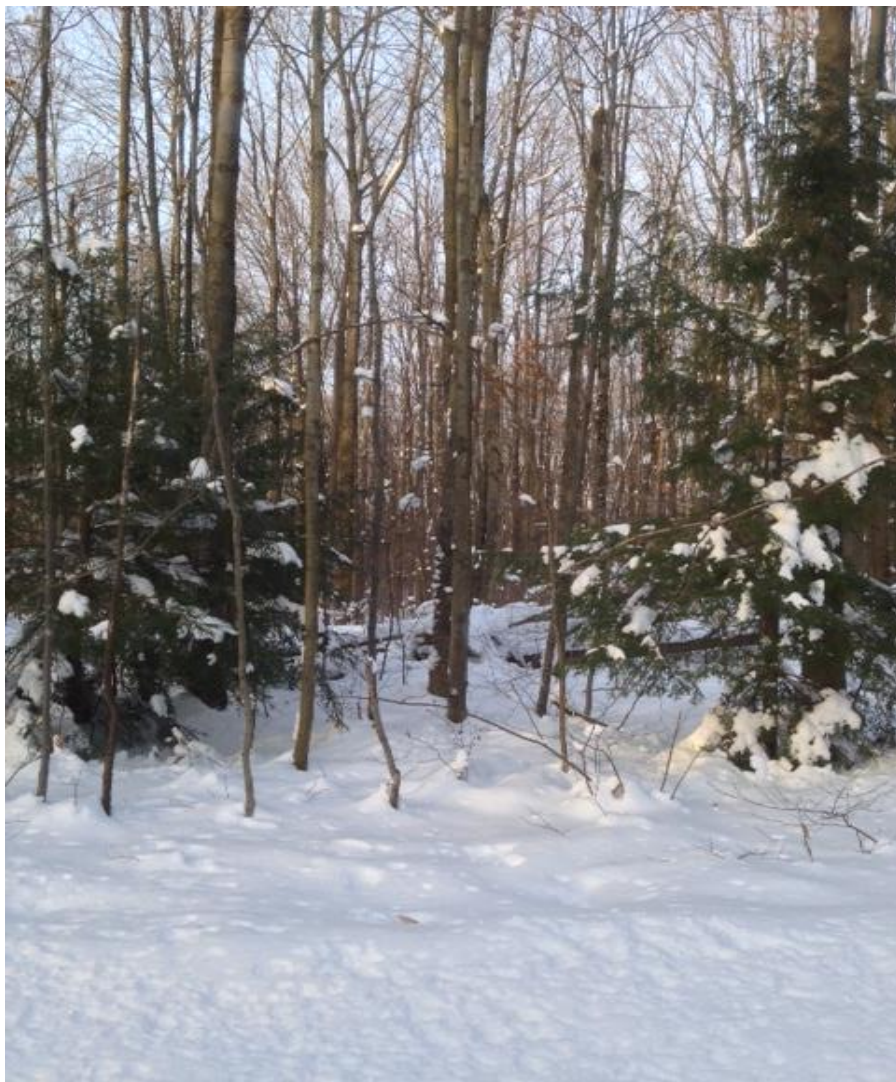


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Chair's Corner

Cecile Stelter



Happy New Year to all ANSAF members! I hope 2023 is off to a good start and will bring you all much happiness and many successes throughout the year.

In December, the Society published a handout to address an ever-emerging issue called ‘proforestation.’ Although it sounds like something positive and something foresters would support, “pro” and “forestation” the effort actually seeks to ban all active forest management activities on public lands based on the assertion that forests maximize their benefits (climate, etc.) by being left unmanaged.

The SAF handout on this issue and SAF’s official position can be found on the Society’s website. Please consider going to website and learning more about this important issue. This situation clearly demonstrates the need for us, as professional foresters, to be engaged not only in our profession but in the broader discussions with environmental groups, legislators, and the general public. Forestry can play an essential role in the future of our society --- offering mitigation options for: climate issues, overall health (environmental) issues and sustainability issues but we need to be at the table and be a part of the discussion.

So, my challenge to each of you as we begin this New Year, how can you get more involved in SAF and your local/regional forestry community? The Allegheny SAF has several working committees (see the listings in the back of the Allegheny News) and we would welcome your input and involvement. Maybe engagement at your local Chapter/Division level is more your style? There are opportunities available at every level and you have skills, knowledge and abilities that are important to share. Finally, start thinking today of someone you could nominate for one of the ANSAF or National Awards. It’s never too early to start the process of recognizing one of your colleagues.

