



Allegheny Society of American Foresters

WINTER MEETING 2016, RADISSON NORTH BALTIMORE HOTEL, FEBRUARY 17-19, 2016

Traditional and Urban Forestry: At the Crossroads

5.5 Category 1 SAF CFE Credits, 2.5 Category 2 SAF CFE Credits, up to 5.5 MAC-ISA Credits, and 4.5 MD LFE CECs.

Agenda

Note: Room assignments are subject to change.

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

- 10:00AM-2:00PM** **Optional Tour of the Port of Baltimore, Forest Products Terminal & Dundalk Marine Terminal**
(Pre-registration required, limited to the first 40 registrants, times are approximate, must provide drivers license number)
- 2:00** **Registration Desk Open, Lobby**
- 3:00-6:00** **Allegheny SAF Executive Committee Meeting, Executive Board Room.**
- 6:00-9:00** **Icebreaker Social, Atrium**

Thursday, February 18, 2016

- 7:00** **Registration Desk Open,**
Reginald E. Forbes Art Contest, Exhibitors, and Silent Auction areas open, Chesapeake Room
Breakfast on your own.
- 9:00** **Welcome and Opening Remarks, Bryan Seipp, MD/DE SAF Chair, Greenspring Room**
- 9:10** **Traditional and Urban Forestry in the Mid-Atlantic, Steven W. Koehn, Director, Cooperative Forestry, USDA Forest Service**
- 9:45** **Emerging Forest Policy and Forest Sector Issues , Tom Martin, President, American Forest Foundation.**
- 10:15** **Morning Break, Atrium**
- 10:45** **Building Community Resilience Through Forestry , Phillip Rodbell, NA Regional Coordinator, USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry**
- 11:15** **State Forester Panel—Don Vanhassent (MD), Kyle Hoyd (DE—For Mike Valenti), Jason Albright (PA—Assist. State Forester).**
- 12:00** **Lunch, Dulaney Valley Ballroom**

Greenspring 1: Urban Issues

- 1:00** **Utility Forestry, Danny Davis, BGE Forestry Section Forester**
- 1:40** **The Greater Baltimore Wilderness Coalition, Marlo Atkinson, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Project Coordinator**
- 2:20** **Break**
- 2:50** **Stormwater Forestry, Bryan Seipp, Center for Watershed Protection, Ellicott City, MD**
- 3:30** **Urban Wood Recovery and Utilization, Brian Knox, Consultant Forester**

Greenspring 2: Traditional Forestry in Urbanizing Areas

- Landscape Scale Forest Management: Eric Sprague, Chesapeake Forests Program Director, Alliance for the Chesapeake**
- Intergenerational Land Transfer, Craig Highfield, Forests for the Bay Program Manager, Alliance for the Chesapeake**
- Break**
- Northern Long-eared Bat Policy Update, Danielle Watson, Assistant Director, Govt. Affairs and External Relations, Society of American Foresters**
- Forest Health Issues in the Mid-Atlantic States: Rick Turcotte, Forest Health Group Leader, USDA Forest Service, State and Private Forestry**

- 4:30** **College Quizbowl, Greenspring Room**
- 7:00** **Banquet Dinner, Dulaney Valley Ballroom (Pre-registration is required)**
- 8:00** **Banquet Dinner Presentation: Jack Higginbotham, President, Paul Reed Smith Guitars, Stevensville, MD**
- 8:30** **Awards and Announcements**



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Friday, February 19, 2016

- 7:00 Chair's Breakfast** Greenspring Room (Pre-registration required)
Chair's Breakfast Presentation: Hugh Sisson, Heavy Seas Brewery, Baltimore, MD
Reginald E. Forbes Art Contest, Exhibitors, and Silent Auction areas open, Chesapeake Room
- 8:15 State Society Business Meetings**
MD/DE—Room TBD
Pennsylvania—Room TBD
New Jersey—Room TBD
West Virginia—Room TBD
- 8:30 Allegheny SAF Business Meeting,** Greenspring Room
- 9:45 Wood Fuel Markets** Kent Jenkins, Vice President of Communications, Enviva Wood Pellets
- 10:30 Morning Break,** Atrium
- 10:50 Forest Products Export Market Update,** Alberto Goetzl, Seneca Creek Associates, LLC.
- 11:30 Forest Inventory Trends, Apps, and Cloud Computing,** Max Nova, Founder, Silvia Terra
- 12:00 Conclude—Thank you and safe travels!**

