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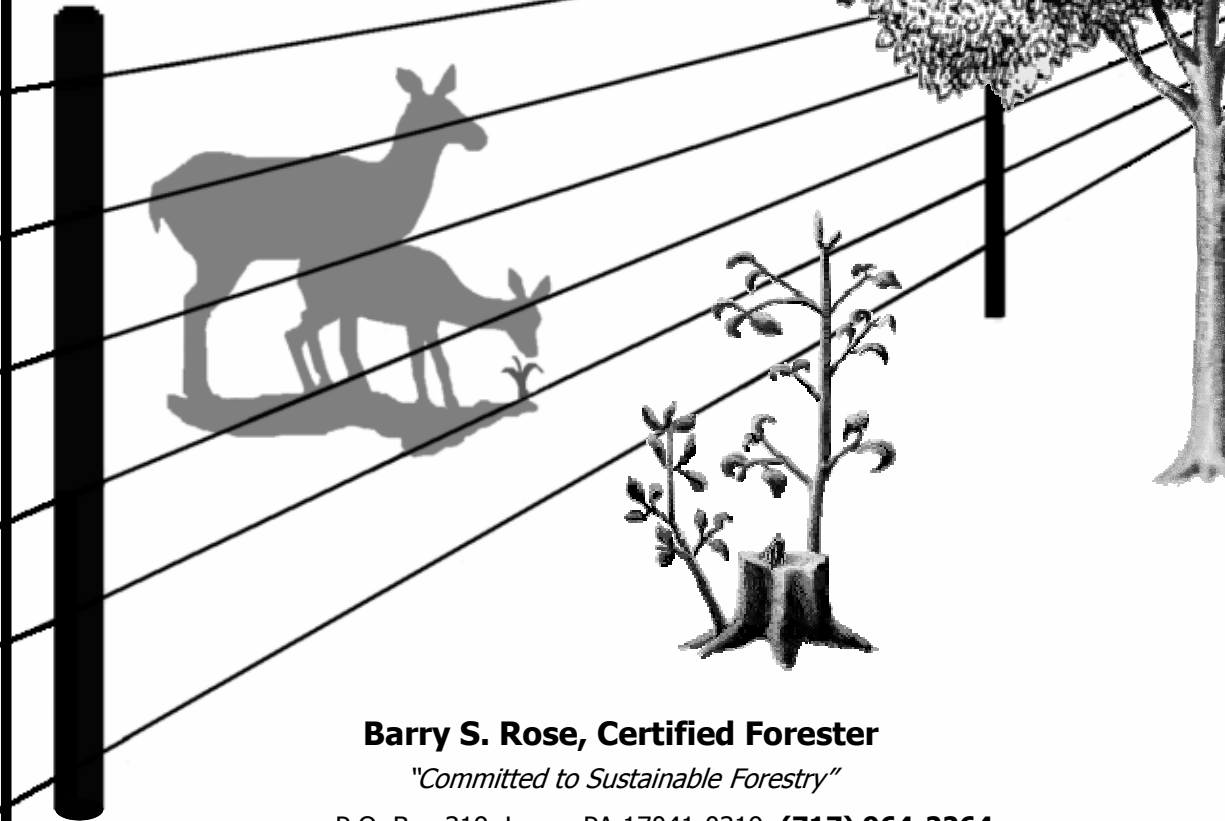


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Chair's Corner

By Kurt Gottschalk, Allegheny SAF Chair



As I write this column, the SAF National Convention in Reno is starting to become a distant memory. Even though it is only 6 weeks ago, so many things have happened in the interim, that it seems much longer ago. The House of Society Delegates (HSD) Meeting went well. Ken Jolly has an article about HSD in the newsletter, so I will not dwell on the outcomes from the meeting, other than to congratulate the Maryland-Delaware Division for winning the HSD National Recognition Award for Divisions. The winning success story was the Maryland Centennial Board Foot Plaque project that celebrated the 100th year anniversary of the Maryland State Forest System and also provided outreach to Maryland's elected officials. Allegheny SAF had three nominations - one at the State/Multi-state Society level and two at the Division level.

The Science Fund had a successful photo contest at the convention with two Allegheny SAF members, Charlie Newlon and myself, placing photos in the contest. There is more information on the photo contest elsewhere in this newsletter as well.

National SAF is working on a major revision of its website in order to better serve not only its members but also the general public looking for information on forestry. In addition, HSD passed a motion on setting minimum website standards and components for State, Division,

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and Chapter websites, so that they are more consistent. Another issue that is coming soon is a new policy on the use of SAF's name as a co-sponsor of meetings and other events, the **Guidelines for SAF Sponsorship of Events**. To quote a meeting handout:

"The Society of American Foresters is recognized as the primary professional forestry organization in the United States. As such, the Society is often asked to sponsor meetings and activities organized by other organizations and individuals. The use of the Society of American Foresters name represents an endorsement of forestry and natural resources programs, and is a potential source of attendees. The SAF Sponsorship Proposal Form was developed to provide a mechanism for a consistent systematic review of such requests and identify criteria that should be used to evaluate and determine whether or not to approve sponsoring such meetings."