Again, I wish you good health and good fortune in the New Year. If I can be of any help to you in any way, or if you have any ideas for the Allegheny that you would like to discuss, please feel free to reach out to me.

SAF District 7 Board Report

Sarah Wurzbacher



Membership Update

As of November 31, 2022, national membership was currently at 9,461. This includes 869 new members (338 are reinstated, 531 new to SAF). Of that group of new members, 83% are under the age of 50, 57% are students, 14% are Transitional members (1st 5 years after graduating), and 27% are full members.

SAF Staff Updates

- Samantha Shaw was selected as SAF's new Chapter Relations Coordinator. She will support Lori Rasor in work with state societies, including ANSAF.
- Amy Roedl was selected as SAF's new Certification Manager. She will manage the CF and CCF credentials in addition to the development of SAF's

two new credentials: urban and community forestry certification (beginning in 2023) and a certification for forest technicians (beginning in 2024). If you missed news of those new credentials offered by SAF, see this article: https://www.eforester.org/Main/SAF_News/2022/SAF-Announces-Two-New-Professional-Credentials.aspx.

National Convention

The work of so many Allegheny members in participating in, volunteering to support, staffing, and organizing numerous elements of this year's national convention program was seen and appreciated by SAF members and leaders around the country. In particular, the efforts of those on the convention planning committee were extraordinary. Many ANSAF members were in attendance, but whether or not you attended, learning and credit opportunities related to convention are still available to you. On-demand registration and access to recorded content opened in November and will remain open until March 1, 2023. Access is free to those who attended convention in-person. For others, access fees are:

- Member: \$225
- Non-member: \$285
- Students (member and nonmember): \$100
- Classroom (group rate - up to 25 students at one school): \$2,000
- Agency (group rate - up to 5 employees of a single government agency): \$1000

All Plenary and Thursday Think Tank sessions, as well as over 150 technical session presentations, will be available on ForestEd, and registrants can earn up to 29.5 CFEs.

SAF's 2023 National Convention will be October 25-29, 2023 in Sacramento, CA at the Sacramento Convention Center.

Business Practice Reminders

- As local units elect and appoint new leaders for 2023, remember to submit leadership rosters to membership@safnet.org.
- D&O and liability insurance are provided to local units at no charge.

- Remember that SAF National provides Directors and Officers insurance and comprehensive general liability coverage for local leaders and units. If you need a certificate or insurance for an upcoming event, reach out to SAF's broker, Dan O'Leary at dan@preferins.com. Highlight sheets of both coverages and the full D&O policy is posted on Leadership Central, and the March 2022 issue of the *Forestry Source* included an article describing the coverage as well as a D&O FAQ.
- Incorporation
 - As a reminder, incorporation is a recommended legal structure that establishes state societies as separate legal entities and creates a separation between personal and corporate assets, thus providing limited liability protection to those managing or governing the unit. It's an important action in modernizing and strengthening SAF.
 - The incorporation of SAFs's 30 state societies continues to move forward. SAF's legal team has completed its legal review and are finalizing documents, and individualized packets for state societies that outline details and next steps are being prepared. Single state societies will receive their packets first, with multi-state societies (including ANSAF) receiving information in the next round.
- Reminder: Ethics Pledge and Resources
 - To build awareness about the [Code of Ethics](#) and the complaint process, a reminder was recently shared with members in the E-Forester and posted on the website. SAF plans to share these types of reminders, including as they relate to the [Anti-Harassment Policy](#), on a regular basis.

Recent Policy Work by SAF

This has been a very active area of work by SAF in recent years. Visit the "Advocacy and Outreach" tab on the SAF website for news of recent policy work and to access position statements. The full list of complete position statements is always available, but recently, to better serve the needs of members and support increasing efforts to reach new audiences, SAF has also started to develop one-pagers to accompany its new position statements. Please feel free to share these one-pagers broadly within your networks and use them for outreach opportunities with policymakers and the public.

In case you missed it, I want to specifically orient you toward a significant recent example of policy resource development: a handout for use and distribution by SAF members to educate the public and policymakers on problems with the proforestation political movement, which has advocated for bans on active forest management across public lands.

