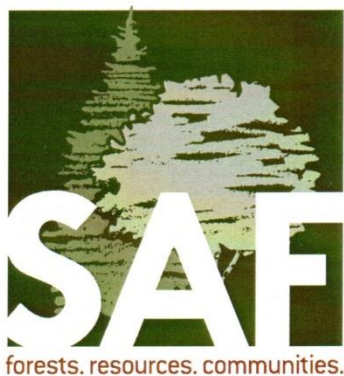
As your Board member, I challenge you and all of the SAF leaders at the state and local levels in District VII to be the voice of credible, science-based information on forest management on relevant issues in your region/state/locality both inside and outside the forestry community.

### **Leadership Development Efforts**

In what was the first of a series of sessions with the board, members and other forestry stakeholders, effective leadership consultant Mark Cannon led members through an exercise in which they ranked the attributes of effective leadership by order of importance to foresters and forestry professionals. According to the board, the top five ranked attributes were: ***Visionary, Ethical, Competence, Communicative, and Results-Oriented.***

Cannon will be working with SAF's staff to further identify key leadership attributes as the underpinnings for creating a leadership development curriculum for SAF. The staff is working with the board to design a three-tiered leadership development program that includes "101-level" online leadership development courses designed to serve as a foundation for further, more intensive opportunities at both the regional and national levels.

I want to thank you for your support of me as your member of the Board and ask that you contact me with any questions or issues that you might have. Also, 2015 Presidential Field Forester award nominations are due to me by May 15, 2015. The criteria and process are available at this link: [http://www.safnet.org/about/field\\_foresters\\_criteria.cfm](http://www.safnet.org/about/field_foresters_criteria.cfm). My contact information is below.



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# **Allegheny Society Winter Meeting**

## **Wilkes-Barre – East Mountain Holiday Inn**

### **February 18-20, 2015**

The 2015 Winter Meeting, hosted by the Pinchot Chapter, opened on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> with the Executive Committee Meeting, followed by an Icebreaker Reception. The session on Thursday opened with a welcome from Todd Hagenbuch, Pinchot Chapter Chair. Dr. Jim Finley, Ibberson Chair of Forest Resource Management and the Director for the Center for Private Forests at Penn State presented the keynote address which focused on private land forestry issues in Pennsylvania.

Morning speakers featured Vincent Cotrone, Urban Forester and Penn State Extension-Luzerne County, who delivered a presentation on ecological services that trees and forests provide to communities. Richard Fritsky, wildlife biologist with the Pennsylvania Game Commission, spoke about managing for bird and mammal forest specialists.

The Thursday afternoon session featured a panel discussion on private land forest management issues, including forest stewardship. Matt Keefer, Assistant State Forester in Pennsylvania moderated the panel which included Dan Rider, Maryland DNR Forest Service; Sam Topper, Delaware Department of Agriculture Forest Service; Jon Klischies, New Jersey Forest Service; Bob Radspinner, West Virginia Division of Forestry; and Rachel Reyna, Section Chief, Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry.

The annual college Quiz Bowl completed the afternoon session. Teams from Penn State-University Park, Penn State- Mont Alto, Allegany College of Maryland and West Virginia University competed to correctly answer the most forestry questions. This year the team from Penn State-University Park took home the trophy. After dinner, James Brozena, past Executive Director, Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority, presented a fascinating story of “The Battle for the Wyoming Valley”. He recounted the challenges of working to protect the region during floods generated during Tropical Storm Lee.

Friday morning started with the Chair’s Breakfast. Scott Carney, public relations specialist with the Williams Company (one of the largest processors and transporters of natural gas in North America), spoke about the conservation partnerships his company has developed in the region. After the completion of the State society and Allegheny SAF business meetings, Clark Seely, National SAF Vice President, presented an update of national SAF issues and initiatives.

Mark Whitmore, Cornell University Extension provided an insect and disease update. Josh Parrish of the Nature Conservancy and Steve Respach of the Bethlehem Authority highlighted their successful partnership, Working Woodlands, as an example of collaborative private lands forest management. Stephanie Pendergrass Dalke, of the Pinchot Institute for Conservation, presented the Common Waters adaptation plan on key forest and water problems and strategies for managing forests to be more resilient in the future. Jonathan Kays, University of Maryland Extension, wrapped up the session by offering techniques to help our woodlands adapt to a changing climate.

A special “Thank you” to Todd Hagenbuch, Roberts Remillard, Richard Schwab and the entire Pinchot Chapter for hosting and preparing a great meeting!

