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2nd ANNUAL ART EXHIBIT

All those section members so fortunate to have artistic talents are asked to bring some examples of their work to exhibit in the 2nd Annual Foresters Art Exhibit at the Winter Section Meeting in McAfee, New Jersey. The exhibit will include paintings, carvings, photographs and any other artistic achievements Section artists would like to bring to exhibit.

Last year's exhibit at the Winter Section Meeting in Hagerstown was a resounding success thanks to the inspiration of Reggie Forbes and the there-to-fore hidden talents of the many fine artists.

Persons wishing to exhibit their works are asked to bring them to the Winter Meeting. Additional information may be obtained from George Pierson, Bureau of Forestry, Trenton, N.J. 08625.

BUILDING FUND DRIVE

The Building Fund drive deadline is December 31, 1973. Approximately 25% of the Section membership have contributed. The October Journal of Forestry showed that we still need \$49,000 to reach our goal. As of this writing, we are in the process of a fund drive to all Section members. Chairman Wilbur Wolf will contribute \$1 to each \$20 contribution received during this drive with a December 8th deadline. As of December 1st, 18 contributions totaling \$334.00 have been received.

We had a real good National Meeting at Portland. There were several issues raised at the House of Section Delegates Meeting which will have a big effect on the future of the Society.

The first was the projected fiscal deficit which appears in 1974 and gets progressively worse over the next five years. The suggestions for relieving this deficit include increasing the size of the membership, increasing the membership dues, increased revenue from the Journal of Forestry and increased revenue from the National Conventions. We can help the situation dramatically by "selling" the Society to those foresters we know who are not now members.

The new organization of the Working Groups promises to be an effective way to organize members of like interests and to disseminate information among them. Shortly Sectional representatives will be selected for each Working Group to coordinate between the Section and National levels.

A motion was introduced to have "the Council of the SAF establish a national credentials committee to identify and monitor requirements for maintaining professional activity and competence. Specifically this committee will formulate quantitative standards of continuing education and professional involvement against which members can periodically assess themselves". The motion was tabled with the agreement to put it on the agenda for the 1974 House of Section Delegates Meeting. If you have feelings about this matter I suggest you communicate these to your Chapter Chairman or to me so that we have the basis for establishing a Section position prior to that meeting.

The end of the drive for the SAF Headquarters Fund is fast approaching. Unfortunately, we cannot take great pride in the Section's performance to date as we are well below the National average in percent of members contributing. Won't you take this final opportunity to help push the fund beyond the goal of \$350,000.

The coming meeting at McAfee should prove to be interesting and informative. George Pierson and Paul Berezny are putting together an outstanding combination of facilities and speakers. Mark February 6-8 on your calendar and plan to attend.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you there but for those of you who will not be able to attend this will be my last chance to address you as Chairman. I want to thank all of you for allowing me to serve as Chairman and hope that you extend to Chairman-elect Dave White the same help and cooperation which you gave me.

Wilbur E. Wolf, Jr.
Chairman
Allegheny Section

PROGRAM

52nd ANNUAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 6-8, 1974

"URBAN FORESTRY"

Wednesday, February 6, 1974

2:00 - 6:00 P.M. Registration (Equipment
Demonstrations)
6:00 - 8:00 P.M. Ice Breaker (Free Beer and
Snacks - Cash Bar)

11:40 - 12:00 Discussion
12:00 - 2:00 P.M. Lunch
2:00 - 5:00 P.M. Business Meeting
3:00 P.M. Coffee Break

Thursday, February 7, 1974

8:00 - 11:00 A.M. Registration
8:30 - 9:00 A.M. Introductions and Opening
Remarks
George R. Moorhead,
New Jersey State Forester

6:00 - 7:00 P.M. Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar)
7:30 P.M. Banquet

Moderator: Donald S. Calderon, Program
Coordinator for New Jersey
State Council for Environ-
mental Education - Director
Stepping Stone Environmental
Education Center

Speaker: "Forestry in Suburbia"
Harold N. Repair,
Senior County Agent,
Somerset County

9:00 - 9:20 A.M. Forestry's Stake in Urban
Design and Development
John J. Holland, Director
Cumberland County Planning
Board

Friday, February 8, 1974

Moderator: Benjamin B. Stout
Cook College, Rutgers Univ.

9:20 - 9:40 A.M. Promoting Woodland Management
Through Use Value Taxation
John M. Hunter, Specialist
in Agriculture Policy
Cook College, Rutgers Univ.

9:00 - 9:20 A.M. Wildlife Aspects of Urban
Forestry
James E. Applegate,
Assistant Professor
Wildlife Biology
Cook College, Rutgers Univ.