A Few Ways to Lean in to SAF Right Now

- **Submit a National Award Nomination**
 - I cannot speak strongly enough in encouraging ANSAF members to consider nominating for a national SAF award a colleague whose exceptional work you see clearly and which deserves acknowledgement by the national society. I know that ANSAF is full of people worthy of such honors. Nomination processes can sometimes seem daunting, but in enlisting help from others, speaking simply and clearly about the great work of those around you, embracing nomination work as an important act of service, and keeping view of the worthiness of the nominee, the work of a nomination certainly becomes manageable. If you have felt inclined to

serve SAF at a higher level but have been unsure of how, consider letting this be the way you choose to lean in this year.

- SAF's 15 national awards, Fellow award, and Presidential Field Forester award provide annual opportunities to celebrate and honor scientists, researchers, educators, innovators, leaders, communicators, field foresters, employers, local SAF units, and others that have made significant impact on forestry in the United States and internationally. 2023 Award nominations are now open and are due by March 15. Look to the awards section of the SAF website for more information on each award and how to nominate someone:
<https://eforester.org/awards/>.

- **Support SAF's Young Professionals**

- The SAF National Board of Directors is entering its third year of inclusion of a Young Professional representative to the Board. The person in this position is a national voice and advocate for issues specific to that demographic of members in SAF. Each year of YP representative work has yielded increased opportunities for engagement, service, resources, and information, and the upward trajectory of this work continues. Notably, 2023's YP representative to the Board is an ANSAF member: Abby Jamison. Her position in this role offers a significant opportunity for ANSAF members to capitalize on the momentum of our own state society's recent attention and conversations on YP issues (recall last winter's ANSAF meeting theme of "young forests and young professionals"). Feel encouraged and empowered to reach out to Abby to advance ideas around YP work in SAF and ask about resources and opportunities stemming from national progress in this area.

- **Launch a Foresters' Fund Project (1st annual deadline is Feb. 15)**

- The Foresters' Fund provides grants to SAF local units to financially support projects and activities at the grassroots level that increase our impact and grow our organization. Proposals for regular grants available to chapters, divisions, and state societies of up to \$2,000 are accepted three times a year; deadlines are February 15, June 15, and September 15. Special grant proposals of up to \$5,000 available to state societies and divisions are accepted once per year on June 15. Visit the Foresters' Fund web page for information on how to apply:
https://www.eforester.org/Main/Community/Grants/Foresters_Fund.aspx.

- **Represent District 7 on the Student Executive Committee**

- One student representative from each SAF District is appointed to serve on the Student Executive Committee (SEC), which meets throughout the year to discuss issues and communicate with student members. The SEC also assists with student activities during the SAF National Convention. A term on the SEC runs from June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024. Undergraduate and graduate students are eligible. If you are a student interested in leaning in to leadership work at a national level, or if you work with students and know someone who could do this work well, reach out to me as soon as possible; help me match an excellent student with an excellent opportunity.

- **Intern with SAF This Summer**

- SAF is excited to begin accepting applications for the summer 2023 Henry Clepper Forest Policy Internship Program. The program offers students and recent graduates a unique opportunity to not only work closely with the policy and public affairs team but also learn from and

contribute to the entire SAF organization. SAF is seeking one full-time intern to work in SAF's Washington, DC office for a three-month term with flexible start and end dates from May to August of 2023. Learn more: https://www.eforester.org/Main/SAF_News/2022/SAF-Seeks-Intern-for-Summer-2023.aspx.

- **Write for the Allegheny News**

- I've heard this sentiment countless times at ANSAF meetings: "These are my people." Most of us relate to how true that feels. Tell your people what you're working on, what you're learning, what you're prioritizing in the way you navigate your work and consider the roles and functions of your professional society. Your people want to hear your voice. Reach out to Susan Lacy about adding something here.

Michael Huneke Awarded 2022 SAF Fellow



Mike Huneke, CF, has an extensive resume to support his award for SAF Fellow. He received his BS in Resources Management and Environmental Forest Biology from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. Mike is a SAF Certified Forester, a Maryland Registered Professional Forester and a ISA Certified Arborist. He has held forester positions with the Maryland Forest Service and many positions with the USDA Forest Service at the regional and National level.