**Executive Committee Meeting – 2/18/15**

Called to order by Chair Kusko at 3:10 pm

In attendance – Mike Kusko-ANSAF Chair; Rachel Reyna- Immediate Past Chair ANSAF; Dennis Galway-Secretary; Susan Lacy-Executive Director; Steve Resh - Treasurer; Clark Seely – National VP; Patricia Adadevoh -; Kelton Chapman – National Office Staff; Kurt Gottschalk – Council; Dave Trimpey – Plateau Chapter Chair; Bob Merrill – PA Division Chair; Todd Hagenbuch – Pinchot Chapter Co-Chair; Dick Schwab – Pinchot Chapter Co-Chair; Jason Albright – Rothrock Chapter Chair; Rob Feldt – Chair MD/DE Division; Kip Powers – MD/DE Exec. Comm Member; Melissa Thomas-Van Gundy – Chair West Virginia; Steve Kalleser – NJ Division Chair Elect; Richard Lewis ANSAF Member-at-Large; Roy Seifert - ANSAF Member-at-Large; Jack Perdue - Webmaster; Jon Klischies – NJ Forest Service (Guest)

Motion by Richard Lewis and seconded by Rachel Reyna to accept 2014 Summer Meeting Minutes was unanimously accepted.

Treasurer’s report and Budget for 2015 provided by Steve Resh and accepted unanimously. Budget approved for \$17,000.00 – NJ approved for Forester Fund Grant Request to support student scholarship and membership (Initial approval for 80 % of grant or \$650). 2014 audit report conducted by Richard Lewis and Rachel Reyna and books balanced. Chair Kusko asked for a volunteer to be Audit Chair and no volunteers at this time. Chair Kusko asked attendees to seek a volunteer from their membership.

Chair Kusko gave summary of HSD meeting at National Convention in Salt Lake City, UT.

- Continue membership drive with emphasis on maintain and increasing membership.
- Look for ways to increase employer support for SAF members to attend SAF events, meetings, etc.
- Continue to engage students and increase their membership numbers - National SAF is also encouraging students to join SAF on LinkedIn.
- Tara King (Inland Empire) elected Chair HSD for 2016.
- Upcoming National Conventions: 2015 - Baton Rouge, LA; 2016 – Madison, WI; 2017 – Louisville, KY; 2018 – Portland, OR.

Dennis Galway – Mentioned it is important for ANSAF and all the divisions and chapters eliciting contributions for student participation in SAF to keep a separate record of these

donations and to use those donations only towards student participations (membership, travel, registration, etc).

Board of Directors Representative Kurt Gottschalk – His first meeting is 3/1/15 – However, he mentioned a few important items. Kurt will be on Finance Committee helping with Budgets and Investments.

- First order of business By-laws to be now known as Policy Procedures
- National is unveiling a new meeting planning tool at mid-year that they are calling "meeting in a box." – How to make meetings more beneficial and efficient; How to use webinars; How to negotiate contract from ordering coffee and food to room rates - Kelton Chapman National Staff contact person

Jack Perdue report on website – Continues to request suggestions, information, input, and important dates for website content. However, doesn't see a need to use information found on other division, chapter, or national websites but willing to listen to opposite point of view. Continuing with project to scan old newsletters to website. Wants to migrate website to a more mobile format. Wants to put ads from newsletter on website.

Patricia Adadevoh, National Office Leadership Services Manager

- Will be working with State Leaders to help with challenges – She will be putting together 10-15 minute webinars and "You Tube" videos for State Chairs. She is seeking input for topics. Some of topics she has will include Local Unit Insurance – what's available under the national umbrella; how to recruit volunteers (start looking early). Chairs need to be involved in House Society Delegates (HSD).
- Patricia also reported that they have partnered with Ben Meadows to offer scholarships to students that show academic merit and exhibit leadership ability. Two \$2,500 scholarships will be provided to a junior or senior attending a 4-year accredited school.
- The Diversity Student Scholarship is still offered – Diversity Student scholarship recipients are asked for yearlong commitment and paired with mentors and return to their respective schools and speaks of benefits of SAF and Forestry.
- To have a student SAF Chapter there is a minimum of 15 members required. However, meetings and student membership to SAF are encouraged even if this chapter requirement is not met. Student membership is \$40 and they get the Journal of Forestry.

Susan Lacy – Executive Director

- T-shirts great deal and selling well – in profit. Have sweatshirts now too.
- Susan requests that all Division and Chapter Financial Statements that haven't been sent yet please get them to her by the end of March to complete ANSAF Tax report. Susan has



initiated the process for requesting PA sales tax exemption. Application currently being reviewed by the Department of Revenue.

- Lloyd Casey Memorial Fund – Contributions are about \$5,400.00. June 1<sup>st</sup> will be first year anniversary. More contributions are needed to meet the goal of \$20,000 in two years. Ideas suggested for alternate ways to grow fund. Funds could come from specific sources such as \$.50 of every ANSAF T-shirt sale and \$1.00 from every sweatshirt sale goes towards fund. A portion of other fund raisers like silent auctions or raffles could go towards fund.
- Need to revisit all committees and confirm a need, confirm they are filled and know their responsibilities, confirm names and contact info, and confirm reports of committee activities are required to be submitted at Summer and Winter meetings.
- Ned Karger has resigned as Program Coordinator.