The form will need to be filled out and submitted to Terry Clark at the national office where it will be evaluated and permission to use SAF's name determined. This change will take some getting used to at the state and local level, where co-sponsorship of meetings has been quite common.

SAF national office has developed a new set of minimum bylaws for State and multi-state societies, divisions, and chapters. Over the next

couple of years, we will need to revise the Allegheny and our Division and Chapter bylaws to make sure we are compliant with the minimum bylaws. Our draft bylaws will need to be sent to the National Office for review before we vote on them. The revision is a legal requirement of our tax-exempt status and ensures that the Society is compliant.

I also want to remind all of the chapters and divisions that they will need to contact SAF's insurance carrier more than 60 days in advance of all meetings to determine if we need to purchase any optional coverage for the meeting activities. An additional optional service that is offered is meeting cancellation insurance. Given the ice storms and other weather that we often get for our Winter Allegheny SAF meetings, this might not be a bad idea either.

Finally, I want to make sure that everyone is planning ahead for future SAF National Conventions. The 2009 meeting will be in Orlando, Florida from September 30 to October 4; the 2010 meeting will be in Albuquerque, New Mexico from October 27-31; and the 2011 meeting will be in Honolulu (Waikiki, Oahu), Hawaii, November 2-6. Start making your plans to attend one of these meetings and increase your knowledge, networking contacts, and continuing education status. Hope to see you there! 🌱

February Career Day Fair at Penn State University

Jamie Murphy, Undergraduate Program Coordinator/Instructor*

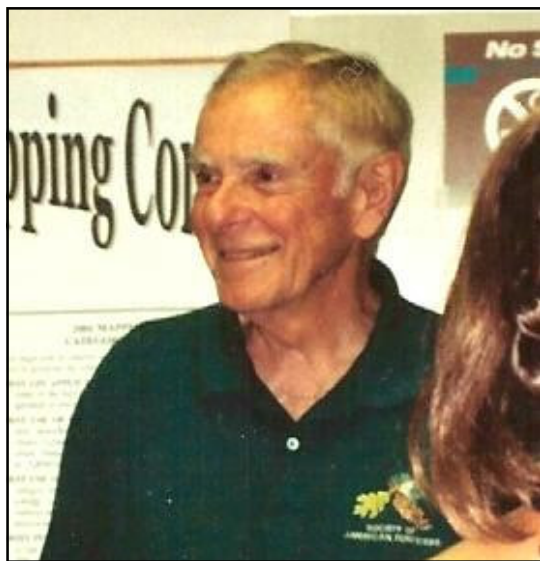
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In Memoriam: Dr. John E. Kuser 1926 - 2008



John Kuser died this past August after living with a rare neurological disease during the past five years of his life. He would have been 82 on October 17, 2008, when over 100 family, friends, colleagues and former students attended a memorial service for him at Trinity Episcopal Church in Princeton, NJ.

John received a MS degree from Rutgers University and a PhD in Forest Science from Oregon State University. For 21 years before his illness, he taught dendrology, ecology, arboriculture and community forestry at Rutgers while doing research in pitch pine, Atlantic white-cedar restoration, white pine, California coast redwood and dawn redwood.

An SAF member since 1974, he received the prestigious New Jersey Division Silas Little award in 2007, and his Tree Farm was selected as the Outstanding Tree Farm in 1977 and again in 1994. He was director of the New Jersey Forestry Association for 15 years, served as chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association, and was a member of the Princeton Township Shade Tree Commission.

He was a real friend to the forestry community and will be sorely missed by all. Donations may be made in John's name to the Morris Arboretum, 100 East Northwestern Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19118. 🌿

Looking Forward to Serving You on Council

By Ken Jolly

The call came in mid-November, just as I arrived home from work around 6:30 p.m.

On the other end of the line was SAF President Tom Thompson. He greeted me cordially, and informed me that I had been elected to serve as the incoming District VII Council representative, charged with the responsibility of representing the Allegheny and National Capital SAF. He also let me know the good news that Mike Lester had been elected as SAF Vice President. I immediately expressed my thanks to President Thompson for the call, and confirmed my willingness to serve on Council for the next three years.

However - as exciting as President Thompson's November phone call was with the good news that I would be able to serve on Council - the real starting point for my term on Council was back in the month of May.

The month of May was when I reached out to several of the members of the Allegheny SAF with whom I have had the pleasure of working with over the past several years, and asked if they would consider signing my Council election petition to place my name on the ballot. The response to my request was swift and positive. Virtually everyone I asked indicated their willingness to sign my petition, and several went out and collected additional signatures from among their colleagues.