Mike is currently serving as the National Program Manager for the Federal Excess Personal Property and Fire Fighter Property Programs. In addition to all Mike's forest management credentials, he is an experienced wildland firefighter and structural firefighter (Whiteford, Maryland Volunteer Fire Department). He frequently spends a portion of each summer serving on western wildland firefighting crews. Mike is also the principal at Huneke Forestry Services, LLC which provides technical assistance to over 200 non-industrial private forest landowners.

Mike has stepped up to lead in many organizations. He is the most recent Past Chair of the Allegheny SAF. He is also a past Chair of the Maryland Delaware SAF, the Maryland State Board of Foresters and a member of the Maryland Trout Unlimited Board of Directors. Mike is currently serving as the Vice Chair of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) National Conservation and Outdoor Ethics Committee and the Conservation Program Director for the Boy Scouts 2017 and 2023 National Jamboree and the 2019 World Jamboree.

Mike's service and leadership has been recognized by several organizations. Just a sample of his awards include: the BSA Silver Antelope Award (2022), the BSA Distinguished Eagle Scout (2017), the BSA National Distinguished Conservationist Award (2017), Allegheny SAF Forester of the Year (2002), and Maryland Delaware SAF Forester of the Year (1996). He has been

leading and mentoring 82 youth members as a BSA Scoutmaster in Maryland for the past 9 years. Mike is clearly an example of excellent leadership and deserving of the SAF Fellow.

Congratulations Mike!

David McGill Recognized as 2022 SAF Fellow



Dr. David McGill, CF, has been very active at the local and state levels of SAF. Dave was WV State Chapter Vice-Chair and Chair, masterfully championing the SAF mission in West Virginia. He continues to actively participate in chapter meetings as an attendee and presenter. He has participated in Student Chapter events at West Virginia University (WVU). Dr. McGill has helped chaperone students at National meetings. He offers assistance at almost every local and state meeting.

Additionally, Dr. McGill served as an Associate editor for the SAF Northern Journal of Applied Forestry for five years.

He has been long-time supporter of SAF and its programming. He promotes SAF and its ideals by promoting current and former student successes using Facebook and Instagram, through his field walk-in-the-woods workshops, and his work with landowners. He recruits students into forestry and encourages them to become SAF members. One of the challenges Dave was able to navigate during his tenure as WV SAF Chair was maintaining interest at the local level. Dave is very good at organizing meetings and creating agendas that are interesting and timely to foresters in the state. He is constantly promoting and mentoring women in forestry and has several active programs focusing on women landowners.

Over his 20+ years as a WVU extension specialist, Dave has probably had more direct contact with foresters and landowners in the state than anyone else. He has taught Dendrology to undergraduate students and a graduate seminar and Global Forest Resources at WVU. He coordinated the regular state SAF Chapter meetings. He presented at numerous conferences and workshops to promote sustainable forest management. Dave created a successful monthly webinar program – WV Woodland Stewards Seminar Series, that regularly has 100+ attendees. This program provided opportunities for foresters to maintain their registration/certification credentials. He hosts landowner/forester interaction events (i.e., Walks-in-the-Woods). He involves graduate students in the planning of these events, which essentially is a training opportunity for the new generation of extension specialists.

Dave has published over 50 research articles, many of them in collaboration with the over 20 graduate students he has mentored. The impacts with a great number of undergraduate students that he has taught over the years is immeasurable. He has also supported the profession and SAF through his interactions with foresters and landowners. His knowledge and extension work has promoted integrity for foresters to landowners. He has worked tirelessly with forest owners to show that sustainable forest management has beneficial impacts. Dave's extension programs are

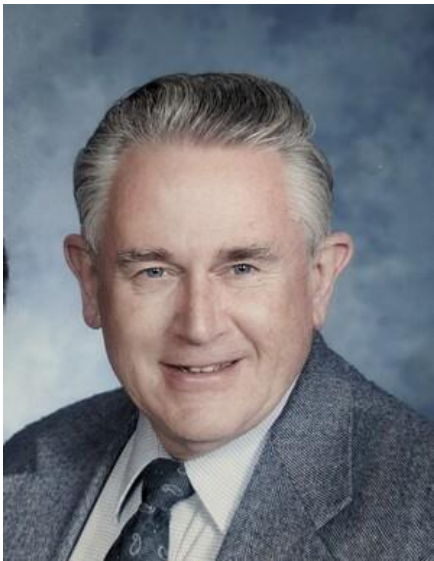
key to advancing the skill sets and knowledge of our foresters to ensure the latest research is being disseminated. These workshops have facilitated CFEs to maintain their CF status.