Pennsylvania Private Land Owners Conference - Will ANSAF have presence?

Steve Resh made a motion to pay the SAF student membership fee for all participants of the Quiz Bowl. The motion was seconded by Steve Kallesser. It was approved unanimously. Stipulation was this was to be revisited every year for approval and that follow-up would be done to see if this helped with retention of student membership or regular membership after graduation.

Awards committee chair Jonathan Kays – Ken Jolly received the “Outstanding Service to Forestry” (OSTF) Award. The Student Leadership Award recipient was Jeffrey Osbourne. Jonathan mentioned that neither student that was nominated for the award was a SAF student member. Jonathan stated that for the OSTF Award nominees that did not receive the award should be resubmitted and not forgot about as these nominees have done amazing things for SAF and our profession.

Nominations Chair Rachel Reyna – Looking for nominations as this is an election year. Susan Lacy commented that we are an aging organization and we need “new blood”, younger members to step into leadership roles!

MD/DE Division – Rob Feldt Chair - They had 2 meetings this year – Non-Native Invasive Species (NNIS) workshop and had Matt Menashes SAF CEO as a guest speaker at their last meeting. MD/DE will host next year’s winter meeting in Baltimore at the Baltimore Plaza Hotel. The theme is “Cross Roads – Urban & Traditional Forestry”. There will be a visit to the Port-of-Baltimore – Looking at Forest Products exports. Stay tuned for more information.

PA Division – Bob Merrill, Chair, sent letter in support of Northern Long-eared Bat SAF Tri-State Letter sent to US Fish & Wildlife Service.

West Virginia Division – Melissa Thomas-Van Gundy, Chair

- Good summer meeting at Cacapon Resort State Park 9/8-9/10/14 with 101 members attending.
- “Forester at Home” Print Fund that helps fund educational-student programs.
- Meeting in Flatwood – 3/11-3/12/15 – “Finding Good Loggers” John Deere Equipment representative will be present and a lawyer to discuss contracts.
- A letter was sent to WV State Forestry supporting their management
- A recent survey was conducted by Glenville State & West Virginia University to show state legislators that students are moving away to get good jobs

Keystone Chapter – They had a ½ day field trip last fall that toured 2500 acre managed tract.

Pinchot Chapter – Dick Schwab, Co-Chair – They had 4 “organizing Committee” meetings for their upcoming winter meeting.

Plateau Chapter - Dave Trimpey, Chair – Will be submitting article for newsletter and their next meeting is in March

Rothrock Chapter – Jason Albright, Chair

- Had a summer workshop with topic Non-Native Invasive Species and experimental forestry products – 20 landowners attended – 3 hour tour in the rain
- Winter chapter meeting held to discuss preparing a conservation plan for Indiana Bat. Also honored 2 50-year members.
- Will be hosting Summer Meeting 9/16-9/18 at the Lake Raystown Resort in South Huntington County.

Valley Forge Chapter – Planning Organizational Meeting for planning meetings for 2015. Dinner meeting in April. In 2017 hosting Winter Meeting.

New Jersey Division - Steve Kallessen, Vice-Chair – provided update on Northern long-eared bat. The Tri-Unit Committee (ANSAP, New York, & New England) had another good 2 hour meeting with US Fish & Wildlife Service which was followed up by second round of comments. Forest management activities with conservation measures that were very broad are likely candidates for exemption.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 pm with a motion by Jon Klischies and seconded by Steve Kallessen.

Allegheny Society of American Foresters  
**2014 Treasurer's Report**

**Beginning Balances as of December 31, 2013**

|                            |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Checking Account        | \$ 12,004.62 |
| 2. Endowment Stock account | \$ 50,940.16 |
| 3. Student Savings         | \$ 1,061.22  |

**Checking Account**

| Additions:                         | <b><u>2013</u></b> | <b><u>2014</u></b> |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| National Dues                      | \$ 12,927.50       | 12,619.73          |
| Donation                           | \$ 1,671.00        | 5,670.00           |
| Newsletter Advertising             | \$ 330.00          | 380.00             |
| T- Shirt sales                     | \$ 660.00          | 1,230.00           |
| Pass through National SAF For Fund | \$ 1,000.00        | 1,028.00           |
| Total Checking Account additions:  | \$ 16,588.50       | 20,927.73          |