Thanks so much to each of you who supported my election petition back in May, and to all who voted for me in the election. I will do my very best to represent your views and concerns, and that of the National Capital SAF, during my term as your Council representative.

I sincerely appreciate the honor and privilege you have given me to serve you and the membership of SAF in this new capacity, and look forward to representing you on Council through 2011. Please feel free to contact me at any time via either phone or email if there is anything that you want to bring to my attention regarding SAF, and I will do my best to be responsive to your concerns. 🌿

SAF District VII Fellows Nominations for 2009

Under the procedures established by SAF Council, the District VII Fellows Committee is accepting nominations of SAF members to be honored with the designation as Fellow in the Society. SAF honors those members who have provided outstanding contributions to the Society and to the forestry profession. Details on the criteria and nomination packets can be found at <http://www.safnet.org/members/> (the National SAF website) under the **Members Only** link and then the **Nomination Procedures...** link. Council has revised the nomination guidelines to emphasize the need *both* for strong SAF Volunteer activities *and* exemplary action, sustained leadership, and advancement of the forestry profession in at least one of the following areas: application of forestry, education, public policy, research, or technology transfer.

District VII fellow pre-nominations should be submitted to **Kurt Gottschalk**, Fellows Committee Chair by email to either kgottschalk@fs.fed.us or kgottschalk@windstream.net, no later than

January 31, 2009. Pre-nominations should consist of brief biographical information on the proposed candidate and a one paragraph bio-sketch for each of the two evaluation areas: 1) SAF volunteer activities and 2) exemplary action, sustained leadership, and advancement of the forestry profession (see national nomination instructions). Pre-nominations can be done without the permission of the nominee. The District Fellows Committee will review the pre-nominations and select those for development of formal nomination packages by February 15, 2009. Formal District VII nominations are due by March 15, 2009 and will require the approval of the nominee. Final review by the District VII Fellows Committee will be completed and nominations forwarded to the District VII Council Representative by March 31, 2009.

We know that both the officers and leadership of the Allegheny and National Capital Societies and the District Fellows Committee look forward to continuing the fine tradition of SAF Fellows that have come from our respective areas. Please consider nominating a deserving colleague. Not sure if someone is already a fellow? Simply go the SAF website under **Members Only**, then click on **Find Someone**, and finally choose **Fellows**. You can then browse the complete list of SAF Fellows located there.

Formal nomination packets must contain all of the following documents:

1. a consent form, signed by the nominee and the District Fellows Committee, to verify the nominee has been informed of and consents to the nomination, and to confirm members of the District Fellows Committee presenting the nomination,
2. three letters of recommendation in support of the Fellow nomination,
3. a completed biographical and professional information form, and
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District VII Council Report

By Mary Coulombe, CF, SAF District VII Representative

This is my last newsletter report as your District VII Council Representative. It has been a great privilege and honor to represent the Allegheny and National Capital Societies. Mr. Kenneth Jolly has been elected your new Council representative and his three-year term starts on January 1, 2009. I know Ken, and he will serve both our District and the Society as a whole with great energy, enthusiasm and integrity.

These three years have gone by very fast and your SAF Council has accomplished a great deal during my time on board. Much of what Council does really isn't very visible to the membership, but I can assure you that they work hard to ensure that our professional society meets the needs of the members both now and in the future. Council directs the SAF budget, the policy initiatives, national positions on issues, internal processes, membership initiatives, and much more. In order to best do its job, Council needs to know what the membership needs and wants. As Ken takes over, I hope that you will contact him and let him know how he and Council can help you get what you need from SAF.

Some things that you can look forward to in 2009 are:

- New SAF marketing materials to reach out to new members and retain existing members;
- National position statements that can help state and local chapters to advance issues;
- Leadership Academy, April 3-7, 2009 in Idaho;
- SAF involvement in the Administration transition;
- Continued excellent publications with the most up-to-date information on the art and science of forestry and natural resources management; and
- Great networking opportunities at local, state, and Society meetings and conferences.

I have one last request as your Council member: Please get involved in your Society. Our Society only exists through the time and efforts of our volunteers. We all benefit enormously from the products and services that the Society provides, but those come from our members. So share your knowledge, experience, and skills with others in whatever way that you can.

Best Wishes to all District SAF members for 2009. I thank you for your support these last three years - it has been a wonderful experience to serve you all.

- Mary J. Coulombe CF

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December 2008 Council Meeting Report

By Ken Jolly, Incoming SAF District VII Council Representative

Council held its final meeting of the year December 6-8, 2008 at the National SAF Office in Bethesda. The first day of the meeting was an orientation session for the four newly elected members of Council (including myself), the incoming Vice-President, **Mike Lester**, and also for three of the four non-voting participants on Council. (Note: the four non-voting participants on Council are the House of Society Delegates Chair, the Committee on Forest Policy Chair, the Student Executive Committee Chair, and the Forest Science and Technology Board Chair).

