

West Virginia Division of the Society of American Foresters

May 2016 Newsletter



West Virginia Division SAF Winter/Spring Meeting Activities.....



Mr. Jones (left) and Dave Calhoun (right) welcome meeting attendees to the dinner cruise

The West Virginia Division of the Society of American Foresters held their Winter/Spring Meeting on April 28th and 29th, 2016 at the Amherst Madison Training Facility in Charleston, WV. Approximately 45 members attended. The theme for the meeting was **Educating Ourselves, Informing Others**. The meeting began on Thursday afternoon with a field trip showcasing the long-term commitment to forest management on the Jones' Family land.



Dave Calhoun comments on his forest management philosophy



Attendees watch log jammer in action



Functioning BMPs after a hail storm



Jim Scronce discusses logging road layout

A social hour, icebreaker and banquet followed with a river boat tour and dinner courtesy of the Jones Family.



GREAT FOOD.....



FELLOWSHIP.....



.....AND SCENERY!

Friday started with the WV SAF Business Meeting – topics included: Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, the Treasurer’s Report, WV Legislative issues, John Brown agreeing to be the new CFE coordinator, ideas about scholarships/internships funded by WV SAF, an update on the activities of the WVU Student Chapter – red spruce planting, attendance at the National SAF convention which provided lots of good networking, Christmas tree sales, hopes to get more undergraduates involved. The WVU Student Chapter again thanked the Division for its continued support.



During the Business Meeting, Roger Sherman briefed the WVSAF on the current issues dealt with in the 2016 WV Legislative Session

Topics presented during the Friday session were varied. The session began with Bob Beanblossom introducing a movie entitled “Americas First Forest: Carl Schenck and the Asheville Experiment” which explains the origins of the forestry profession in the United States. Vo-Ag Teacher, Scott Garber, updated the group on the forestry program he is continuing and improving at Pocahontas County High School. Kevin Tomlinson, Agnes Kedmenecz, Henry Liebermann, Bart Caterino and Adam Maltempie gave updates on their research activities at WVU. Research topics included: spot weed removal, fertilization, natural regeneration, remote sensing, inventory methods, shrub willow cultivation, timbering through economic turmoil, seminar attendance and topic selection. The Forestry Program at Potomac state College was the topic of Associate Professor, Jeff Jones’ talk.



WVU Students shared the details of their research projects



Pocahontas County High School forestry students came with their vocational agriculture teacher, Scott Garber, to tell of their successes in their forestry program

THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE THE MEETING POSSIBLE!

***With special thanks to The Jones Family, Amherst Madison, Inc.,
Dave Calhoun, Calhoun Logging, and Jim Scronce***

Next Generation of Forestry.....



WVU Students were well represented at the meeting



Amy Metheny and Agnes Kedmenecz on the dinner cruise, WV State Capitol in the background



Past Chair, Melissa Thomas-Van Gundy turns over the reins to new Chair, Jamie Schuler

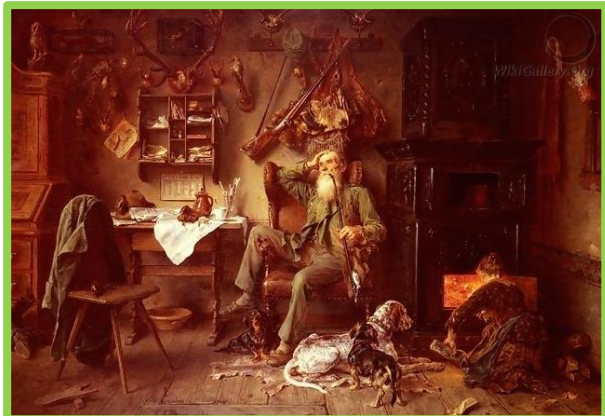
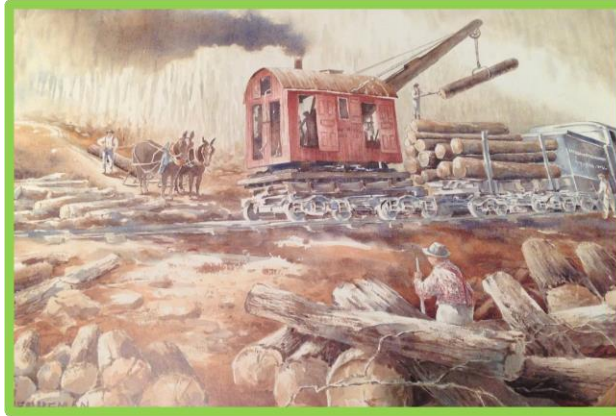
NEW LEADERS

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



50 YEAR MEMBERS.....

Lowell McPherson and Al Schuler were recognized at the recent meeting with Framed certificates reading - "in appreciation of a half-century of SAF membership and your contribution in advancing the science, technology, education and practice of professional forestry in America"



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

"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@wv.gov) or call (866) 897-8720 ext.202. Webpage: https://www.safnet.org/about/field_foresters_criteria.cfm Nomination Form: 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 **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 **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 **DUE DECEMBER 5th**

National SAF Awards

<http://www.safnet.org/about/awards.cfm>

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. <http://www.safnet.org/about/fellows.cfm>

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

Summer/Fall West Virginia Division Meeting

Plans are already underway for our next meeting. Tentatively, the meeting will be held in the north or northeast part of the state in August or September. Forest health topics may be the focus of the meeting.