Subtractions:

|  |              |           |
|--|--------------|-----------|
| Division/Chapter dues pass through<br>Valley Forge-\$30.36, Keystone-\$49, NHW-\$51.50,<br>Pinchot-\$38, Plateau-\$45 (donated), Rothrock-\$45.75,<br>West Gateway-\$50.28, MD/Del-\$475, NJ-\$726.67,<br>WV-\$399.83, PA-\$1,481.38 | \$ 3,301.00  | 3,347.77  |
| HSD Assessment (\$.66/member)  | \$ 501.03    | 482.46    |
| Allegheny News publication   | \$ 2069.89   | 1,089.20  |
| Executive Directors Stipend  | \$ 8,110.00  | 8,500.00  |
| Student Travel   | \$ 1,100.00  | 200.00    |
| PO Box rental  | \$ 58.00     | 60.00     |
| Election expenses  | \$ 292.00    | 00.00     |
| Awards   | \$ 198.41    | 152.64    |
| T-shirt expenses   | \$ 665.42    | 589.50    |
| Forester Fund Grants pass  | \$ 1,000.00  | 1,160.00  |
| Web site costs   | \$ 155.40    | 155.40    |
| Stamps (Resh)  | \$ 18.40     | 19.60     |
| Student Memberships *  | \$ 00.00     | 480.00    |
| Meeting travel support (Kusko, Kessler)  | \$ 00.00     | 1,730.90  |
| Total Subtractions   | \$ 17,469.55 | 17,967.47 |

**Checking account balance as of Dec. 31, 2014:** **\$ 14,964.88**

Bank Statements show a balance of 15,341.35 when adjusted for outstanding checks. This is a difference of \$376.47 which I attribute to previous checks which were not cashed.

**Franklin Income "A" account as of Dec 31, 2014** **\$ 53,026.32**

\$2,086.16 gain represents a 4.1% earnings in 2014

### **Student Savings Account Balance as of Dec 31, 2014**

**\$ 1,061.75**

\$0.53 earned in interest during 2014. \$300 was donated by NHW chapter for “students” during the year and stayed in the checking account. \$480 was spent from the checking account during the year to support 12 student memberships in SAF. Therefore, I will transfer \$180 from the Student Savings account and deposit those funds into the general checking account to balance the accounts. This transfer will be shown as a 2015 transaction.

### **Highlights from the Winter Meeting**



*Pennsylvania Assistant State Forester Matt Keefer moderates the State Forestry panel. (l. to r.) Dan Rider, Maryland Forest Service; Rachel Reyna, Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry; Bob Radspinner, West Virginia Division of Forestry; Sam Topper Delaware Forest Service and Jon Klischies, New Jersey State Forestry Service.*



*College Quiz Bowl Winners!  
Penn State University Park*

*Reginald Forbes Art Contest  
(l. to r.) Mark Vodak, Contest Coordinator;  
Richard Schwab, Jack Perdue, Jeff Stuffle,  
Heather Gracie, Chrissy Harrigan,  
Rachel Reyna.*



*Vincent Cotrone, PSU Extension Luzerne Co.  
Presenting "Ecological Services that Trees and  
Forests Provide to Communities."*

*Clark Seely, National Vice President*



*Kelton Chapman, National SAF Office; Steve  
Resh, ANSAF Treasurer; Patricia Adadevoh,  
SAF National Office*



## Ken Jolly Receives the Outstanding Service to Forestry Award



The Outstanding Service to Forestry Award, named for Bob Bauer and his many career accomplishments, was awarded this year to Ken Jolly (*photo – Awards Chair Jonathan Kays (l) presents the award to Ken Jolly*). The award serves to provide official recognition for professional achievements in forestry; to recognize superior service to the Society of American Foresters; and to educate the public on the importance of the forestry profession. Ken exemplifies all of those criteria.

Ken has over 30 years of professional forestry experience. He started his career by graduating *cum laude* from North Carolina State University with a BS in Forestry. He later added to his education by completing an MS in Applied Management at the University of Maryland. For the past 27 years, Ken has served with the Maryland DNR Forest Service, with the last two decades in a series of senior leadership positions reporting the Maryland State Forester. For the past 14 years, he has been the Associate Director/Chief of Operations, where he was responsible for the statewide leadership of agency operations on public and private forestlands. Prior to his current position, Ken was a regional forester covering a five-county area in southern Maryland. Earlier in his career, Ken served for 2 years with the USDA Forest Service in California and Colorado as well as another 2 years with the Peace Corps in Honduras.

Some of Ken's professional accomplishments include collaborative leadership of the first SFI and FSC Forest Certification on Maryland public forestlands in 2003 on the Chesapeake Forest, and for subsequent certification scope expansions in 2009 and 2011 to include all Maryland State Forests. He led his agency's efforts to define and designate High Conservation Value Forests on public and private lands and create an innovative three-tier classification system for prioritizing agency Stewardship Plan preparation. Ken also provided leadership with the American Forest Foundation- American Tree Farm System and Maryland forestry partners to rebuild the Maryland Tree Farm Committee. His work led to successful outcomes for Maryland Tree Farm Certification audits in 2010 and 2014.