9:40 - 10:00 A.M. The Adaptation of New Jersey
Shade Tree Commission
Operations to Assistance
from the Federal Forest
Service - Urban Forestry
Edgar G. Rex, Executive
Secretary, New Jersey
Federation of Shade Tree
Commissions

9:20 - 9:40 A.M. Urban Forestry - The Federal
Role
William A. Wertz, Forester
Northeastern Area -
State and Private Forestry
U.S. Forest Service

10:00 - 10:20 A.M. Discussion

9:40 - 10:00 A.M. Environmental Research and
Progress
Elwood L. Shafer, Jr.,
Director
Pinchot Institute of
Environmental Forestry

10:20 - 10:40 A.M. Coffee Break

10:00 - 10:20 A.M. Discussion

10:40 - 11:00 A.M. Timber Topping in Essex County
Eugene A. Field, Director
Division of Environmental
Science, Essex County Park
Commission

10:20 - 10:40 A.M. Coffee Break

11:00 - 11:20 A.M. Trees - Highways - Environ-
ment
David G. Grimm,
Horticulturist, New Jersey
Turnpike Authority

10:40 - 11:00 A.M. Tailoring Trees for
Metropolitan Planting Sites
Henry D. Gerhold,
School of Forest Resources
The Pennsylvania State Univ.

11:20 - 11:40 A.M. Sawmill Management in
Suburbia
Anthony J. Donatoni,
Secretary, Donatoni
Brothers, Inc.

11:00 - 11:20 A.M. Developing and Testing
Pitch X Loblolly Pine
Hybrids for the Northeast
Silas Little, Project
Leader
Northeastern Forest
Experiment Station
U.S. Forest Service

11:20 - 11:45 A.M. Discussion

11:45 A.M. Adjourn

ANNUAL WINTER MEETING

MINUTES - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The time for our annual convention is fast approaching! As you can see from the program, we have an excellent and informative two-day session in store for you.

The problems of forestry in a rapidly urbanizing area, such as the one in which we live and work, are becoming more formidable every day. I am sure we will all benefit from the presentations at this year's meeting.

Aside from the fine program, the facilities available to us at the Playboy Club-Hotel are equally outstanding. This has the potential of being the best winter meeting we have ever had. Your attendance will assure its success.

Enclosed is your hotel reservation card. Fill it out and return as soon as possible. The cost is \$37 per day, per person, for double occupancy, and \$53 per day for a single room. This price includes the room, all meals, taxes, and gratuities. All those registered at the hotel should attend the banquet on the evening of the 7th, as this will be your dinner for that day.

For those not registered at the hotel and wanting to attend the banquet, tickets will be available at the registration desk.

Discount tickets for the Great Gorge ski area will be available at the desk, for those of you who will be skiing during your stay at the hotel. Free busing is also available to and from the slopes.

McAfee is in the north-central part of New Jersey, approximately 10 miles from the New York state line. The Playboy Club-Hotel lies approximately two miles north of McAfee on route 517.

There is both free and valet parking, whichever you desire. The valet parking is \$2 per 24 hours.

Just to avoid any confusion, it is not necessary to have a "key" to enter the hotel complex, if you are a conventioner. When you stop at the entrance gate, tell the guard you are with the S.A.F. convention, and he will allow you to go through.

All of us in the New Jersey Chapter are looking forward to seeing all of you this February. So much so, that the beer and snacks are on us at the ice breaker on Wednesday evening. Let's break all the attendance records - make this winter meeting a big success!!

If you have any questions, contact me at the Court House, Morristown, New Jersey 07960.

Paul P. Berezny, Chairman
Meeting Arrangements Committee

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Allegheny Section Society of American Foresters was called to order by Chairman Wolf on Thursday, September 6, 1973, at 7:45 p.m. in a meeting room of the Blackwater Falls Lodge, Davis, West Virginia. The following members were present:

Wilbur E. Wolf, Jr., Chairman
David White, Vice-Chairman
Joseph E. Barnard, Secretary-Treasurer
Robert Ache, Executive Committee
John F. Ewers, Chairman Northern Hardwoods Chapter
Steve Liscinsky, Chairman, Rothrock Chapter
David Marquis, Chairman, Pinchot Chapter
Joseph Yeager, Chairman, W. Va. Chapter
Douglas A. Mead, Editor, Allegheny News
William N. Grafton, Vice-Chairman, W.Va. Chapter

The minutes of the February, 1973 Executive Committee meeting in Hagerstown, Md., were approved as published in the Allegheny News. The Treasurer's informal report indicated a checking account balance of \$1,445 and \$3,500 in the savings accounts.

Old Business

Chairman Wolf asked if there was any further action required on the Section's part regarding the technician member question raised by the Maryland Chapter. The letter to the Executive Committee from Don These of the national office was discussed. It was determined that no further action was necessary.

