

# West Virginia Division of the Society of American Foresters

November 2016 Newsletter



## ***West Virginia Division of the SAF***

The West Virginia Division of the Society of American Foresters held their Summer/Fall Meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at WVU's Westvaco Natural Resources Center. On Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> approximately 25 members attended field trips to Cooper's Rock State Forest, WVU Research Forest and Mountain Craft Flooring



***WVDOF's Andy Dick showcased management activities at Cooper's Rock State Forest***



*Chairperson, Dr. Jamie Schuler discusses ongoing research at the WVU Research Forest*



*All enjoyed the tour of Mountain Craft Flooring in Hazelton, WV and the comments of owner, Matt Thorn*

*Special Thanks to Jon Pomp for the photos!*



*Members enjoy conversation during the social hour prior to the banquet*



*Members of the WVU Student Chapter sold t-shirts and sweatshirts as a fundraiser*

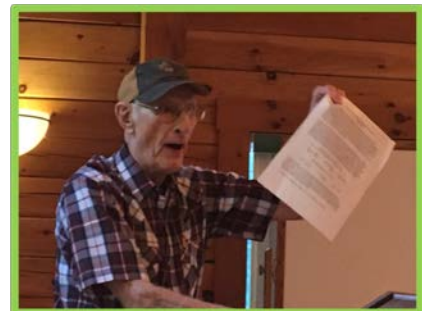
The WV SAF Executive Committee met following the banquet. Thursday's events started with the WV SAF Business Meeting. Topics included: recent WVU SAF Student Chapter activities by vice president, Sean Baldwin, Dave Hill's update on legislative activities regarding efforts to sunset the WV Board of registration for Foresters, a review of the Appalachian Forest Heritage Area program by Joe Lancaster, comments from new Director of the Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design – Division of Forestry and Natural Resources, Dr. Robert Burns, Roger Sherman's report on recent legislative issues, Joe Tekel's heartfelt thoughts on the importance of the logging industry and Randy Dye's update on the West Virginia Division of Forestry. The group voted to provide \$500 to offset the costs of the student chapter attending this year's National Convention. The possibility of initiating a scholarship/internship program was also discussed. Dr. Jamie Schuler presented outreach opportunities associated with the upcoming National Boy Scout Jamboree to be held in WV in 2017. Plans for the Winter/Spring meeting were also discussed. Look for information regarding a meeting about new forestry related technology to be held a central location in the spring!



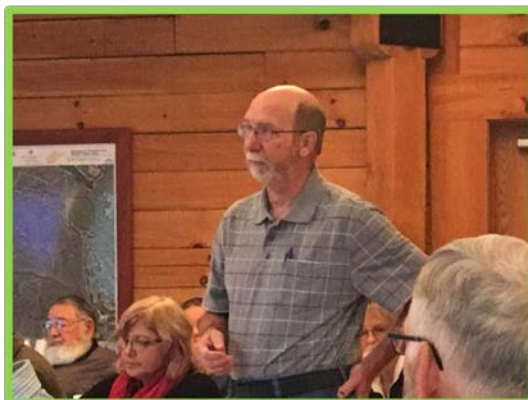
*Dr. Jamie Schuler*



*Joe Lancaster*



*Joe Tekel*



*Dave Hill*



*Dr. Robert Burns*

Topics presented during the Thursday session were varied. The session began with Dr. Dave McGill making a presentation about Wood Products in WV and the Appalachian Hardwood Center's efforts to support WV's wood industry. Amy Hill of the USFS, State and Private Forestry in Morgantown gave an update on diseases and pests affecting WV forests. Arlyn Perkey reviewed some of the lessons he has learned in retirement while managing his woodlot in at Catherine's Knob. WVU's Dr. Jim Rentch reported on red spruce restoration efforts. USFS employees, Dr. Tom Schuler and Dr. Jan Wiedenbeck discussed climate/forest adaptation and the latest in wood quality research respectively. Dr. Jamie Schuler closed the meeting with a report on his research on the use of strip cutting to regenerate oaks.