In addition to his professional position with Maryland Forest Service, Ken has an extensive record of service to SAF at all levels. Within the Maryland/Delaware Division, he has served as an officer and a member of many committees. Ken provided leadership to Allegheny SAF in many roles, including six years as the Awards Committee Chair, four years on the Executive Committee, four years as Secretary-Treasurer and Allegheny Chair in 2004-2005. Ken then moved on to broader roles at the national level. He held several positions in the House of Society Delegates: first as a delegate, then Vice Chair and ultimately, Chair in 2008. Most recently, Ken served as the District VII Representative to Council in 2009-2011.



Even with this impressive resume, Ken still found time and energy to actively participate in his community. His commitment to helping the public better understand forestry included his involvement with the Boy Scouts. In addition to his troop leadership roles, he is currently serving as a counselor to scouts working on their forestry and environmental science merit badges. Ken has also held a variety of leadership roles in his church community for the last 25 years.

Congratulations to Ken on the Outstanding Service to Forestry Award and his many career accomplishments!

## **Jeff Osborne ~ First Recipient of the Student Leadership Award**

*Susan Lacy, CF and Steve Wilent*



Forestry students are an important component of the future for SAF. As an organization we are looking for ways to recognize student achievement and encourage them to join and maintain membership in SAF. This year, Allegheny SAF established the Student Leadership Award to recognize a forestry student who exemplifies the leadership capabilities desired in future forestry professionals. Candidates must be a member of their student SAF chapter, exhibit excellence in their academic program and demonstrate leadership in forestry activities.

Jeff Osborne was selected as the first recipient of this award. Jeff graduated from Penn State in December with a BS in forest science and has started his professional career with the Pennsylvania Game Commission on the forest inventory crew. Prior to attending Penn State, he grew up in western Pennsylvania and served for six years in the US Army.

As a student, Jeff often sought out opportunities to learn as much as possible about forestry. He was a member of the Penn State student SAF chapter and the Pennsylvania Forestry Association. In addition to academic assignments, Jeff volunteered in a number of settings to gain more experience, including working with a consulting forester to mark a timber sale and planting chestnut trees for the American Chestnut Foundation. He also assisted two Penn State faculty members with a regeneration study and worked at the university's Schatz Center for Tree Molecular Genetics. Jeff also completed several Pennsylvania Sustainable Forestry Initiative core courses including the Game of Logging.

In addition to his many forestry activities, he has continued his service to fellow military members by assisting disabled veterans with deer hunting and building bird houses for military families.

Congratulations Jeff and best wishes on your developing career!

## Continued Improvement Planned for Allegheny Programs

*Steve Kallessen, CF Program Committee Chair*

Recently, I became your program chair as Ned Karger has stepped down to pursue new goals within SAF. We're all very lucky to have had Ned serve as Program Chair for the past 10 years, and I am starting from a strong base that he and other volunteers before him have built for us. In speaking with volunteers at the divisions and chapters who are scheduled to host upcoming Allegheny summer and winter meetings several themes have emerged that I'd like to share.

First -- no surprise here -- we have some excellent programs coming up over the next few years. We have highly motivated volunteers who are very passionate about their profession, and Allegheny SAF's programs will continue to reflect that passion. Second, independent of each other, several divisions and chapters have been investigating having concurrent sessions during winter and summer meetings. If plans hold, we will see our first attempt at the Winter 2016 meeting hosted by the Maryland/Delaware Division, and then at the Summer 2016 meeting hosted by the New Jersey Division. New York SAF and New England SAF have had concurrent sessions at their meetings for years, and being able to serve a broad membership that includes rural forestry, urban & community forestry, and research/academia is important to our membership retention and growth. I look forward to helping facilitate this improvement over the next few years. Third, if there is a weak spot in our program efforts, it seems to be in assembling budgets. As our division treasurer says, "foresters aren't accountants." Over the next year, I hope to accomplish a minor update to our excellent Annual Meeting Guide to include examples of accountings of past winter and summer meetings that could form the basis of budgets for upcoming meetings. I invite anyone who has been involved in hosting a meeting over the past 2 or 3 years to share the final report from that meeting for the purposes of helping other divisions and chapters get a head start by not having to reinvent the wheel.

I hope to see you all in September at Lake Raystown, PA.

### ***Save the Date***

*Nov. 3-7, 2015*

*National SAF Convention  
Baton Rouge, LA*

*Feb. 17-19, 2016*

*Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting  
Baltimore, MD*



# *Lloyd Casey Memorial Fund*

In honor of his many contributions to forestry, the Lloyd Casey Memorial Fund was established to provide funding for a series of annual educational workshops on timber taxes, estate planning, conservation easements and other financial topics for landowners and professionals. The Pennsylvania Forestry Association, the National Woodland Owners Association and the Allegheny Society of American Foresters are joining together to raise funds that would support the presentation of these workshops.