The remaining days of the meeting covered a variety of business items, as noted below. Our District Council Representative, **Mary Coulombe**, was unable to attend the meeting, and asked if I could provide a brief summary of the items discussed. If you have any questions regarding these items, please feel free to contact either Mary or myself, and we'll do our best to provide you with a response!

- ◆ Michael Goergen, Executive Vice President and CEO, informed Council of SAF's current involvement with the Obama Administration's Environmental Transition Team, including testimony, staff meetings, and one-page Position Papers. Of particular note, SAF was the only forestry organization invited to present testimony to the Environmental Transition Team as of the date of the Decemebr Council meeting. (Note: copies of transition documents are posted on the SAF's website, under the "Policy and Press" tab).

- ◆ Council approved the site for the 2011 National Convention, which will be Honolulu, Hawaii. Council also received a report on the Reno Convention, which was very well attended (just over 1,600 attendees), as well as an update on plans for the 2009 Convention in Orlando. The Orlando Keynote speaker will be Charles Mann, author of the non-fiction book *1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus*.

- ◆ Four new SAF Staff members were introduced: Chris Whited, Director, Membership/Marketing; Corey Hughley, Information Technology/Member Database; Rita Perchikova, Accounting; and Erica Rhoad, Director of Forest Policy. None of these are new positions; SAF experienced turnover in all of these positions

during 2008, and these are the individuals who will be taking over these roles for the future.

- ◆ Council reviewed the property sale situation/plans for the immediate and long-term future.

Due to the current national economic situation and poor real estate markets, no further sales activity is anticipated until markets rebound. The long-term plan remains to maximize the property asset value for member benefits, including sale of the property if a positive opportunity becomes available.

- ◆ Council reviewed SAF financial performance for 2008, and approved the 2009 budget. SAF should end 2008 with an approximate \$50,000 positive balance in operating expenses. Council also formally adopted the revised Strategic Plan (which had been under development in 2008), and asked Staff to provide more details on Strategic Action Items in early 2009 for further discussion and inclusion in the 2010 Budget.

- ◆ Council reviewed current progress and future opportunities related to a variety of policy initiatives, including Forest Carbon solutions, Renewable Fuels Standard and bio-fuels, Farm Bill rule-making, and green jobs. Council also approved four Position Statements (Biological Diversity in Forest Ecosystems; Urban Forestry; Forest Management and Climate Change; and Forest Offset Projects in a Carbon Trading System). Also discussed was a request from John Fedkiw, an Allegheny SAF member, to initiate some follow-up items related to the SAF 1992 Task Force on Sustaining Long-Term Forest Health and Productivity Report.

- ◆ Council received/discussed reports from HSD, FSTB, and the SEC. Also discussed was: a response from the Certification Review Board to member concerns regarding administrative procedures related to the Certified Forester Program and Exam; a report from the Leadership



Development Committee; an update on the Communications Committee's work on the new effort to target urban audiences with positive forestry messaging and the new "Trees are the Answer" campaign.

♦ Council received a report from Chris Whited, Director of Membership/Marketing, regarding the six-point plan he has developed to

improve membership retention and recruitment. Also presented for review were several new membership retention and recruitment publications.

♦ Council approved four amendments to the Technical School Accreditation process, and received a variety of Committee and District Reports. 🌱

2008 House of Society Delegates Report

By Ken Jolly, 2008 HSD Chair

The House of Society Delegates (HSD) - which is composed of the 32 State/Multi-State Society Chairs, a Student Executive Committee (SEC) representative, and the HSD Chair and Chair-Elect - meets one time each year at the SAF National Convention. **Kurt Gottschalk**, Allegheny Chair, served to represent the Allegheny SAF at this year's meeting held in Reno, NV. The Allegheny was an active participant, with two Action Items and three Success Story Items on the agenda.

The first Allegheny Action Item was adopted as an HSD Recommendation to Council, as follows: *HSD moves that SAF support efforts to utilize, within the limits of sustainability, low-quality, small diameter wood in all possible markets including local scale energy.*

The second Allegheny Action Item, which proposed the establishment of new HSD Website/Newsletter Awards, was not adopted as presented; however, the ensuing discussion related to the Action Item resulted in the adoption of the following: *HSD moves that the 2009 HSD Chair and Conveners explore the need for additional HSD awards for State Societies, Divisions, and Chapters.*

- *HSD moves that SAF Council and/or National Office Staff develop 'standard minimum content and components' for all SAF websites at the Chapter, Division, State and National level, and adherence to those standards be encouraged, acknowledging the uniqueness and creativity of each SAF unit's respective website.*
- *HSD affirms its support for National Office Staff efforts to explore the feasibility of creating "alias" email accounts for SAF members.*
- *HSD moves that Council establish a committee, with Staff support, to address the issue of SAF membership decline, and that this committee specifically give careful consideration to the suggestions to reverse membership decline put forward by SESAF and APSAF. (Note: this recommendation included 21 suggestions, which are not included in this article, but which were presented to Council).*