USFS, State and Private Retiree, Arlyn Perkey

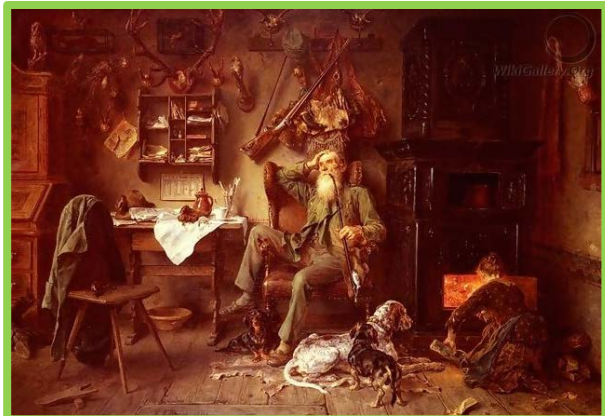


Dr. Jan Wiedenbeck, USFS

***THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE THE MEETING POSSIBLE!***

## NEW LEADERS

**Chair – Jamie Schuler**  
**Vice-Chair – Todd Lotter**  
**Past Chair – Melissa Thomas-Van Gundy**  
**Secretary/Treasurer – Charles Copeland**  
**Communications Chair – Barb McWhorter**  
**At-large board member – Jim Hays**  
**At-large board member – Barb Breshock**  
**At-large board member - Jon Pomp**  
**At-large board member – Tom Schuler**



## For Sale - "West Virginia Logging" and "Forester at Home" Prints

The "West Virginia Logging" unframed prints are available for \$35.  
Those interested should contact Charles Copeland at: [Charles.R.Copeland@wv.gov](mailto:Charles.R.Copeland@wv.gov)

"FORESTER AT HOME" prints are also still available from the West Virginia Forestry Association has teamed with the WV Society of American Foresters to sell the "Forester at Home". Unframed: \$85 Shipping and Handling. Contact the WVFA office to order your copy or for more information at 304-372-1955.

## DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR SERVICE AND ACHIEVEMENTS?

There are a number of Allegheny and National SAF awards available.  
Consider nominating someone.....

### Allegheny SAF Awards

Below is information about and links to Allegheny SAF annual awards: <http://www.alleghenysaf.org/awards/>

### Presidential Field Forester

The purpose of this award is to recognize foresters who have dedicated their professional careers to the application of forestry on the ground using sound, scientific methods and adaptive management strategies. Previous Presidential Field Forester Awards were presented to individuals who have displayed uncommon talent, skill, and innovative methods to achieve a record of excellence in the application of forest management. **Due May 15 each year.** Contact: [Kelsey Delaney](mailto:kelsey@delaney.com) or call (866) 897-8720 ext.202. Webpage: [https://www.safnet.org/about/field\\_foresters\\_criteria.cfm](https://www.safnet.org/about/field_foresters_criteria.cfm) Nomination Form: [http://static1.squarespace.com/static/52fac5cde4b01949904a5138/t/560c9401e4b0c2b900499c81/1443664897680/NominationForm\\_PresidentialFieldForester.pdf](http://static1.squarespace.com/static/52fac5cde4b01949904a5138/t/560c9401e4b0c2b900499c81/1443664897680/NominationForm_PresidentialFieldForester.pdf) **DUE MAY 15th**

### Robert W. Bauer Outstanding Service to Forestry

The purpose of this award is to give official recognition to professional achievements in forestry, and to recognize superior service to the Society of American Foresters. Nomination Form: [http://static1.squarespace.com/static/52fac5cde4b01949904a5138/t/560c9425e4b0d9a979c06078/1443664933033/NominationForm\\_OutstandingServiceForestry\\_2014.pdf](http://static1.squarespace.com/static/52fac5cde4b01949904a5138/t/560c9425e4b0d9a979c06078/1443664933033/NominationForm_OutstandingServiceForestry_2014.pdf) **DUE DECEMBER 5th**

### Forester of the Year

The purpose of this award is to give official recognition to current professional achievements in forestry, to recognize a specific accomplishment or achievement in forestry during the previous year and to demonstrate to the public that the profession is a vital and active part of the total conservation effort. Nomination Form: [http://static1.squarespace.com/static/52fac5cde4b01949904a5138/t/560c9432e4b0d9a979c060d4/1443664946416/NominationForm\\_ForesterYear\\_2014.pdf](http://static1.squarespace.com/static/52fac5cde4b01949904a5138/t/560c9432e4b0d9a979c060d4/1443664946416/NominationForm_ForesterYear_2014.pdf) **DUE DECEMBER 5th**

### Student Leadership Award

The purpose of this award is to recognize a forestry student who exemplifies the leadership capabilities desired in future forestry professionals. Nomination Form: [http://static1.squarespace.com/static/52fac5cde4b01949904a5138/t/560c9446e4b03e0837f79d26/1443664966237/Nomination-Form-Student-Chapter-Leadership-Award\\_2014.pdf](http://static1.squarespace.com/static/52fac5cde4b01949904a5138/t/560c9446e4b03e0837f79d26/1443664966237/Nomination-Form-Student-Chapter-Leadership-Award_2014.pdf) **DUE DECEMBER 5th**

# National SAF Awards

Through national recognition the Society of American Foresters selects recipients in the categories of Forest Science & Technology, Communications, and Professional Recognition. Nominations for national awards are due to the national office by February 28th yearly.