National SAF Convention

November 2-6, 2016 – Madison, Wisconsin <http://www.xcdsystem.com/safconference/website/>

2016 NATIONAL CONVENTION
Madison, Wisconsin • November 2-6

Home Travel Program Presenting Events Expo Career Fair Students SAF

Plan to attend the SAF Convention in Madison, Wisconsin — November 2-6, 2016

[2016 Convention Call for Presentations](#) • [2016 Convention Prospectus](#)

Forests form the fabric of the landscapes of Wisconsin and the Great Lakes area, influencing generations of foresters and figuring prominently in the cultures, traditions, and economies of the region. Madison is central to a robust Midwestern forestry community that offers a rich history, a legacy of pioneering forestry environmentalism, and an active contemporary forestry industry. It is a vibrant, safe, walkable capital city that is home to the University of Wisconsin and the world-renowned USFS Forest Products Lab.

The 2016 SAF National Convention will explore the rich history of forestry, land stewardship, and the connections that unite all who create, manage, use, and conserve forests and associated resources to meet desired goals, needs, and values.

Visit Madison

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Call for Presentations

We invite you to participate in the premier professional forestry and natural resources event in the United States. We seek oral and poster presentations from all aspects of the multi-disciplinary science and practice of forest management, conservation, and stewardship to foster learning about the state of our art and the contemporary issues in our profession.

Abstract submission is now open! Submit an abstract or panel proposal by [clicking here](#).

Key Dates

- Online submissions now open
- Scientific and Technical Presentations submissions deadline: March 31, 2016
- Notification of acceptance: May 2016
- Poster submissions deadline: September 30, 2016
- Notification of acceptance: October 15, 2016

Scientific and Technical Presentation Information

- [Submission Guidelines](#)
- [Detailed track descriptions](#)
- [To submit an abstract, click here](#)
- [FS&TB Student Presentation Awards](#)

Poster Submission

Submissions relating to the convention theme are encouraged, although submissions are welcomed on the many facets of forestry, including certification, climate change, consulting, education and communication, genetics, physiology, history, international forestry, inventory and biometrics, recreation, wilderness, utilization and engineering, and wildlife & fisheries ecology and management.

Abstract Submission Deadline – September 30, 2016.

To submit a poster abstract, please visit [here](#) and click on the link for abstract submission.

Abstracts will be reviewed against the following criteria:

Review Criteria

1. Clarity: the thought/expression/concept should be reasonable and comprehensible.
2. Scientific approach: including definition of the problem, hypothesis, methodology, application, results, analysis.
3. *Practice of Forestry*: should bridge the gap between science and decisionmaking in the field of forest management.
4. Originality: should report preliminary or novel results on limited data sets or applications of existing methodologies to new areas.

All submissions must meet criterion 1 and should meet one of the other three. **Posters announcing meetings or designed primarily as advertisements for publications or products will *not* be accepted.**

The title and primary author of abstracts selected to be part of the program will be published as part of a special *Journal of Forestry* Convention Proceedings. If you do not wish your abstract to be submitted for publication, contact the SAF Director of Science and Education at ScienceEd@safnet.org or 866-897-8720.

Poster authors are encouraged to submit a full paper to the *Journal of Forestry* or *Forest Science*. Paper submissions will follow the submission and review guidelines prescribed by each journal's Editorial Policy. (For more detailed information, see <http://www.safnet.org/publications/index.cfm>) The publication of an accepted abstract in the January 2017 *Journal of Forestry* does *not* guarantee future publication of the full article.

Each Symposium is an organized group of posters around a specific topic and displayed together in the poster area in the Exhibit Hall. Each poster author is assigned a specific time to summarize the poster and participate in a moderated question and answer session.

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 with images and "CLICK HERE" buttons: "Forestry Professionals", "Landowners and Public", "Local Units", and "Forestry Students". Further down are three more sections: "2016 SAF National Convention" (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 social media widget for the SAF page (3,916 likes, with "Like Page" and "Contact Us" buttons).



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)

Dou 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 or at 304-293-3896



2017 National Boy Scout Jamboree

Looking ahead to 2017, the National Boy Scout Jamboree will be held July 19th through the 28th at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve. We have been asked if we would like to participate in the Conservation Trail and need to designate a representative responsible for any exhibits or activities we'd like to conduct. We should also be thinking about budgeting for these activities in 2017. Anyone wishing to volunteer their time should Bob Radspinner at Radspin221@comcast.net or (304)320-0988.

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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.