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## Chair's Corner – Leadership Requires Crossing Boundaries

*Steven W. Koehn*



As I get ready to travel to Clarion, PA for our annual Summer Training, it seems to me that we need to consider embracing a new paradigm when it comes to regional forest planning and management, one that attracts others to our work without particular regard to property boundaries. The term of art currently being used within the profession is “landscape scale” usually when it comes to defining communities of both interest and place involving natural resource management, particularly forests.

With resources available to practice sustainable forestry becoming increasingly constrained, one-on-one contact with forest owners, or as some often refer to as “random acts of conservation”, is a paradigm that needs to evolve into something more like partner based coalitions that share common natural resource management concerns around a designated ecological feature like a large watershed or a species in need of conservation like Shortleaf pine or Golden Wing Warbler. Further, by taking such a new approach to forest management, we as leaders must learn to overcome the barrier of mixed landscape ownership in order to be truly successful in our efforts to restore, conserve and protect our precious forest resources.

Given the myriad of pressures on our forests, such as fire, drought, insects and disease, land use change, and extreme weather events like Hurricane Harvey and Super Storm Sandy, we need to increase the pace and scale of our landscape management efforts if we hope to have a meaningful impact on caring for the land and serving people. Collectively as leaders in forestry, and along with those of like mind, we need to focus on things where we can measurably “move the needle”, and we also need to prioritize planning and management efforts in priority landscapes or on recovery of species function. Only then can we hope to be able to tell a compelling outcome story that encourages continued investment in the resource itself across multiple ownership types in support of healthy and sustainable forested landscapes.

There are several opportunities for those of us in the profession to advance landscape scale forest planning and management across ownership boundaries. The USDA Forest Service recently adopted a new revised planning rule for forest plans within the National Forest System. These plans seek input at landscape scale from both sides of the “green line” in order to successfully address issues that don’t recognize public or private property boundaries. Similarly, state forestry agencies are about to update their State Forest Actions plans and they will be reaching out to a broad spectrum of forest stakeholders for input and subject matter expertise where our membership can play a critical role in informing the dialog. Finally, Congress is planning to reauthorize the Farm Bill in 2018. ANSAF members need to help educate their congressional delegations about the importance of the Farm Bill, particularly the Forestry, Conservation, Energy and Rural Development titles. They are the most meaningful in providing assistance to family forest owners who represent almost two thirds of the resource and nearly 80% of the forest economy nationally (which is larger than the US Auto Industry combined!).

I look forward to seeing you all in Clarion, PA to help celebrate 50 Years of SILVAH. The work we do is essential to the health of the forest and the prosperity of a nation. I am honored to continue to serve alongside all of you in these ongoing efforts.

## District VII Board of Directors Report

*Rachel Reyna, CF*



Greetings Allegheny SAFers!

This has been a rough year with historic hurricanes/flooding, fires, strained budgets, challenging relationships among cultures – the list could go on. Since our news as of late has been filled with disaster and tragedy, I thought I would concentrate on updating you on some good news. Your professional society has been hard at work on your behalf and I am pleased to share these thoughts with you. As always, if you need any additional information on any of these items – or anything else – please feel free to contact me.

### **SAF and Organization Transparency**

You have heard me mention in past columns that SAF is working hard to be as transparent as possible. In order to help facilitate this effort, we are placing items such as Board meeting minutes and budgets on the website. Feel free to check them out at this link:

[https://www.eforester.org/Main/About/Organizational\\_Transparency/Main/About/Transparency.aspx?hkey=e305202f-8f77-402b-af89-7ada232cf2a5](https://www.eforester.org/Main/About/Organizational_Transparency/Main/About/Transparency.aspx?hkey=e305202f-8f77-402b-af89-7ada232cf2a5)

More documents will be uploaded to the website as we progress on this effort.