All of the 2008 HSD Recommendations (five total) were presented to Council at Council's December 2008 Meeting, and Council/Staff will be following up on these items in the months ahead. For further information on any 2008 HSD Items, feel free to contact either Kurt Gottschalk, Allegheny Chair, or Kenneth Jolly, 2008 HSD Chair. 🌱

MD-DE Division Receives National HSD Award

By Ken Jolly, 2008 HSD Chair

The Maryland-Delaware Division was recently honored to be the recipient of a House of Society Delegates (HSD) 2008 National Recognition Award. The award was in recognition of the Maryland Centennial Board Foot Plaque project, and was accepted by Allegheny SAF Chair Kurt Gottschalk at the 2008 National Convention in Reno (see the photo on the bottom of page 9).

This is the first year the HSD National Recognition Awards have been presented. The Awards were established at the 2007 HSD Meeting to give national recognition to outstanding "grassroots" projects that are initiated at the State/Multi-State, Divisions, and Chapter levels. Projects are selected on the basis of their advancement of SAF's Mission or the manner in which they provide service to the public and/or to SAF members.

The Maryland project was recognized for the Division level Award. The project celebrated the Centennial anniversary of the beginning of scientific forestry in Maryland through the creation of "Board foot plaques" harvested from Garrett State Forest (the first State Forest in MD).

The "Board foot plaques," along with a letter describing the benefits of good forest management, were presented to each member of the Maryland State Legislature and various other elected officials, as well as to other appropriate locations throughout the state. This served to make Maryland lawmakers aware of the many benefits provided to the state through "scientific forest management," as well as making them more aware of the Centennial celebration of the founding of Maryland's Forest Service. 🌱

Somerset County Technology Students Win FFA Silver

By James Harrold, SAF Member

Members of the FFA Chapter of the Somerset County Technology Center recently competed in the National FFA Forestry Career Development Event (CDE) in Indianapolis, Indiana, October 22-25, 2008. Thirty-eight teams participated in the competition during the 81st National FFA Convention.

All team members were interviewed on current forestry issues, individually identified tree species, equipment and tools commonly used in forestry, and completed two forestry practicums and a team problem that was related to forestry management. The four-member Somerset team was a Silver Medal winner in the competition as well as receiving individual medals. Rob Harrold, Forestry Instructor at the Tech Center, coached team members.

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Left to right: Forestry Instructor and coach Robert Harrold, team members Matt Ryman, Roy Mishler, Brandon Baker and Tim Miller.

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SAF's New Continuing Forestry Education Program

How It Works for Allegheny Society Members

By Mark Vodak, CFE Coordinator

As SAF's National Office developed and began instituting its new continuing education program over the past year, some confusion and questions have occurred for members and coordinators, alike, regarding the procedures for evaluating and obtaining continuing forestry education (CFE) credits. Having had the opportunity to attend a CFE workshop sponsored by the National Office at SAF's National Convention in Reno during the first week of November, the following discussion will hopefully provide a little insight into the process and how the 'new' program will operate.

First, there were several reasons for changing the system, including inconsistency in CFE allocation, topics incorrectly assigned Category I, and no effective system in place to audit CFE hours. Just as importantly, there was the need to strengthen the Certified Forester (CF) Program as a credentialing program, which requires a continuing education system that is consistent and can be effectively tracked, monitored and audited. As a result, the new goals of SAF's CF Program are to have a system which strengthens accountability; enhances credibility; simplifies verification; and accommodates auditing, while keeping the grassroots CFE coordinator system.

The procedure for having a program evaluated for CFE credits under the new system starts with the 'provider' (chapter, society, organization, etc, that is planning and/or sponsoring the program) requesting a "Provider Application Form" (PAF) from the CFE Coordinator. The provider completes the PAF, which includes location, and specific information about the speakers and agenda, and returns it to the CFE Coordinator along with any other available program information prior to the date of the program (and no later than one week after the date). The provider may optionally request the National Office to evaluate the program, particularly where there may be a conflict of interest for the CFE Coordinator or the program will be presented in more than one state.

The CFE Coordinator evaluates the credit hour assignment, enters the program on National's online CFE calendar, and forwards a 'Certificate of Attendance' with the posted credit to the provider,

along with a 'Sign-in Sheet', which may be categorized by portions of the complete event (i.e., morning and afternoon, or field). The provider conducts the event, using the sign-in sheets; disseminates the Certificates of Attendance at the completion of the event, or for the program components which pertain to assigned hours attended by the participant; and sends the sign-in sheets with a copy of the published or final agenda to the National Office within three weeks after the event date. For some events, the event registration record can be substituted for the sign-in sheets.