Chairman Wolf reported on the progress of the Winter Meeting program committee. The meeting will be held February 6-8, 1974. The theme is Urban Forestry. A committee consisting of George Pierson (Chairman), Gordon Bamford, James Cummins, Ron Langford, and Tunis Lyon is handling all the planning details.

Chairman Wolf raised two questions concerning the Winter Meeting. One, should the Section publish a proceedings? Two, should there be a registration fee to cover certain expenses or should the section pay all costs for such things as guest speakers, etc.

After some discussion, Steve Liscinsky moved that a copy of all papers be sent to the Conservation Library in Denver, Colorado, and a note to this effect be placed in the Allegheny News. (Sec. Note - Copies of any paper in the Denver Conservation Library are available to individuals or groups on request.) The motion was seconded and approved.

Dave White moved that Chairman Pierson of the meeting program committee submit an itemized budget and let the Section Chairman use his discretion in the matter. The motion was seconded and passed.

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New Business

Chairman Wolf reported that the following individuals had been named section representatives to the indicated working groups:

Urban Forestry - Ronald Langford
Silvicultural - Si Little

Chairman Wolf noted that SAF decals at \$.25 each (\$.20 in lots of 100 or more) were available for fund raising purposes.

Chairman Wolf then called the group's attention to the Conservation Education courses being offered at Slippery Rock State. It was noted that the current instructor was a graduate forester. However, some members of the Section are concerned that the course be in some way monitored or approved by the SAF.

After discussing the course and its content, it was recommended that the program was okay and that the SAF seek to become involved in the program. It was agreed that we should be positive in approaching situations like this.

As the discussion broadened from Slippery Rock to all schools, it was suggested that the Chapters should review the conservation programs of the colleges and universities in their territory and volunteer their services.

It was also suggested that the Society act as an ombudsman by putting the various schools in contact with the professionals who can be most helpful to them.

Chairman Wolf summed up the discussion by suggesting that the various Chapters review the catalogues of the colleges in their area and coordinate their conservation activities with foresters who can be helpful.

Bob Ache reported on the progress of his committee with the Standard Chapter By-Laws. The committee has compared the Chapter By-Laws of several Chapters with the already adopted Standard Section By-Laws and noted the changes that would be required.

Secretary-Treasurer Barnard reported that the National Office is working on the draft of a proposed Standard Chapter By-Laws. They would like to receive our ideas. Bob Ache indicated he would pass his committee's ideas on to the National Office.

The various chapters were urged to continue operating under their current By-Laws until the National Office completed its preparation of the new proposal.

The 1974 summer meeting arrangements were discussed. The question - Do we need a summer Section meeting? - was raised. After some discussion, it was suggested that the chapters be encouraged to host joint meetings during the summer and that there be no Section summer meeting.

Next, Chairman Wolf asked for suggestions on items to be discussed at the House of Section Delegates meeting in Portland, Oregon, September 26. He went over the items he already had. There were no additional suggestions.

Chairman Wolf read a letter from Dick Kennell to President Meadows regarding the striking of a medal to commemorate the new building. Kennell had considerable information from the Franklin Mint. It was recommended that the Section take part in this program if it is approved by council. However, the actual sales activity should be handled by the National Office.

The Secretary-Treasurer recommended that the Section fiscal year agree with the National Office fiscal year. Joe Yeager placed this in the form of a motion. It was seconded and passed. (Note - currently the National Office fiscal year is Dec. 1 to November 30.)

There was no further new business so the group viewed an American Forest Institute slide presentation on forestry. After seeing the slides, the group felt it did not include enough about the Northeast to be worth purchasing.

Dave White noted that W.Va. University has a self learning center with many such slide and film presentations. There is a 50-page catalog and items are available to loan. The user pays the postage.

The meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

JOSEPH E. BARNARD
Secretary-Treasurer



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AROUND THE SECTION

MARKETING BULLETIN MARKS 25th YEAR

Congratulations and best wishes to Editor Ronald Gale and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources on the 25th Anniversary of the Pennsylvania Forest Products Marketing Bulletin.

Persons interested in receiving the Pennsylvania Bulletin should contact Ronald Gale, Division of Forest Advisory Services, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources, Box 1467, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120.

STREAM MAP

The Agricultural Experiment Station at The Pennsylvania State University has published a Stream Map of the Commonwealth which gives the names and locations of major mountains, streams, rivers, lakes, dams, swamps and reservoirs. Copies are available for \$1.06 each, tax included, from Stream Map, Box 6000, University Park, Pa. 16802. Checks or money orders should be made payable to The Pennsylvania State University.