### **New Member-Get-a-Member Campaign**

Growing the membership – and cultivating active members – is always one of our big priorities. There have been some membership increases over the last few years, which is encouraging. To continue (and even improve) the positive membership trajectory of the last few years, SAF has launched a new “Member-Get-A-Member Program.” This program encourages SAF members to sponsor new members by providing recruitment tools and prizes. Check out the program at

<https://www.eforester.org/MGM.aspx> - be sure to get involved. Applications can be completed online at [www.eforester.org/JoinNow](https://www.eforester.org/JoinNow) – paper applications are available, if you need them, but applying online is optimal. Ready...Set...Go get a member!

### **SAF National Convention, November 15-19, 2017**

The National Convention is only a few months away! We will meet in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Convention is a fantastic experience and I recommend it for anyone who is able to attend. It's a great place to get a picture of up-and-coming technologies, research, best management practices, and more. It's also an outstanding place to network with colleagues from all over the US and beyond. The early-bird deadline for registration is September 27. I hope you will be able to join us!

### **SAF Office Building**

I have been asked by several members regarding the status of the SAF headquarters building, known as “Wild Acres.” The building, which is 90 years old, was the home of the founder of the National Geographic Society. SAF has used this building as its headquarters since 1973. As you might imagine, a 90-year old building comes with considerable maintenance costs, many of which were deferred during the especially lean budget years after the market crash. Because the building is on a historic register, there are special considerations that must be taken into account when repairs are made. Some of these repairs cost more than the standard rate, generally because of custom solutions that are needed in keeping with the rules surrounding the historic designation of the property. In order to make sure SAF's financial resources are being used in the most sensible and productive way possible, the Ad Hoc committee was instated to investigate SAF's options and provide recommendations to the Board. The committee has been busy with their due diligence. At the August Board meeting, they presented preliminary findings and indicated that

there was a bit more research left to do before final recommendations can be made. It is possible that the decision will be made at one of the upcoming Board meetings, which are in December 2017 and April 2018. Stay tuned!

### **Diversity and Inclusion**

Please be reminded that the Board would like to share success stories and highlight positive actions by local units related to diversity and inclusion, so please feel free to share anything with me that I can pass along. A new Diversity and Inclusion Working Group (which is currently led by our own Susan Stout) is available for any interested folks to join. The working group is about to put out its very first newsletter. It is easy to join this working group (or any other that you might be interested in) by logging in to your profile on the SAF website.

### **Gottschalk Science Fund**

The Gottschalk Science Fund continues to grow due to donations and the matching opportunity provided by the Hagenstein estate. Thank you to all who have given so generously! There is still a way to go until we reach the \$200,000 goal. The dollar-for-dollar matching opportunity is still available, so please consider making a tax-deductible donation. Contributions can be made online using the following links: <http://www.eforester.org/donate> or <http://tinyurl.com/SAFgottschalk>

### **Upcoming SAF Elections Relevant to District 7 (ANSAF and NCSAF)**

In keeping with the MOU between Allegheny SAF and National Capital SAF, we have sought two candidates from National Capital that will compete for the Board seat that I will vacate at the end of this year. We have two excellent folks in the running: David Gwaze, who is the National Silviculturalist; and Scott Stewart, who is the National Program Manager for the Forest Legacy Program. Both of these gentlemen work for the USDA Forest Service. Please read their campaign information in the September issue of the Forestry Source.

As I mentioned in my last article, I am very pleased to report that you will see my name on this year's ballot for SAF Vice President. I very much appreciate all the positive support I have received from ANSAF and NCSAF since my candidacy was made known. As you know, I am passionate about SAF and about Forestry as a whole, and I look forward to the possibility of continuing to serve SAF and move the organization forward over the next few years.

I encourage you all to watch for your electronic ballots, which will come out at the beginning of October, and be sure to place your votes as you see fit.

I believe this is technically the last column I will write to you as your District 7 representative. I want you all to know how much I have enjoyed serving you. I also want to thank you for the support and the opportunities you have given me to serve you throughout the years. I thank each of you for the dedication you have for SAF and for our profession.

As I look forward, I see many challenges ahead – but I also have a great deal of hope. There is much we can do as we continue to press onward, meeting challenges by bringing our different viewpoints and backgrounds to our collective table – creating solutions and moving the profession forward.