Our goal is to raise \$20,000 in the next two years with the long term goal of establishing a permanent fund. If you would like to donate, please make your contribution check out to **PFA** and note “Lloyd Casey Memorial Fund” on the memo or subject line.

Donations may be sent to:

**The Lloyd Casey Memorial Fund  
c/o Pennsylvania Forestry Association  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor, 116 Pine Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17101**

*The Pennsylvania Forestry Association is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Gifts are deductible as charitable contributions for Federal tax purposes. If you have any questions: please contact Keith Argow – NWOA- [argow@cs.net](mailto:argow@cs.net) Susan Lacy – ANSAF- [ansaf@comcast.net](mailto:ansaf@comcast.net) Dave Alerich – PFA – [djalerich@gmail.com](mailto:djalerich@gmail.com) or Terry Hoffman – PFA [tehoffman@hotmail.com](mailto:tehoffman@hotmail.com)*

***The Fund has now raised over \$7,000! Help us reach the \$20,000 goal.***

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# **Allegheny Section Summer Meeting Lake Raystown Resort**

Entrioken, PA  
September 16-18, 2015  
DRAFT AGENDA

## **Forestry in the Land of Rothrock – Conservation Challenges Past and Present**

### **Wednesday, September 16**

|                |  |
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| 1:00 - 3:00 PM | <b>ANSAF Executive Committee Meeting</b> – Pine Cone Room  |
| 3:00 – 8:00 PM | <b>Registration Open</b> –Lower Lobby  |
| 4:00 - 6:00 PM | <b>Optional Pre-Conference Raystown Lake Boat Tour</b> - Princess Lake Cruiser,<br>Seven Points Marina |
| 7:00 - 9:30 PM | <b>Ice Breaker Reception</b> - Lower Lobby and Balcony Patio   |

### **Thursday, September 17**

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|----------------|--|
| 6:45 - 7:45    | <b>Breakfast</b> , River Birch Ballroom B  |
| 7:00 - 10:00   | <b>Registration Open</b> –Lower Lobby  |
| 8:00 - 8:15    | <b>Opening Remarks</b> - Jason Albright, Chair, Rothrock SAF Chapter   |
| 8:15 - 8:45    | <b>The Economic Engine of Huntingdon County: History and Impact of<br/>Recreational-Based Tourism in the Raystown Lake Region</b> - Matt Price,<br>Executive Director, Huntingdon County Visitors Bureau |
| 8:45 - 9:30    | <b>The Rothrock Legacy: Joseph Trimble Rothrock</b> - Joe Barnard, USDA Forest<br>Service (Retired)  |
| 9:30 - 9:45    | <b>Agenda for Day</b> - Jason Albright   |
| 9:45 - 10:00   | <b>Break and Load Busses</b>   |
| 10:00 - 5:00   | <b>Field Tour</b>  |
| 10:15 - 12:00  | Army Corps of Engineers: Silvicultural Practices; American<br>Chestnut breeding and restoration orchards, High Germany management area   |
| 12:00-12:45    | Lunch, Raystown Juniata College Field Station, tour of building and grounds  |
| 1:30 - 3:30    | State Game Lands 67: Wood rat habitat management, silvicultural practices,<br>prescribed burning, Barrens restoration  |
| 3:45 - 5:00    | CCC history of Trough Creek State Park, HWA and EAB treatment<br>demonstration   |
| 6:30 - 8:30 PM | <b>Cookout</b> - Lake Raystown Resort Pavilion   |

### **Friday, September 18**

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| 6:45 - 7:45 | <b>Breakfast</b> , River Birch Ballroom B   |
| 8:00 - 8:15 | <b>Division and Section Meetings</b> , River Birch Ballroom B   |
| 8:15 - 9:00 | <b>Allegheny SAF Business Meeting</b> , River Birch Ballroom B  |
| 9:00 - 9:30 | <b>Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry's Hemlock Conservation Plan</b> - Mark<br>Faulkenberry, Support Section Chief, Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry Division<br>of Forest Pest Management |

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| 9:30 – 10:00 | <b>Long-Term Impacts of Clearcutting, Deer Browsing, and Defoliation on Stand Development in a Pennsylvania Mixed-Oak Forest</b> - Aaron Stottlemeyer, Assistant Professor of Forestry, Penn State Dubois               |
| 10:00-10:15  | <b>Break</b>  |
| 10:15-10:45  | <b>Forest Management Implications of the Northern Long Eared Bat Listing</b><br>Ben Jones, Chief, Pennsylvania Game Commission Habitat Planning and Development Section   |
| 10:45-11:15  | <b>Deer Forest Study – Integrating Research with Management</b> - Duane Diefenbach, Leader, Pennsylvania Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Research Unit, U.S. Geological Survey and Adjunct Professor, Penn State University |
| 11:15 -11:45 | <b>National SAF Update</b> - Matt Menashes, Chief Executive Officer, Society of American Foresters  |
| 11:45 – Noon | <b>Closing Remarks</b> – Matt Keefer, Pennsylvania Assistant State Forester   |