ED PALPANT TOURS

EUROPEAN TREE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

In September, Ed Palpant, Research Assistant at Pennsylvania State University and Executive Secretary-Editor of the Pennsylvania Christmas Tree Growers' Association, participated in an IUFRO (International Union of Forest Research Organization) Douglas fir working party meeting in Goettingen, Germany. He then visited participating scientists in six European Countries to observe and discuss with them their tree improvement programs, especially with Douglas fir and Scotch pine. Both species are of major importance in the Christmas tree industry in the Northeast.

SAVE ENERGY

More than ever before, this is a good year to coordinate with other foresters in your area and ride together to the annual section meeting. (If someone could harness all the hot air, a carload of foresters discussing clearcutting northern hardwoods, or almost anything, could talk their way to the meeting and back without spending a dime on gas).

FOREST TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM AT WILLIAMSPORT, PENNSYLVANIA

R.F. "Dutch" Haussman reports that the Forest Technology Program at The Williamsport Area Community College continues to be one of the more popular fields of study at the College.

Present enrollment stands at 115 freshmen and second year students. The Forestry Program is part of the Earth Science Department which is now housed at the new Schneebeli Building located just off U.S. Route 15, eight miles south of Williamsport.

The facility there also serves the College Horticulture Program, the Heavy Equipment Service and Operation Unit, as well as three high school vocational programs including one in High School Forestry. The property includes about 150 acres of woodlands which are used extensively as a field laboratory.

The technical forestry staff consists of R.F. Haussman; Daniel H. Hevl; Donald R. Nibert who returned this fall after a year's absence of doctoral post-graduate work at Pennsylvania State University; Richard W. Rankinen; James C. Pivrotto who was a former instructor in the timber harvesting program at the Blue Jay Camp near Marienville, Pennsylvania; and Budd Zaner, a lumberman of Williamsport who serves as field assistant in the College and High School Program. Dennis Ringling is in charge of the High School Forestry Program.

WEST VIRGINIA TREE FARM AWARD

The West Virginia Tree Farm Committee selected Ralph D. Gibson of Preston County as the West Virginia Tree Farmer-of-the-Year. A plaque, appropriate certificate and McCulloch Mini-Mac-1 Automatic chain saw were presented at the Mountain State Forest Festival in Elkins on October 6. Queen Silvia XXXVII and Tree Farm Program Area Chairman, John Simon of Hinchcliff Lumber Company made the presentation.

Forest management plans and professional guidance for the 100 acre Tree Farm are provided by Service Forester Don Hebb of the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry. Forest practices completed include timber stand improvement, sawlog and pulpwood harvests, reforestation and protection from fire and grazing.

Foresters making the selection were Paul Mateer, Maryland Forest Service, John Vallelonga, Westvaco and Joe Gray, Chairman of the West Virginia Tree Farm Committee.

WASTEWATER PROCEEDINGS AVAILABLE

A symposium on "Recycling Treated Municipal Wastewater and Sludge Through Forest and Cropland" was held August 21-24, 1972 at The Pennsylvania State University. There has been a tremendous increase in interest in spray irrigation of municipal wastewater and sludge throughout the United States. Information is needed on the various parameters and constraints which must be considered in the design and operation of land disposal systems under varying environmental conditions. The purpose of this symposium was to review and discuss current knowledge related to the potential of using land areas for the disposal of treated municipal wastewater and sludge and to determine technological gaps and research needs.

The PROCEEDINGS has been published by the University Press and is now available for \$16.50 per copy. Please order directly from: University Press, 215 Wagner Building, University Park, Pa. 16802

SHIPMAN APPOINTED TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dr. Robert D. Shipman, Associate Professor of Forest Ecology at the University has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the newly formed Mountain Lake Right-of-way Management Council, Incorporated, Blacksburg, Virginia.

The purposes of this Council are to promote Right-of-way improvement in particular, to encourage the further study and research in Right-of-way improvement, to analyze and disseminate information and to establish matters of policy which affect environmental impacts on right-of-ways. Dr. Shipman will serve on the board during the 1973-74 calendar year.

DICK TRIMBLE RETIREMENT PARTY

Dick Trimble, Project Leader in timber management research at the Timber and Watershed Laboratory will retire early in January 1974 after 38 years with the Forest Service.

A retirement party is planned for Dick and Peg at the Elks Lodge in Elkins, West Virginia on January 24, 1974.

A book of letters will be presented and anyone wishing to contribute should send his letter, on 8½ x 11 inch stationery, not folded, to:

Mrs. Dovie Fansler
Timber and Watershed Laboratory
P.O. Box 445
Parsons, West Virginia 26287

Friends of Dick and Peg who wish to attend the dinner should contact Mrs. Fansler (304-278-2000) for information.