**Allegheny Society of American Foresters  
Annual Summer Training  
September 20 – 22, 2017 - Park Inn, Clarion, PA**

***“SILVAH: 50 Years of Practicing Sustainable Forestry and Counting”***

**Science Delivery Objective:** To celebrate 50 years of science conducted under the SILVAH umbrella by:

- Reviewing its history and use
- Sharing the current state of science and management practice for research stimulated by SILVAH

**Wednesday, September 20, 2017**

8:00 AM – 6:00 PM Registration

9:45 Begin loading buses for field tour

10:00 AM – 6:00 PM Field tour to Kane Experimental Forest and surrounding landscape. SILVAH guidelines for regeneration, vegetation management, thinning, current research on deer impact, changes in regeneration eco-logy, forest health, fertilization, wildlife habitat, and carbon sequestration. (Bus transportation and box lunch incl.)

3:00 – 6:00 Exec Committee Meeting (transportation from tour to Park Inn provided)

7:00 – 9:00 Icebreaker/Social Reception

**Thursday, September 21, 2017 (6.5 CFE credits)**

7:00 – 8:00 Registration; Breakfast on your own

8:00 Exhibits open; raffle items on display

8:00 – 8:10 Welcome, Housekeeping & Introduction - **Brock Sanner**, Plateau Chapter Chair

8:10 – 8:30 “NW PA, Cherry capital of the world” - **Sue Swanson**, Executive Director of Allegheny Hardwood Utilization Group (AHUG)

**SILVAH: History and Development**

8:30 – 9:00 Keynote Address: “The Origins and Early History of the SILVAH System” - **David A. Marquis**

9:00 – 9:30 “The Development of Management Science Under SILVAH” – **Susan L. Stout**

9:30 – 10:00 BREAK

10:00 – 10:30 “Managing with SILVAH Support” – **Jim Grace**

10:30 – 11:00 “Deer and Forests” – **Alex Royo**

11:00 – 11:30 “Forest Vegetation Management” – **Todd Ristau** and **Steve Horsley**

11:30 – 12:00 “Expanding SILVAH to the Mixed Oak Forests of Mid Atlantic Region” – **Patrick Brose**

12:00 – 1:00 LUNCH



## Concurrent Sessions (1:15 to 4:15)

### 1. SILVAH: Oak and Allegheny Norther Hardwood Species

1:15 – 1:45 “Common Oak Regeneration Prescriptions” – **Pat Brose**

1:45 – 2:15 “Preliminary Results of the OAK: SILVAH Assessment” – **Laura Leites** and **Scott Miller**

2:15 – 2:45 “OAK SILVAH in Ohio at the Landscape Scale” – **Joanne Rebbeck** and **Matt Peters**

2:45 – 3:15 BREAK

3:15 – 3:45 “SILVAH & FIA: Taking SILVAH’s Regen Guidelines to the Regional Level” - **Will McWilliams**

3:45 – 4:15 “SILVAH’s Thinning Guidelines” – **Chris Nowak**

4:15 – 5:00 “Sugar Maple Decline and Lessons Learned about Allegheny Plateau Soils and Landscapes” – **Bob Long**

### 2. SILVAH: Wildlife, Invasive Plants, NED and related software

1:15 – 1:45 “NED and the NED/SILVAH Coalition” – **Mark Twery**

1:45 – 2:15 “Silviculture and Bird Habitat” - **Scott Stoleson**

2:15 – 2:45 “Research to Support Wildlife Habitat Associations in SILVAH and NED” – **Scott and Linda Thomasma, Helene Cleveland**

2:45 – 3:15 BREAK

3:15 – 3:45 “Impacts of Operational Herbicide Treatments on Non-Target Plants, Birds, and Beetles” – **Todd Ristau** and **Scott Stoleson**

3:45 – 4:15 “Forest Vegetation Management of Invasive Species” - **Kimberly Bohn**