The Allegheny SAF member, attending the event and receiving the attendance certificate, simply files the certificate for later use in claiming credit hours for either their CF or their CFE 5-year certificate. This part of the process remains virtually the same, with the member submitting their claim for hours directly to National SAF. The National Office compares the claim with their records and makes the award accordingly. If a disparity or problem arises in the process, the new system has also installed an appeals process.

Perhaps one of the biggest changes for both SAF members and CFE Coordinators is the procedure for evaluating programs for CFE credit 'after the fact.' In the past, for SAF members to obtain CFE credits for programs not evaluated for CFE credits prior to their attendance, the member forwarded the program agenda with detailed information about the sessions they attended, and any other pertinent information about the program and their participation to the CFE Coordinator for credit hour evaluation. With the new system, all of the same 'after-the-fact' program information is submitted to the National Office for evaluation.

While the changes of SAF's new CFE Program may at first seem a little confusing, given a chance to become more familiar with them, most members will probably agree that the changes do strengthen and improve the overall program. It's important to remember that SAF's Certified Forester Program is a credentialing process which must be consistent, accountable and credible. It's a program that benefits each SAF member and the profession, both now and in the future. 🌱

2008 Science Fund Photo Contest a Success

By Mary Ann Fajvan, Forest Science Coordinator

The photography talents of SAF members were on display again at the third annual Science Fund photo competition held at the 2008 National Convention in Reno, Nevada. The purpose of the competition is to raise funds to help support the SAF Science Fund Grant Program. Thanks to the efforts of Kurt Gottschalk and other volunteers who sold tickets, convention attendees purchased "votes" at \$1 each to vote for their favorite of the 30 photos that were submitted. This year's event raised \$393 for the Science Fund.

Two Allegheny SAF members won top honors in the competition. **Charlie Newlon's** photos won second and third places in the category Teaching Science to Children. **Kurt Gottschalk's** photos won first place in the Science and Technology category and second place in the Research category. I know there are many other talented photographers in the Allegheny SAF, so start taking photos for the 2009 competition in Orlando, Florida.

The Science Fund Grant Program provides monetary support to projects and events that facilitate research and information exchange in conjunction with SAF Working Groups. Allegheny SAF has been commended for making contributions from the proceeds of the Silent Auction held at our Winter Meetings.

Detailed information about the Science Fund is available at: www.safnet.org/members/scifund.cfm or by contacting Terry Clark at clark@safnet.org 🌿



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Forestry Forum Focuses on Impacts of Liming on Trees and Forest Soils

By Ned Karger, Roach-Bauer Forestry Forum Chair

Tree growth, regeneration and deer have long been the focus of foresters. More recently acid precipitation, soil chemistry and spreading lime on forests have been studied. To present the latest scientific information on these issues, Dr. Robert Long was the featured speaker at the Roach Bauer Forestry Forum held recently at the Kane Country Club, October 9, 2008.

Dr. Long has studied soil nutrients and growth relationships in Sugar Maple, Oak and Northern Hardwood forests for many years. His presentation to 90 foresters and natural resource professionals was entitled "Impacts of Liming on Soil Chemistry and Responses of Northern Red Oak, Sugar Maple and Black Cherry".

He first reported on a four-year study of oak seedlings duplicated on multiple sites in PA and NY. Lime was applied at rates of zero, two, four and six tons per acre in fenced and unfenced plots. Measurements on soil chemistry and seedling growth were taken. Over the four years of measurements, soil chemistry was changed to a depth of 18 inches. Changes in acidity were mostly in the upper 4 inches of soil. The leaves of the oak seedlings were also studied and found to have more nutrients on limed plots. Adding lime above the two tons per acre rate did not have additional effects. Despite the observable changes in soil and foliage chemistry, no significant height or root growth of the seedlings was observed on the limed sites when compared to the unlimed sites. Height and root growth were only greater within the fenced areas where seedlings were protected from deer browsing regardless of liming. Dr. Long concluded that while soil liming has no significant effect on oak seedling growth and survival, deer browsing does have a significant effect.

Declining health of Sugar Maple especially on upper slopes and ridge tops, where the effect of acid precipitation is greatest, has been a concern to foresters for many years. The second part of Dr. Long's presentation focused on a number of long term studies including a study of a one-time lime



Dr. Robert Long, research forester, is presented a Black Cherry Biltmore stick by Ned Karger, Chairman of the Roach Bauer Forestry Forum Steering Committee

application of 10 tons per acre which has been followed for many years. On these sites the survival and growth of Sugar Maple trees improved and continued over more than twenty years. An interesting finding in this study was that survival and growth of Black Cherry trees followed an opposite trend. Black Cherry trees had poorer survival and growth rates on the limed areas. The decline of Sugar Maple trees is likely due to acid precipitation but Black Cherry is much less affected.