## Allegheny Society of American Foresters 2015 Summer Meeting Registration

**Lake Raystown Resort 3101 Chipmunk Crossing Entiken, PA 16638**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting registration is due by **September 2, 2015**. A late fee of **\$15.00** will be added to all registrations postmarked after **September 2, 2015**. Registration includes Wednesday Icebreaker social, Thursday breakfast and box lunch, Friday breakfast and all breaks. **Wednesday afternoon lake cruise and Thursday night cookout require additional fees (see below).**

|                                  |                           |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| SAF Member                       | \$110.00 _____            |
| Non-Member                       | \$125.00 _____            |
| Student:                         | \$ 40.00 _____            |
| Thursday Cookout                 | \$20.00 _____             |
| Sponsor a Student                | \$20 / \$40 / other _____ |
| Wednesday Afternoon Lake Cruise* | \$15.00 _____             |
| Late Fee (after Sept. 2nd)       | \$15.00 _____             |

### EXHIBITOR - SPONSOR REGISTRATION

**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:** *Please select event(s) you wish to sponsor.*

☐ Icebreaker ☐ Thursday Breakfast ☐ Tour Lunch ☐ Cookout ☐ Friday Breakfast

**Select Level of Sponsorship:**

☐ Gold @ \$500 ☐ Silver @ \$250 ☐ Bronze @ \$150 ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBITOR:** Exhibitor registration includes one complimentary meeting registration.

**Commercial Exhibit \_\_\_\_\_: \$200 Non-Profit Exhibit \_\_\_\_\_: \$150**

We will need electricity \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*My exhibit is a floor display. \_\_\_\_\_ My exhibit space will be only a tabletop. \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have special dietary needs or accessibility assistance? Please let us know.

\* Afternoon cruise – participants must drive to Seven Points Marina, located approximately 7 miles north of the resort (5922 Seven Points Rd, Hesston, PA 16647). Boat departs at 4:00, returns at 6:00. Minimum of 20 registrants required – refunds will be given if minimum is not met. No food or beverage service on the boat.

**Make checks payable to Rothrock SAF, and mail to Sanford S. Smith,** Dep't. of Ecosystem Sciences and Management, 355 Forest Resources Bldg., University Park, PA 16802 e-mail: [sss5@psu.edu](mailto:sss5@psu.edu) phone: 814-865-4261

## LODGING

**Hotel Reservations:** Call Lake Raystown Resort at 1-814-658-3500. (<http://rvcoutdoors.com/lake-raystown-resort/>)  
Rates vary by room (nightly rates):

**Lodge Rooms** (<http://rvcoutdoors.com/lake-raystown-resort/accomodation/lodge>)

|                                  |                       |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Hotel Room Standard.....         | \$70 + tax (18 Rooms) |
| Hotel Room "Adirondack".....     | \$97 + tax (14 Rooms) |
| Hotel Room "Premium Double"..... | \$104 + tax (9 Rooms) |
| Hotel Room "Premium King".....   | \$114 + tax (9 Rooms) |
| Hotel Room "Suite".....          | \$150 + tax (2 Rooms) |

### Traveling with Friends? Rent a Villa and split the cost!

**(2 Bedrooms and facilities)** (<http://rvcoutdoors.com/lake-raystown-resort/accomodation/villas/>)

|                     |                           |
|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Waterfront.....     | \$134 + tax (2 available) |
| Non-Waterfront..... | \$124 + tax (8 available) |

- Towels and shower accessories are not included with villas. Ask the registration desk for details when you call in.

Rooms held under Allegheny Society of American Foresters. Hotel rooms may be reserved at any time. Reserved rooms are held until **August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015**. **Rooms reserved after this time are not held at the discounted rate.**  
First come first served – reserve your room now!

# In Memoriam

## Paul Maslen

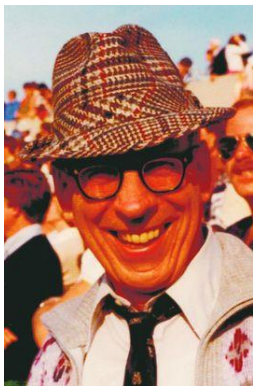


Stephen Paul Maslen, 61 of Upperco, Maryland, died Sunday, December 28, 2014 of an accidental drowning near his farm in Aurora, West Virginia. Paul was born January 7, 1953 in Lakewood, Ohio to Virginia Lee Howeth and Stephen Harold Maslen. Paul was a woodsman, a philosopher, a lover of books and music. His children Gabe and Lill were his greatest joy and pride. He moved with his family to Timonium, Maryland at the age of 7, attended public schools and graduated from Dulaney Senior High in 1970. He earned a BA in English Literature from Johns Hopkins University in 1978.