4:15 – 5:00 “Managing Carbon in Allegheny Hardwoods” – **Coeli Hoover**

## End of Concurrent Sessions

6:00 Cocktail Hour

7:00 **BAR-B-Q** Cookout (next door to hotel, 1/4 mile); including drawing for one raffle item

## FRIDAY, September 22, 2017 (2.0 CFE Credits for 9:00 – 11:30 sessions)

7:00 – 8:00 Chair’s Breakfast with Guest Inspirational Speaker **Stephanie Gottschalk** (all welcome)

8:00 – 8:30 Division Business Meetings

8:30 – 9:00 Allegheny SAF Section Business Meeting

9:00 – 9:30 “Changes in Black Cherry” – **Bob Long**

9:30 – 10:00 “Preliminary Dominance Probabilities in Allegheny Hardwood and Mixed Oak” – **Pat Brose**

10:00 – 10:30 BREAK & final offer to buy raffle tickets

10:30 – 11:00 “Fertilizing Allegheny and Northern Hardwood Stands” – **Todd Ristau**

11:00 – 11:30 “The Next 50 years of SILVAH, Silviculture and Forest Stewardship” – **Susan Stout**

11:30 Wrap up & announce raffle winner – **Brock Sanner**

12:15 – 3:30 Optional Field Tour to Clear Creek State Forest for a Full Overview of SILVAH: Oak Research and Guidelines (No cost. Participants will caravan in their own vehicles and bring their own lunch.)

## Ticks' Numbers and Territory Grow

They are putting more Americans at risk and spreading rarer diseases.

*By Aneri Pattani, New York Times, July 25, 2017*

Southampton, NY – This town is under siege from tiny invaders. A doctor at Southampton Hospital recently pulled a tick off a woman's eyeball. After a 10-minute walk outside, a mother reported finding a tick affixed to her 7-year-old daughter's buttocks. Another mother called the hospital in a "hysterical state," according to the nurse who answered, because a tick had attached itself to her son's penis.

Like many towns across the country, Southampton is seeing a tick population that is growing both in numbers and variety – at a time when ticks are emerging as a significant public health danger. "Tick borne diseases are a very serious problem, and they're on the rise," said Rebecca Eisen, a research biologist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "Even though you may live in an area where you didn't have ticks in the past or your parents don't remember having ticks, the distribution is changing," she added. "More and more people are at risk."

With the expansion of the suburbs and a push to conserve wooded areas, deer and mice populations are thriving. They provide ample blood meals for ticks and help spread the pests to new regions. Originally from the Southeast, the lone star tick, for example, is heading north; it can now be found in 1,300 counties in 39 states. The blacklegged tick, also called the deer tick, is expanding its territory too. In a recent study, Dr. Eisen reported a nearly 45 percent increase since 1998 in the number of counties with blacklegged ticks. Thomas Mather, director of the University of Rhode Island's TickEncounter Resource Center, said it used to get reports of three or four lone star ticks in the greater Chicago area each year. Now, it is receiving up to 15.

When a tick species marches into a new region, it poses a double-barreled threat, said Jerome Goddard, extension professor of medical and veterinary entomology at Mississippi State University. First, the species brings diseases from its original location. Second, the ticks pick up new pathogens from animals in their new ecosystem. Physicians and patients in a tick's new home may be less familiar with the diseases it carries. They can overlook symptoms or attribute them to a different cause, delaying effective treatment.

The best known threat is Lyme disease. Cases in the United States increased from about 12,000 annually in 1995 to nearly 40,000 in 2015. Experts say the real number of infections is likely closer to 300,000. But scientists are finding ticks carry more than just Lyme: At least a third of known tick-borne pathogens were found in the last 20 years. Heartland virus and Bourbon virus, which can prove fatal, were discovered in just the last five years. Powassan virus, a rare but dangerous pathogen that can cause permanent brain damage or death, can be passed from tick to human in just 15 minutes. It was discovered in 1958, and an average of seven cases are reported each year. Earlier this month, a resident of Saratoga County, NY, who had Powassan disease died.