TREE THIEVES PROBLEM FOR RESEARCH

The most serious problem encountered by researchers in the School of Forestry and allied scientists interested in improving tree yields is the tree pilferer.

It's a problem all year 'round, but it's especially troublesome as Christmas approaches in the stands of evergreen trees both at the University Park campus and at nearby Stone Valley Experimental Forest.

In spite of signs posted at the tree reservations where costly and important research studies are underway, thoughtless persons and vandals have in past years destroyed trees that have a special significance in research work, point out Dr. Henry D. Gerhold and Edgar H. Palpant, of the Forest Resources Laboratory.

"The seriousness of the matter," says Dr. Gerhold, "is magnified a thousand times by the fact that often the best tree in a particular stand, the one we wish to study most carefully, is the tree that is stolen."

"That tree may be worth thousands of dollars in terms of man-hours of labor, and it will take years to come back to that point in our work because tree growth is a slow process."

Tree plantations are kept open as much as possible for the public to enjoy, the scientists point out, but the privilege doesn't extend to removing trees or marking growing trees thereby damaging them.

INITIAL RESULTS -

CITY TREE PLANTING STUDY

Initial results from a Metropolitan Tree Planters Survey have appeared in Penn State School of Forest Resources Research Paper 41. The authors are A.J. Long, H.D. Gerhold, and M.E. Demeritt, Jr. Planting data are reported for municipalities and highway departments in 13 northeastern states during 1968 to 1972. It was estimated that \$12,000,000 was invested annually in the planting of street trees, while about \$3,500,000 was invested in forest plantings in the same region. Acer, Quercus, and Gleditsia were the most commonly planted genera, accounting for over 50 percent of the trees planted. However, at least 112 species in 50 genera are considered important. Over 30 percent of the questionnaire respondents were foresters, compared to 15 percent landscape architects and 11 percent each horticulturists and arborists. In many other cases, tree planting decisions apparently are made by dedicated volunteers with little training in the biological sciences.

'RENEWABLE' BUMPER STICKERS

The Southern Forest Institute has available bumper stickers proclaiming "Trees are America's Renewable Resource." The new stickers of weather-proof vinyl are available at ten cents each from the SFI, One Corporate Square, N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30329.

CHAPTER NEWS

KEYSTONE CHAPTER

On Oct. 3 a 7:00 p.m. buffet dinner was enjoyed by 21 Chapter members and two guests at the Chalet Restaurant in Dillsburg.

After the meal, the meeting was opened by Stanley Walton, who introduced Mr. Dick Rhindress, President of the Appalachian Chapter, Audubon Society and Mr. Leonard Green, Past President, Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen, our guests for the evening.

The discussion and mood for the meeting was initiated and set by Hal Geiger, the moderator. Mr. Green picked up the emphasis informing the members of the Pennsylvania Federation primary concern of lending support to the "passing" or "blockage" of appropriate legislation affecting sportsmen in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Rhindress then related to the Chapter the new approach being taken by local chapters as well as the National Audubon Society of dealing with the total environment. He stated, "the Society is still very interested in birds, but the emphasis and image is changing".

Following the discussion and numerous questions, several comments were made by Section Chairman Wilbur Wolf.

- a. Wilbur informed the Chapter of the need for still more monies for the National Building Fund.
- b. He gave a brief Summary of the emphasis on land-use-planning from the National meeting recently held in Portland, Oregon.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Forestry Career Packet - The Packet is now completed and ready for the volunteers to get into the hands of all guidance counselors in the Chapter area.
- b. Added Coverage - One additional avenue for increased coverage to more students was through attending Career Day Programs at local colleges. The Harrisburg Area Community College was mentioned.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Chairman Dungien informed the Chapter that the nominating committee for 1974 has been appointed. It is to consist of Nick Lylo as Chairman, Dennis Meiser and Robert Whyland as members.

b. The Chapter's attention was directed to Senate Bill No. 1130, dated 18 September 1973, titled, "Professional Forester Registration Law".

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

ROTHROCK CHAPTER

The October 30th meeting of the Rothrock Chapter included a morning tour of W.G. "Turk" Jones' "Rollingstone" Tree Farm. Rollingstone is located in the northern part of Cooper Township in Clearfield County. It is a 180 acre area where coal was removed by open pit (strip) mining during the period 1947-1950. A first planting of trees was made in 1951, and since then, virtually the whole spoil bank area has been reclaimed by tree cover. A total of 82 tree and shrub species have been planted throughout the tree farm. Turk Jones lead a most interesting and informative tour.

Following the tour and a luncheon at Benny's Restaurant, Chairman Steve Liscinsky conducted the afternoon business meeting.

He reviewed some of the ideas that had been discussed at the Allegheny Section Summer Meeting in Blackwater Falls, and mentioned that the theme for the winter meeting would be centered around Urban Forestry.