As is the tradition, Dr. Long was presented with a Black Cherry Biltmore stick after his presentation and the question and answer session. Dr. Long is a research forest pathologist with the US Forest Service Northern Research Unit in Delaware, OH. He is a member of a scientific research team which includes the Forestry Sciences Lab in Irvine, PA. He is a native of Pennsylvania and received his Masters and Ph. D. in Forest Pathology from Penn State.

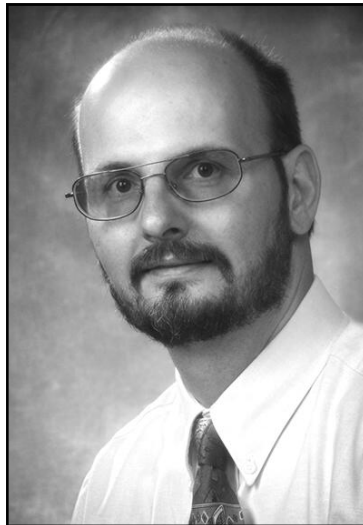
The Forum raised \$500 for the Bob Bauer Scholarship Fund (Penn State) through the raffle of a beautiful, framed print by artist and forester, John Sidelinger. The next Roach-Bauer Forestry Forum is scheduled for April 16, 2009 at the Kane Country Club. The Spring Forum topic will be "Forests and Carbon Sequestration." 🌿

ACM Forestry Professor Elected to MFA Board

CUMBERLAND, MD – John Jastrzembki, professor of forestry at Allegany College of Maryland (ACM), has been elected to the board of governors of the Maryland Forests Association (MFA). He is one of 19 members serving on the professional association’s governing body.

The MFA, which represents the full-range of interests in Maryland’s forest resources, promotes healthy and productive forestlands statewide. It strives for healthy, viable and sustainable forests to enhance the state’s environment and economy and to improve the quality of life for its citizens. As ACM offers the only forestry program in Maryland, there is a close working relationship between the college and the MFA. The association supports forestry education there with scholarships and professional mentoring to students. In return, ACM forestry provides the next generation of natural resource stewards for Maryland and the mid-Atlantic region.

Jastrzembki teaches nine unique courses annually on forestry subjects ranging from migratory bird protection to timber tax investment and planning strategies, logging and land development planning. He has been elected by his colleagues to the Faculty Status



Committee and the Faculty Senate, including as chair. He currently serves on ACM’s Academic Standards Committee and has been named outstanding faculty member in two of his 14 years at ACM. He is the recipient of several academic grants including a National Science Foundation Geographic Information Laboratory Award, a U.S. Department of Agriculture student mentoring grant and a Sustainable Ecosystem Curriculum grant. Prior to becoming a forestry educator, when he joined the ACM faculty in 1994, Jastrzembki held natural

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With over 500 individual, professional and association members, the Maryland Forests Association encourages the state to manage its natural resources responsibly. “We are excited to have John on the board of governors”, said Karin Miller, executive director of the MFA, whose office is in Grantsville. “His perspective on diverse forestry and natural resource-sustainable issues will prove invaluable.” 🌱

Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting: "Changing Forest Dimensions"

February 18-20, 2009 Ramada Conference Center, State College, PA

Wednesday, February 18:

12:00 pm – 8:00 pm Registration, Reginald Forbes Art Contest Registration
 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm Allegheny SAF Ethics Workshop – Presenters: Stephen Jacquith, Mike Lester, Kim Steiner, Lloyd Casey, Scott Kurtzman
 2:30 pm – 6:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting
 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Icebreaker Reception – Hors D'oeuvres

CFE Credits will be offered!

Thursday, February 19:

8:00 am – 12:00 pm Registration, Reginald Forbes Art Contest Regist.
 9:00 am – 9:15 am Welcome & Introduction, Bob Merrill, Rothrock Chair
 9:15 am – 10:10 am Keynote Speaker: ACF View on Changing For. Dimensions – Richard Carbonetti, ACF President Elect
 10:10 am – 10:30 am BREAK
 10:30 am – 11:15 am Landowner Dimensions, PSU Study, James Finley, Professor of Forest Resources & Alex Metcalfe, Graduate Student
 11:15 am – 12:00 pm Tree Farm, Future Trends, - Bob Simpson, Senior V. P. Forestry Programs, American Tree Farm System
 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm LUNCH
 1:00 pm – 1:45 pm PGC Perspectives on effects of encroachments - Ben Jones, Game Lands Planning Biologist, Pa. Game Commission
 1:45 pm – 2:15 pm Forest Fragmentation; Changes of Forest Dimensions - Gene Odato, Chief DCNR Rural & Community Forestry Section
 2:15 pm – 2:45 pm BREAK
 2:45 pm – 3:30 pm Gas Rush of Pa., Ted Borawski, DCNR Minerals Section
 3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Small Dimension Wood Products, Tom Weiland, NE Regional Manager of Glatfelter Pulpwood Co.
 4:15 pm Student Quiz Bowl
 6:00 pm Cash Bar Opens
 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Awards Banquet Buffet, speaker: Elliot Abrams, Sr. Vice President, AccuWeather, Inc.