Dr. Gary Wormser, founder the Lyme Disease Diagnostic Center at New York Medical College, said the most worrisome tick-borne contagion he sees is babesiosis, which can cause malaria-like symptoms and require hospitalization. A few of his patients have died from it; several required intensive care. Before 2001, babesiosis was not found in Westchester, NY. But Westchester Medical Center has diagnosed at least 21 cases in the past year. A study of babesiosis in Wisconsin found a 26-fold increase in the number of cases between 2001 to 2003, and 2012 and 2015. In places where the lone star tick is gaining prevalence, doctors are also seeing an increase in cases of alpha-gal syndrome, a strange allergy to red meat induced by tick bites. Alpha-gal is a sugar molecule carried by the lone star tick. When the tick bites



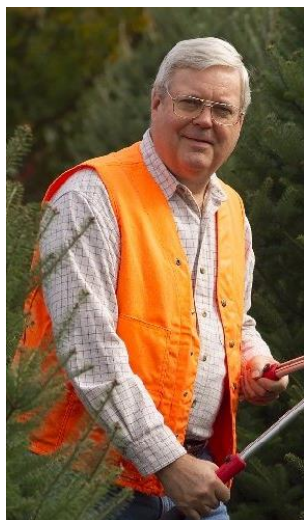
a human, it activates the immune system, which starts producing alpha-gal antibodies. The body becomes wired to fight alpha-gal sugar molecules, which are abundant in red meat. Eating meat can trigger allergic reactions from an itchy rash to anaphylactic shock.

Dr. Erin McGintee, an allergist and immunologist at ENT and Allergy Associates in Southampton, sees two or three cases of alpha-gal syndrome per week during tick season. Since diagnosing her first case in October 2010, she has seen more than 380 patients. “The cases are definitely increasing over time,” she said. That is no surprise to Karen Wulffraat, administrative director of Southampton Hospital’s Tick-Borne Disease Resource Center. “The calls about lone star tick bites are increasing in number, even overtaking the blacklegged tick,” which is native to the Northeast, she said.

Cathy Ward and her husband bought a summer house in Southampton in 1984. And moved there permanently eight years ago. Ms. Ward remembers taking her son Bill to the nearby wildlife refuge as a child, where he would fill his hands with birdseed and stand with his arms outstretched until birds came and perched on them. Now when Bill Ward visits with his young daughter, Taylor, his mother tells them the refuge is off limits – it is a breeding ground for ticks. “It wasn’t a concern when Bill was young,” Ms. Ward said. “Now you have to protect yourself all the time. You don’t know where you’re going to pick up a tick.” She will not garden in the yard anymore, and has it sprayed for ticks annually. Despite that, her granddaughter got a tick while visiting during the Fourth of July weekend. The family found it before it had bitten her, but it was a shock nonetheless. “It’s scary, because we don’t know which diseases the carry,” said Mr. Ward.

Brian Kelly, owner of East End Tick and Mosquito Control, has noticed the change, too. His company now sprays people’s lawns instead of just their bushes because lone star ticks are more aggressive than the native blacklegged ticks, and tend to venture further from the woods. “People can walk across their lawn barefoot to get the newspaper and get a tick,” he said. As human exposure to ticks continues to increase, it’s likely that even the rarest infections they carry will become more common, Dr. Goddard said. “This really has a human toll that a lot of people don’t recognize,” he said.

## Lewis Named PA Fish and Boat Commissioner



Harrisburg, PA - The Pennsylvania State Senate has approved PA Governor Wolf's appointment of Richard Lewis to the PA Fish and Boat Commission for a four year term.

Richard is an ANSAF Executive Committee Member, a Keystone Chapter SAF Executive Committee Member, and the President Elect of the Pennsylvania Forestry Association. He resides with his wife in the Adams County countryside near Gettysburg, PA.

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission is an independent Commonwealth agency comprised of 10 Commissioners appointed by the Governor and approved by the Legislature. Day to day operations are overseen by an Executive Director. The mission of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission is: *to protect, conserve, and enhance the Commonwealth's aquatic resources and provide fishing and boating opportunities.*

## The Society of American Foresters at the 2017 National Boy Scout Jamboree

Bob Radspinner, Jamie Shuler, Bryan Seipp, Barb Breshock and Barb McWhorter contributed to this article.