Les Johnson presented a draft of a statement relative to the future of the leased campsite program on State Forest Lands. A discussion followed, and the chapter members modified the statement to suggest that the Bureau of Forestry, in the near future, adopt a definite policy regarding existing leased campsites. A motion was made to that effect, and was passed.

Suggestions for future meeting themes were made, including (1) taking a tour of the Bureau of Forestry's Penn Nursery (2) having a slide talk on Pennsylvania's early logging days, and (3) having an authority speak on utility line maintenance, including herbicide and pesticide use.



W.G. "Turk" Jones conducting Rothrock Chapter members on a tour of his "Rollingstone" tree farm in Clearfield County.

PINCHOT CHAPTER

The November 9th meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Chairman Dick Rodenbach at Grey Towers, Milford, Pa. Fifteen members and guests were present. The minutes of the August 1 meeting were read and approved. An informal treasurer's report was given.

OLD BUSINESS

Forester Registration - John Anspach and Nev Slusser reported that the Forester Registration Bill has been rewritten to permit registration through the Department of State thus eliminating the need to create a new registration board. The bill was introduced by Senators Hobbs, Reibman and Frame on Sept. 18, 1973 and referred to the Senate Environmental Resources Committee on the same day. A copy of Senate Bill 1130, the justification statement, a list of the Senate Committee members of Environmental Resources and a cover letter will be sent to all Pennsylvania Foresters urging their support of the bill. In addition a letter will be sent to all Pa. Senators asking for their support.

A motion was made by Mark Zimmer and seconded by Jake Kintz to authorize the expenditure of Chapter funds needed to print and mail the registration material. Motion carried.

Summer Section Meeting - Chairman Rodenbach reported on the Summer Section Meeting held in Davis, West Virginia. The National SAF Office is working on the draft of proposed Standard Chapter By-Laws. There will be no 1974 Summer Section Meeting. Instead chapters are encouraged to host joint meetings during the summer. The Winter Section Meeting will be held at the Playboy Club in McAfee, N.J., February 6-8. The theme will be Urban Forestry.

NATIONAL SAF FINANCIAL STATUS - Chairman Rodenbach commented on the financial outlook for National SAF as requested by Section Chairman Wolfe. A deficit is expected beginning in 1974. Several alternative methods of increasing revenue have been suggested by the Finance Committee including increasing Journal Advertising Revenue, increasing membership dues, increasing revenue from National conventions of the Society, increasing total SAF membership and use of the earnings from the Gill Estate.

Bill Hinkle - A moment of silent prayer was observed in memory of Bill Hinkle, honorary Chapter member, who passed away recently.

NEW BUSINESS

FLOWER FUND - Nev Slusser suggested that there should be a definite procedure to follow to provide a fitting remembrance on behalf of the Chapter in the event of the death of one of the members. After much discussion, it was decided that a committee would pursue the matter further.

PLAQUE - John Anspach suggested that a plaque be given to outgoing Chapter Chairmen in recognition of their service to the Chapter. After much discussion, Mark Zimmer moved that the nominating committee investigate the possibility of obtaining a master plaque to recognize all former Chapter Chairmen and to determine what kind of award would be suitable to present to current outgoing Chairmen.

CHAPTER FINANCES - Chapter finances or lack of finances were discussed. The nominating committee will look into ways of increasing operating revenue for the Chapter.

The business meeting ended at 12:05 p.m. After lunch at the Tom Quick Inn, Chapter members visited the Pinchot and Brown graves.

ANNUAL MEETING PREREGISTRATION

The program put together by George Pierson and his committee, the accommodations which have been arranged by Paul Berezny and his committee, the 2nd Annual Foresters Art Exhibit and the perennial good fellowship found at all our SAF meetings promises to make the 1974 winter meeting once that no forester wants to miss.

Make sure that you don't miss out by planning ahead for accommodations, transportation and trip finances.

Be sure to send in the reservation card which is enclosed promptly to ensure getting a room. Those requesting double rooms may want to indicate the person they wish to room with.

Also, use the form below to preregister so the Arrangements Committee can make preliminary plans for ice-breakers, coffee breaks, banquet seating, etc. The registration fee is \$3.00 and will be paid at the hotel upon arrival.

Allegheny Section, Annual Winter Meeting
Preregistration

Name _____

Address _____

Mail to: Charles T. Albert
30 South Edwards Street
Sayreville, New Jersey 08872

Number of people _____

NATIONAL NEWS

MEADOWS REACTS TO DDT BILL

President Meadows has sent to the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Forests of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture the Society's reaction to a proposed law to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to permit the use of DDT to manage insect infestations on forest lands. The position of the Society is to support the bill.