Friday, February 20:

7:00 am – 8:00 am Chairman's Breakfast (all are welcome), inspirational speaker – Stephanie Gottschalk
 8:00 am – 8:30 am Pa SAF Division Meeting
 8:30 am – 9:00 am Allegheny SAF Section Business Meeting
 9:00 am – 9:45 am New models for aggregating forest landowners for effective and sustainable cross-boundary management. – Dylan Jenkins, The Nature Conservancy
 9:45 am – 10:15 am BREAK & Silent Auction Ends
 10:15 am – 11:00 am Forest Soils in the Mid-Atlantic Region, Responding to Half a Century of Air Pollution Legislation, Speaker –Patrick Drohan, Asst. Professor of Soil Pedology
 11:00 am – 11:15 am Closing Comments: Mike Lester, Pa. DCNR, Asst. State Forester
 11:15 am Announce Silent Auction Winners

Hotel Reservations: Call Ramada Conference Center at 814-238-3001. Cost is \$65 + tax per room; 70 rooms held under Society of American Foresters (SAF) until January 16, 2009. Detailed directions to the hotel can be found at: <http://ramadasc.com/mapdirections/>

Want to exhibit? Contact Sanford Smith at 814-865-4261 or email sss5@psu.edu

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Rothrock Chapter Holds Fall Forestry & Wildlife Tour

Brent A. Harding, PSU Forestland Mgmt. Office Forester, Rothrock Chapter Chair Elect

On a blue sky afternoon in late October 2008, **Roy Bucher**, PA Game Commission Southcentral Region Forester, hosted 28 forestry professionals from the Rothrock Chapter of SAF at the Pennsylvania Gamelands #322 in Huntingdon County, PA. Mr. Bucher coordinated an in-the-forest walking/driving tour that married Silviculture with habitat improvement and establishment for non-game and game species.

Mr. Bucher welcomed the attendees and provided the ownership history of Gamelands #322 as well as the past land use/disturbances both natural and human made. He stressed the Game Commission's objective to increase the property's early successional habitat through the harvesting of commercial timber as well as the mowing of decadent shrub communities.

Justin Vreeland, PA Game Commission Southcentral Regional Wildlife Biologist, provided the group with an in depth explanation of the ecology of vernal pools as well as avoidance measures that should be taken when conducting harvesting operations in close proximity to vernal pools. The tour stopped to view a vernal pool that was recently enhanced by relocating a timber haul road away from the vernal pool. Mr. Vreeland also provided the audience with a multiple page



Roy Bucher, PA Game Commission Southcentral Region Forester

document entitled "Conservation Guidelines for Forestry Activities in Relation to Vernal Pools."

Brad Myers, PA Game Commission Southcentral Region Land Management Group Supervisor, joined the tour under a large high tension electric line that traverses Gamelands #322. Mr. Myers explained that the site conditions within the utility right of way are conducive for the establishment of scrub oak communities. Employees of the PA Game Commission demonstrated to the group how they maintain scrub oak with a Caterpillar skid steer. Overly mature scrub oak is periodically

systematically mowed to allow young scrub oak sprouts to emerge. Mr. Vreeland explained that an acorn producing non-contiguous canopy of scrub oak is necessary habitat for golden-winged warblers.

The Fall Forestry & Wildlife Tour ended with light seasonal refreshments coordinated by **Mike Powell**, Rothrock Chapter of SAF Executive Committee Member, and provided by the Rothrock Chapter of SAF.

If you work or live in Central Pennsylvania and would like information about the Rothrock Chapter of SAF, please contact Bob Merrill, Rothrock Chapter Chair, at 814-765-0821. 🌱

Coming Events

February

- 18-20 ANSAF Winter Meeting at the State College Ramada Inn in PA, featuring "Changing Forest's Dimensions" and hosted by Allegheny SAF Rothrock Chapter. Detailed information and registration form on page 14.
- 25-27 "Emerging Issue in White-tailed Deer Management," Lafayette, IN Holiday Inn, hosted by F&NR Extension. Contact Lenny Farlee, 765-494-2153 or lfarlee@perdue.edu

March

- 15 **Deadline for articles and photos for the Spring 2009 issue of *The Allegheny News*.** Send articles as Microsoft Word documents and photos as JPGs via email to editor Jack Winieski at ansaf@verizon.net

April

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

Future Allegheny SAF Meetings

Summer 2009: Northern Hardwoods Chapter
Winter 2010: West Virginia Division

Future SAF National Conventions

2009: Orlando, FL – September 30-October 4
2010: Albuquerque, NM – October 25-28
2011: Honolulu, HI – November 2-6

The next newsletter deadline is March 15, 2009

Send articles in Microsoft Word format and photos as JPG files to Allegheny News editor Jack Winieski at ansaf@verizon.net

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