From July 19 through July 27, West Virginia hosted scouts and scouters from throughout the United States, US territories, and many countries at scouting's world class Summit Bechtel Reserve. Approximately 35,000 campers descended on Glen Jean, West Virginia to experience the opportunity to meet other scouts and experience high adventure on 11,000 acres near the New River Gorge.

Located on the west end of Summit Center on a forested ridge was a series of tents featuring exhibits and activities all related to natural resources. Foresters, wildlife biologists, and other resource professionals from state, federal, and the private sector, staff what was known as the "Conservation Trail". Realizing that many scouts become interested in natural resource careers during their scouting experience, the National Conservation Task Force of the Boy Scouts invited natural resource organizations to participate in this outreach program in past jamborees. This tradition continues and the Conservation Trail is where scouts learn about natural resource professions while having fun in a wooded environment.



Scouts take the Forestry Challenge

As it had done in 2013, the West Virginia Division, Allegheny Society took the lead on this effort for the Society of American Foresters. SAF partnered with the West Virginia Division of Forestry to introduce scouts to forestry through instruction in Forestry Merit Badge and to answer questions about career opportunities in the profession. We also provided a fun learning activity called the Forestry Challenge. Individual scouts or groups would attempt to answer 12 forestry questions posted on trees along the conservation trail to earn a special patch. As the Jamboree has a WLAN, QR codes were provided to take participants to websites to find answers. At our location on the Conservation trail, we had 2,844 visitors from 48 states – only New Mexico & South Dakota didn't stop by but we had scouts/leaders from Australia, Aruba, England, Haiti, Japan, Norway, Sweden, Peru, Taiwan, and Thailand. We worked 67 hours which translated to 42 visitors/ hour.



Jamie Shuler with SAF appreciation plaque

At the leadership luncheon, Jamie Schuler, current West Virginia Division chair, accepted a plaque of appreciation from the Boy Scouts for SAF participating on the conservation trail at this National Jamboree. Jamie, who has a son in scouting, added his thoughts on his volunteer experience on the Conservation Trail. *"The future is looking bright for forestry and other natural resource professions. My conversations with a great number of boy scouts revealed their excitement and interest in the outdoors. Our job is to show them that we can manage our natural resources in ways that are sustainable and beneficial to society."*

Leading the Conservation Trail as Chairman was Mike Huneke. Mike works for the USDA Forest Service and is a member of the Maryland/Delaware Division of the Allegheny SAF having served as chapter chair in 2006-2007. He was recognized for his efforts on the Boy Scouts National Conservation Task Force and presented The William T. Hornaday Gold Medal, BSA's highest individual conservation award. It recognizes unusual and distinguished service in natural resource conservation and environmental improvement at the regional, national, or international level.

SAF volunteers assisting on the Conservation Trail included Jim Dailer, John Brown, Rick Sypolt, Melissa Thomas-Van Gundy, Joe Lancaster, Jamie Schuler, Barb Breshock and Rudy Williams from the Allegheny Society plus Lee Spadlin and Bob Radspinner from the Appalachian Society in Virginia.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**ALLEGHENY SAF WINTER TRAINING**  
**FEBRUARY 21-23, 2018**

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## **In Memoriam**

### **Jim Roberts**



James Bertram Roberts (Jim), born August 13, 1939, passed peacefully on to heaven on Saturday, July 22, 2017. He was born to Margot and Wilmer Roberts and was raised in Western Maryland. He attended West Virginia University, graduating with a degree in Forestry. After graduation, he began his career with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources where he worked to promote sustainable forest management. Rising to assume the position of State Forester, he led efforts to promote conservation of forest lands to protect water quality in the Chesapeake Bay and to incentivize sound management of private forests. He served as president of the National Association of State Foresters where he promoted the First Congressional Arbor Day, assisted in establishment of the Grove of State Trees in the National Arboretum and promoted sound forest management nationwide. He received an outstanding alumni award from the University of West Virginia for his efforts in promoting forest conservation.