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REGISTRATION

Meeting registration is due by **February 12, 2015**. A late fee of \$15.00 will be added to all registrations postmarked after February 12, 2015. All Registration levels include icebreaker social, Thursday lunch, and all breaks. **Bus Tour, Banquet and Chair's breakfast require additional fee (see below).**

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Friday Chair's Breakfast.....	\$17
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Thursday Awards Banquet Speaker, Jack Higginbotham

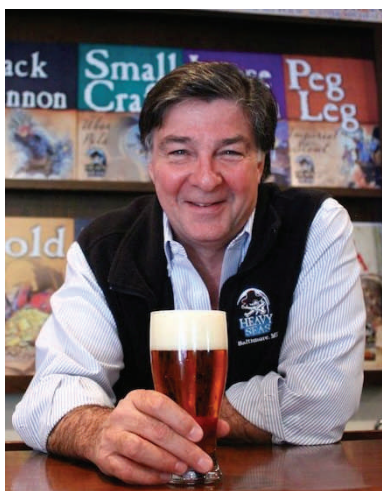
Jack Higginbotham is President of Paul Reed Smith Guitars, Limited Partnership, a manufacturer of high-end musical instruments and equipment in Stevensville, Maryland. Jack has worked in a variety of positions with increasing responsibilities within the business since its inception in 1985 including Guitar Builder, Project Manager, Purchasing Manager, Sales, Production Manager, and VP of Manufacturing. In his current position as President, held since 2002, Jack has managed significant growth of the company. PRS Guitars employs about 250 people who skillfully produce around 950 electric guitars each month. In early 2009, PRS officially added both acoustic guitar and amplifier production lines to the company's product offerings, both of which have received industry accolades at major trade shows in 2015.

Jack lives in Centreville, Maryland with his wife and six children where he serves as a board member of several companies and civic organizations.



Friday Chair's Inspirational Breakfast Speaker, Hugh Sisson

For Heavy Seas founder, Hugh Sisson, beer altered the trajectory of his life.



In 1980, intending to become a stage actor and director, Hugh's plan was to move to NYC after completing his course work for a masters degree in theater. Hugh's father, Albert, a Baltimore area businessman, persuaded him instead to come "help" at a newly opened family business, a tavern called Sisson's. When Hugh showed up to start what he assumed would be a short-term position, his father tossed him the keys to the pub, said "OK, don't f*** up!" and walked out the door.

Hugh had spent a great deal of time in pubs during college and grad school, but until that point, his entire bar experience had always been on the consumer side. With Big Al's handoff of Sisson's pub, Hugh was abruptly faced with learning the "landlord" side of the equation.

Despite no business background, Hugh quickly realized he needed a way to differentiate Sisson's from other bars to give customers a reason to visit. Having studied in England in 1974, his eyes had been opened to traditional cask-conditioned ales, essentially unheard of in the US at that time. His pub and beer experiences abroad made him a fan of "better" beer, influencing his decision to make Sisson's into a beer destination. By 1982, Sisson's had the largest selection of beers in Baltimore and was Baltimore's first draft Guinness account.

The consumer's interest in beer was growing fast, so in 1984, Hugh and his father decided to explore the idea of making their own beer at the pub. Only a handful of brewpubs existed at that time in the US, so turning Sisson's into a brewpub was a groundbreaking concept. One big problem - brewpubs were illegal in Maryland.

Undaunted, the Sissons - under the tutelage of Senator George Della - introduced a bill in the Maryland Legislature in 1987 to legalize brewpubs. Much to their surprise, the bill passed on the first attempt. Sisson's officially became Maryland's first brewpub in August 1989, with Hugh as the brewer.

Hugh remained at Sisson's until December 1994, when he left to form a new company, Clipper City Brewing Co., now home to Heavy Seas Beer.

Today, Heavy Seas produces 18 different beer styles and distributes in 17 states. Heavy Seas has become one of the most respected and award winning craft breweries on the East Coast. The company celebrates its 20th anniversary of business operations on December 8, 2015.