Dr. McGill has also served as Chair of the WV Tree Farm Committee, where he has organized many field trips to forest landowner properties demonstrating good forestry practices. Dave also worked on the WV Forest Stewardship Committee to provide funding for forestry practices for private non-industrial landowners. Dave led an effort to defend the WV Board of Registered Foresters when the WV State Legislature attempted to eliminate the Board. He organized a group of forestry professionals including several SAF members to speak at the Natural Resources Legislative Committee meeting.

Congratulations Dave!

In Memoriam

Robert Schweitzer



Robert (Bob) Edward (11/12/38 - 12/25/22)

Bob was the most amazing and adored husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. He was husband to the love of his life Arlene for 56 years, and father to Anthony (Leanne) Schweitzer, Amy (Tom) Rothenberger, Traci (Mike) McNeal, and Bruce (Dana) Schweitzer.

Bob was an avid supporter of the woodlands he served and preserved from graduation from the University of Maine to serving for more than four decades in the United States Forest Service in Oregon and for the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, including as District Forester of District 8 in Ebensburg. He was our very own Smokey Bear!

He was a lifelong member of the Knights of Columbus, a Past Grand Knight, and a member of the Fourth Degree Honor Guard. He loved his country and proudly served in the United States Army. Additional organizations that benefited from his talents included the Cambria County Conservation District, the Pennsylvania Forest Fire Museum, the Society for American Foresters, Holy Name Church in Ebensburg, and the Saint Vincent DePaul Society Food Bank, among others.

Dad was admired and respected by so many and his passing leaves a large hole in our hearts. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to any of the organizations listed above, to any veteran support organization, or plant a tree and give it hug.

Robert Rorabaugh



Robert D. "Bob" Rorabaugh, 72, of Mahaffey, died Thursday, Dec. 29, 2022 at Penn Highlands Hospital DuBois. The son of Robert R. and S. Marie (Blose) Rorabaugh, he was born on Aug. 24, 1950 in Indiana.

Bob was a graduate of the Harmony High School and Penn State University Class of 1972, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in forestry. For the rest of his life, Bob continued to actively keep close ties with Penn State in numerous capacities, including as a lifetime member of the Penn State Alumni Association; a supporter of the Penn State Nittany Lion Club; and a recipient of the School of Forest Resources Outstanding Alumnus Award.

For 50 years, Bob was an integral part of the heart and soul of the Rorabaugh Lumber Company in Burnside in partnership with his brothers Dan and Roger. Extremely active in forestry-related professional organizations, he was a member of the Pennsylvania Forest Products Association, the Society of American Foresters, the Pennsylvania Forestry Association and the Penn-York Lumberman's Club. In his local hometown area, Bob served on the Harmony Area School District; the Purchase Line Red Dragon Foundation; and the Clearfield County Conservation District Board of Directors. In many of these professional and community organizations, Bob held leadership and officer positions. One of Bob's favorite pastimes was big game hunting. He would look forward to annual hunting trips with his friends.

In honored remembrance of his nephew, Gary, memorial contributions in Bob's name may be forwarded to the ALS Association, P.O. Box 37022, Boone, IA 50037-0022 or via the www.als.org website.

David R. Edelman

David R. "Dave" Edelman passed away on December 1, 2022. Dave was a longtime forester for the NJDEP Forest Service, having served capably in the northern region of the Garden State, and eventually rising to the title of Supervising Forester for that agency. Those who knew him consider him to have been influential in helping to develop many of the programs, legislative content and forestry policies which continue to form the basis for NJDEP Forest Service's direction today—and will continue as a part of his legacy. Dave served as the Chair of the NJ Division of the Allegheny SAF from 1980-1981. Dave is survived by his wife, Marta; and two sons, Eric and Kurt.

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Coming Events

February, 2023

15-17 Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting
Doubletree Hilton
Somerset, NJ

March, 2023

1-2 West Virginia SAF Winter Mtg.
Jackson Mills, WV

July, 2023

9-19 Scout Jamboree
Beckley, WV

Future SAF National Conventions

2023: Sacramento, CA
October 23-28

2024: Loveland, Colorado

2025: New England

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