WOOD MAKING HEADWAY

The National Forest Products Association has succeeded in having Pennsylvania state regulations for prevention of fire and panic amended in favor of wood products. Wood windows and doors, including their frames, will now be permitted in exterior walls of high-rise buildings of fire resistive, non-combustible types of construction where opening fire protection is not required. A previous ruling by state officials had prohibited the use of combustible materials.

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(Approved by SAF Council November 12, 1973)

A. INTRODUCTION

SAF at all levels has the responsibility to provide scientific knowledge and professional opinion to public and private policy makers and the general public. Members and units of the Society are encouraged to participate responsibly in SAF forest policy activities.

Forest Policies of the Society of American Foresters were adopted by the membership in a 1967 national referendum and are amended by referendum from time to time. Forest Policies are a means of achieving Society objectives and are principles against which issues are measured to adopt positions. They are the basis for all SAF positions on forestry issues. (Bylaw II-A)

A "forestry issue" is a point in question or a matter in dispute relating to forestry, the resolution of which is of public importance.

A "position" in SAF is a carefully prepared exposition on a forestry issue, defining the issue and containing factual background information, alternative courses of action with probable economic, social and biological consequences of each, and (optionally) recommended course(s) of action based upon prevailing, informed general agreement of SAF members.

"General agreement" on SAF positions is defined as two-thirds or more of the members of the unit(s) involved approving.

The Society's recommended course(s) of action, if any, shall result from a thorough study of the forestry issue and shall represent the prevailing, informed general agreement of the members of the Society or the units of the Society identified with the position. Unless there is reason to believe that at least two-thirds of the members of the Society or unit of the Society approve a recommended course of action, the recommendation shall not be offered as a part of a position of the Society or unit of the Society. When reasonable doubt exists as to whether there is general agreement on a proposed recommended course of action, a secret mail balloting of voting members shall be conducted prior to adopting and distributing a position. Usually, Society positions can be most effective by suggesting alternative solutions and consequences for forestry issues without recommending a particular course of action.

B. BYLAWS ON FOREST POLICY ACTIVITIES

The SAF Bylaws (II-B through II-D) describe the general procedures for, and limitations on, position taking by the Society and its units. They specifically refer to "Procedures for SAF Forest Policy Activities" as guiding Society officers, units and members in their forest policy activities and prescribing the "thorough study of the forestry issue in question" on which Society and unit positions must be based. These Bylaws are:

II-B General. Forest policy activities of the Society shall be used as one means of achieving Society objectives. Society officers, units and members shall be guided in their forest policy activities by Forest Policies and "Procedures for SAF Forest Policy Activities" which are contained in the SAF Manual.

II-C National Positions. National positions shall be adopted by the Council based on thorough study of the forestry issue in question and shall be in accord with and covered by Forest Policies. Proposed issues for national positions shall be screened and recommended to the Council only by the House of Section delegates, the Forest Sciences Board, or the Committee on Forest Policy.

When limited time prevents the full use of the procedures prescribed the "Procedures for SAF Forest Policy Activities" and adoption of national positions by the Council, the Executive Committee or a minimum of two national officers of the Society may adopt a national position which is in accord with and covered by Forest Policies, and in accord with any existing national positions.

When adopted, national positions shall be made available without delay to Sections and Chapters, and shall be published in the Journal of Forestry.

II-D Section and Chapter Positions. Sections and Chapters shall follow "Procedures for SAF Forest Policy Activities" in developing, adopting and distributing positions. Positions of Sections and Chapters shall be in accord with and covered by Forest Policies and in accord with any existing national positions. Sections and Chapters may adopt positions jointly with other Sections or Chapters. Section and Chapter positions shall be adopted and distributed independently of employers and employer groups. Positions of Sections and Chapters shall be adopted and distributed independently of positions of other professional societies and citizens organizations unless approved by a minimum of two national Officers of the Society prior to adoption of the position. Positions of Sections and Chapters shall be clearly identified as such.

Each Section and Chapter shall have a permanent forest policy committee for studying forestry issues, recommending positions, and reviewing Forest Policies.

C. SELECTION OF ISSUES

The Society has a responsibility to the American people to anticipate, detect, identify and define existing forestry opportunities, problems and issues; to clarify them; and to present alternative courses of action for taking advantage of opportunities, preventing problems and resolving issues.

The following questions shall be used as criteria for selecting a forestry issue on which a Chapter, Section or the national Society adopts a position. All questions shall be answerable in the affirmative for an issue to be selected.

1. Is the issue of major importance to the public?
2. Is the issue covered by Forest Policies?
3. Is the issue within the knowledge and skills of the forestry profession?
4. Is the issue of general interest to the level of the Society which is considering it?
5. Is there time for SAF to act responsibly on the issue?
6. Does SAF have the resources to act responsibly on the issue?