## Fellows

One of the highest honors for members of the Society. This exceptional recognition is bestowed upon a member by their peers for outstanding contributions and service to the Society and the profession. All nomination packets must be received by the national office by February 28 yearly.

## Presidential Field Forester Award

Through presidential direction, eleven members (one from each of the eleven SAF districts) will be selected to receive an outstanding field forester achievement award. This process will assure that each region of the United States will be able to recognize an outstanding field forester. Members must forward all nominations to their district Council Representative by May 15th yearly.

## Student Awards

An Outstanding Student Chapter Award is presented yearly. Applications are due to the national office by June 20.



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS.....

## Upcoming SAF Events

### Winter/Spring West Virginia Division Meeting

Plans are already underway for our next meeting. Tentatively, the meeting will be held in the central part of the state in in the spring. Forestry related technology advancements may be the focus of the meeting.

## Future SAF National Convention Meeting dates:

**2017 - Albuquerque, New Mexico  
November 13-19**

**2018 - Portland, Oregon  
September 30-October 7**

**2019 - Louisville, Kentucky  
October 29-November 3**

Check out the SAF Website at: <http://www.safnet.org/>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Society of American Foresters (SAF). At the top left is the SAF logo with the tagline "Growing Better All the Time". To the right are navigation links: "About SAF", "Renew", "Join", "Profile", "My CFES", "SAF Store", and a "Member Login" button. Below the logo is a banner for the new address: "SAF's new address as of Feb. 1, 2016: 10100 Laureate Way, Bethesda, Maryland 20814". A search bar and a "Donate Today" button are also present. A green navigation bar contains links for "Certification", "Convention", "Education", "Career Center", "Publications", "Working Groups", "Business Directory", and "Event Calendar". Below this are four featured sections: "Forestry Professionals", "Landowners and Public", "Local Units", and "Forestry Students", each with a "CLICK HERE" button. Further down are three promotional banners: "2016 SAF National Convention" in Madison, Wisconsin (Nov. 2-6, 2016), "Forest Policy", and "Certified Forester". At the bottom, there are sections for "Forestry News" (with a link to "New SAF Website to Launch Soon: Impact on current site"), "Job Postings" (with a link to "Associate Director of Forest Carbon Development"), and a Facebook page preview for the Society of American Foresters (3,916 likes).



## HELP WANTED.....

*As the Communications Chair, I welcome any input you can provide regarding content suggestions, upcoming events, awards, obituaries, etc.*

*Thank you --- Barb McWhorter ([Barbara.McWhorter@wv.usda.gov](mailto:Barbara.McWhorter@wv.usda.gov))*

## Do you want to get involved?

During the executive committee and business meetings, ideas about offering a scholarship or an internship opportunity with consulting foresters or other small operations was discussed.

Are you interested in serving on an ad hoc committee to help develop this idea?

If so, contact Jamie Schuler - [Jamie.Schuler@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:Jamie.Schuler@mail.wvu.edu) or at 304-293-3896.



## 2017 National Boy Scout Jamboree

From July 19 through July 27, West Virginia will host scouts and scouters from throughout the United States, US territories, and many countries at scouting's world class Summit Bechtel Reserve.

Approximately 40,000 campers will descend on Glen Jean, West Virginia to experience the opportunity to meet other scouts and experience high adventure on 10,000 acres near the New River Gorge.

Among the many activities will be the Conservation Trail. Realizing that many scouts became interested in natural resource careers during their scouting experience, the National Conservation committee of the Boy Scouts invited natural resource organizations to participate in this outreach program in past jamborees. The Conservation Trail is where campers learn about natural resource professions while having fun in a wooded environment.

The West Virginia Division, Allegheny Society is the lead on this effort for SAF and planning is underway to provide a quality exhibit for the jamboree. During the course of the Jamboree we will need volunteers to work single or multiple day shifts on the conservation trail. Besides meeting with future foresters, volunteers will have the opportunity to enjoy the jamboree experience at this impressive facility serving America's future leaders.

For questions on volunteer opportunities contact Jamie Schuler [Jamie.Schuler@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:Jamie.Schuler@mail.wvu.edu) or (30) 293-3896 or Bob Radspinner at [Radspin221@comcast.net](mailto:Radspin221@comcast.net) or (304)320-0988.

**We look forward to seeing you at the Summit Bechtel Reserve.**

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### Attention all West Virginia University graduates of the Division of Forestry and Natural Resources Management

New and exciting activities are happening with your WVU alumni association. Please consider joining the new West Virginia University School of Natural Resources Alumni association. For just \$15.00 annual dues you can become a member of this organization and impact the future of natural resources management. For details contact Jim Harrold at [harroldjb@gmail.com](mailto:harroldjb@gmail.com).