His vocation was forestry for which he earned a MS in Forest Management from Duke University in 1981. Paul worked as the Baltimore City watershed forester from 1981 to 1989. In 1989, he started Parkton Woodland Services, the forestry consulting business he first ran alone and since 1997 with his business partner, Bill Bond.

He was married to Lucy Ann King from 1989 to 2009. They resided together in Parkton, MD and had two children: Gabriel Louis Maslen and Lillian Catherine Maslen. He is survived by his children Gabriel, age 21 and Lillian age 19 both of Parkton MD, his sister Catherine Maslen of Baltimore MD, his brother Eric Maslen of Harrisonburg VA, his father Stephen Maslen of Towson MD and his dog Tom. He remained very close to his siblings and so many friends, especially Barbara Easter, Ho-Wen Hsu, Robert Jones, Rick McKee, Steve Webster, and Brent Weisman. He was preceded in death by his mother Lee, his beloved grandmother Evelyn Howeth as well as his loyal canine companions Lance, Loop, Booie, and Eddie.

## Phillip Ittel



Phillip M. Ittel, 97, of Warren, PA, died Friday morning, February 27, 2015 at his residence after an extended/brief illness. He was born July 23, 1917 in Warren, Pa. to the late Leon George and Ruth Octavia Goodwin Ittel. He was a 1935 graduate of Warren High School and a 1942 graduate of Pennsylvania State University. He was a veteran of World War II serving in the U.S. Army with the Pacific Theater, serving in Australia, New Guinea, Leyte, Mindanao and Japan. Phillip is formerly of Panama City, FL; Homerville and Madison, GA; Pascagoula, MS; and Pine Bluff and Camden, AR.

He was employed with the former Warren Veneer and Panel Company, USDA Forest Service on the Allegheny National Forest and in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho. He retired from International Paper Company as Operations Manager after 36 years of service. Phillip

served from August 1987 to June 1998 as Arkansas State Director of AARP's Income Tax Program. He had also served on the City of Camden Planning Commission for 4 years. He was a member of the Society of American Foresters (Allegheny SAF and Plateau Chapter), Southern Forest Institute, American Pulpwood Association, Arkansas Forestry Association, American Legion, a former Rotarian and a member of Toastmasters International. Phillip was a member of Penn State Alumni Association and a member of Grace United Methodist Church. He was an avid golfer, bowler and enjoyed the outdoors and horse racing.

## **John Peters**



John “Jack” Robert Peters, age 79, of Media, PA died peacefully at Crozer Keystone Hospice Residence at Taylor Hospital on Saturday, April 11, 2015. John was born on June 3, 1935 in Sheridan, New York to the late Leonard and Dorothy (Westover) Peters. In addition to his parents, John is preceded in death by his brothers Richard and John. John’s survivors include his beloved wife of 50 years, Nancy (Fry) Peters, and his daughters Cheryl Peters Koontz (and her husband Brian Koontz) of Media and Jennifer Peters Kantmann (and her husband Stuart Kantmann) of Carlisle as well as many other relatives, friends, and colleagues.

John attended Lackawanna High School in NY and graduated from SUNY Forestry School at Syracuse University. He retired from the USDA Forest Service after 35 years of service during which time he served as a mentor and advocate for many. John was the Forestry, Inventory and Analysis Project Leader at the Northern Research Station, headquartered in Newtown Square, PA.

Following his retirement, he worked as a security officer assigned to Penncrest High School where he loved interacting with students, teachers, and administrators and coaching students preparing for environmental competitions. John was a US Army Veteran. He was also an active member and leader in The Pennsylvania Forestry Association, a 52-year member of the Society of American Foresters and the Valley Forge Chapter, the First United Methodist Church of Media, and the Optimist Club in Media.

John enjoyed a number of activities including gardening, canoeing, kayaking, and camping. He was an avid reader, especially of presidential biographies, and he cherished time spent with family and friends at Cranberry Lake and Pulaski, NY as well as in Hatteras, NC. He was known by those closest to him for his insatiable love for pie, classical music, taking “shortcuts” and for his love of good pranks. In keeping with John’s wishes, there will not be a memorial service and his body has been donated to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s Humanity Gift Registry for purposes of medical research. Cremation and a celebration of his life will take place in the future. Due to his passion for responsible conservation and education, the family suggests that any memorial contributions be made to The Pennsylvania Forestry Association, 116 Pine Street, 5th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101 or any institution of higher learning.

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## Coming Events

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### Future SAF National Conventions

**2016:** Madison, WI

**2017:** Louisville, KY

**2018:** Portland, OR

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