D. WHICH UNIT(S) SHOULD ACT?

1. Forestry issues selected for national positions are those which are determined by the Council to be of general interest and importance to both the American people and the forestry profession.
2. Forestry issues selected for Section and Chapter positions should be acted upon by the largest unit or units of the Society which are most knowledgeable about the issues and in which they are of general interest and importance.

E. ASSIGNMENT OF ISSUES

1. Forestry issues proposed for national positions are screened and recommended to the Council by the House of Section Delegates, the Forest Sciences Board, or the Committee on Forest policy. The Council considers and selects issues for national positions and assigns them as appropriate to committee(s), task force(s), unit(s) or the Forest Sciences Board, for thorough study, with staff assistance as needed, and reporting of recommendations to the Council.
2. Forestry issues selected for Section or Chapter positions are assigned to the appropriate committee of the Section or Chapter for thorough study and reporting to the unit's executive committee.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF 1973 FALL COUNCIL MEETING

FOREST INSECT ACTIVITY

The SAF Council met November 11, 12, and 13, 1973. The Council took the following major actions:

- Directed the President to appoint task force to study the problem of off-road vehicles.
- Referred to the Committee on Professional Employment HSD's recommendations to institute a campaign to find more jobs for foresters, prepare a publication explaining the skills of foresters and how the skills of foresters can be utilized, and to explain to the membership what SAF is doing to obtain employment for foresters.
- Directed the staff in cooperation with the appropriate Working Groups and Sections involved to develop factual information about the Tussock Moth infestation for submission to the Environmental Protection Agency and other concerned organizations and persons.
- Approved a budget for the Forest Sciences Board and Working Groups.
- Adopted procedures for SAF forest policy activities to be included in the SAF Manual.
- Reviewed and revised the charters of SAF national committees.
- Approved a budget for 1974 which unavoidably requires a \$34,000 deficit between expected revenue and expenses.
- Approved, for use in 1974, revised versions of the bases for accreditation, procedural sequence for initial accreditation, and procedural sequence for reaccreditation. These documents will be submitted to the Sections and other appropriate SAF units for review and comment prior to the 1974 National Convention.
- Established a task force to develop SAF statement on land-use planning.
- Established a task force to study the Report of the President's Advisory Panel on Timber and the Environment.
- Revised Bylaws II-B to II-D on national, Section and Chapter position taking.
- Deleted the second paragraph from Bylaw VI-B which requires that Chapter officers shall be elected to serve concurrently with officers of the Section.
- Accepted the Executive Vice President's report that publication of the Oct., Nov. and Dec. issues of the JOURNAL OF FORESTRY will be unavoidably delayed due to bankruptcy of the printing firm which has for years printed the JOURNAL. Another printer has been engaged and the JOURNAL is expected to be back on schedule in January.

Northwestern U.S.: By late summer there was still no real success reported in controlling the tussock moth infestation that is defoliating thousands of acres of fir and pine in north-eastern Oregon, southeastern Washington and western Idaho, reports the National Forest Products Assn. The EPA has denied the emergency use of DDT in infested areas, despite pleas from the Forest Service, state forestry departments, industry, labor and citizen groups, as well as the governors of Oregon and Washington, and the congressional delegations from these states. The EPA has said alternatives should be used, and has believed that the moth's natural virus would halt the spread. But reports indicate this has not occurred, and large-scale spraying with Zectran has had only minimal effects in halting the spread of the infestation.

Eastern Canada: A potential new technique for combatting the spruce budworm was recently tested in northern New Brunswick, involving the spraying of the moths, rather than the larvae. The experiment, conducted by Forest Protection Limited and the Canadian Forestry Service, had three objectives: to see if last year's successful results could be repeated and improved; to determine the best timing for spraying adults; and to determine the minimum quantity of insecticide necessary to kill a substantial number of moths in the sprayed area. It is still too early to evaluate the results of the trial, which covered an area of 300,000 acres and employed the insecticide phosphamidon, but indications are favorable.

Southeastern U.S.: Southern pine beetle populations are increasing throughout most of the outbreak areas of the Southeast, reports the Forest Service. The outbreak in South Carolina is said to have expanded tremendously since the spring, and the State Commission of Forestry has been conducting aerial surveys throughout the state. Activity has also continued to increase in parts of North Carolina. It has also been reported that the gypsy moth, which has defoliated thousands of acres of trees in the northeastern U.S., has been discovered for the first time in 14 counties in southern and mid-western states. Since use of DDT was banned, an alternative pesticide (Carbaryl) has reportedly not been as effective in controlling the spread of the moth.

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