Jim married his college sweetheart Elizabeth (Jarrett) Roberts on December 1, 1962 and had three children. They retired and moved to Poe, West Virginia in 1996. Jim continued to manage his own forest into retirement. He was an avid reader and enjoyed the tranquility of nature. He is survived in life by three children, James B. Roberts, Jr. and his spouse, Cherie; Margaret K. McGinty and her spouse, Robert; and William M. Roberts; four grandchildren, Meghan A. McGinty, Elise N. Roberts, Emily G. Roberts, and Ennette M. Roberts. His wife, Elizabeth preceded him in death. We will celebrate his life with a memorial service at Royal Chapel United Methodist Church in Tipton, WV on Sunday, August 13th at 3 pm. Memorial gifts in his honor may be presented to The Arbor Day Foundation, Trees in Memory Program: at <https://shop.arborday.org/content.aspx?page=Commemorative> or contact the Arbor Day Foundation directly at 1-888-448-7337 to obtain a donor form.

**Paul Lyskava**  
1965-2017

It is with a great degree of regret and heavy hearts that we advise PFA Members that Paul Lyskava has passed. Our sincerest of prayers and condolences are extended to his wife Kathleen and their son, Sean.

PFA President Gene Odato noted, “Paul was always there for the Bureau of Forestry when we needed input on revisions to an old program or when we were rolling out a new program. The forest industry was well served by Paul’s service on the Forest Stewardship and Forest Legacy Committees. We would hash out details, even down to one word, trying to design a policy or program that industry and government could agree on. We always developed a better product because of Paul’s expertise and commitment to the resource.”



According to PFA VP Richard Lewis, “Paul was a good friend, a caring father and husband and an exemplary association executive for the Pennsylvania forestry community. I will especially miss my bird hunting trips with him. “

Since 2002, Paul Lyskava served as the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Forest Products Association. His educational efforts with Pennsylvania House and Senate members kept them abreast of the concerns of their forest product constituents and of the PA Forestry Community in general. For the four years prior to his affiliation with PFPA, Paul served as the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Hardwoods Development Council, a division of the Commonwealth’s Department of Agriculture. Before that, Paul held a position with the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association as an Economic Development Representative. Paul received his BA from the University of Notre Dame and continued his post-graduate education at PSU attaining a Masters of Public Administration.

In 2015, Paul was the recipient of the Pennsylvania Forestry Association’s Joseph T. Rothrock Conservationist of the Year Award, which recognizes actions and service that contribute to the continued conservation of Pennsylvania’s forest resources in the spirit of PFA’s founder, Joseph T. Rothrock.

Nowhere was Paul’s passion deeper than with our youth, and during his tenure at the PA Hardwoods Development Council, Paul helped to develop and implement the Pennsylvania Wood Mobile, a traveling educational exhibit that he continued to campaign for and contribute to when he assumed his role with PFPA. He also was a strong supporter of the Log A Load for Kids Program which raises thousands of dollars annually to help severely injured and very ill children in Pennsylvania’s Children’s Hospitals.

In parting PFA Members simply say, “Thank you for your years of service and commitment to the Pennsylvania forestry community. Rest in peace, our dear friend.”

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## Coming Events

### October, 2017

**5** Roach-Bauer Forestry Forum  
*"Invaders in Our Thickets"*  
 Kane Country Club  
 Kane, PA

### February, 2018

**21-23** Allegheny SAF Winter Training  
 Gettysburg, PA

### November, 2018

**14-16** Allegheny/NY/NE SAF Leadership  
 Academy  
 Grey Towers National Historic Site  
 Milford, PA

### Future SAF National Conventions

**2017:** Albuquerque, NM Nov. 13-19

**2018:** Portland, OR Oct. 3 – 7

**2019:** Louisville, KY Oct. 30 – Nov. 3

**2020:** Providence, RI Oct. 28 – Nov. 1

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