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## Chair's Corner

*Mike Huneke*



I would like to begin by acknowledging and thanking our past chair, Dennis Galway for his great work leading our organization for the past two years. Thank you Dennis for your leadership and your service to SAF.

I would also like to congratulate and thank the Rothrock Chapter for hosting a fantastic Winter Meeting in Boalsburg, PA. The program was outstanding and it was great seeing many old friends. The Winter Meeting was my first official meeting as chair and my first time leading the Executive Committee. At the meeting, I set some goals to visit our student chapters and forestry schools during my term, and to continue to pursue hosting the National Convention in 2022.

The Winter Meeting was also my first opportunity to speak at a Chair's Breakfast, where I shared my thoughts about the importance of our society and why I am passionate about the things that we do together. These were my remarks...

At the turn of the last century, the Society of American Foresters was founded, along with several other conservation agencies and non-government organizations, by leaders in conservation in a national call for action based on a realization that the rate of consumption of our nation's resources was not sustainable. The United States had lived through a Civil War and Reconstruction. The Industrial Revolution and Westward Expansion had resulted in the depletion and exploitation of our natural resources. Ethical resource management did not exist, and agencies, organizations and regulations were necessary to bring an end to the "Era of Exploitation". A forestry profession was needed in America, and a professional society was needed to maintain the standards of that profession.

Over the years, through the leadership of the Society of American Foresters, the pursuit of scientific forestry knowledge and the transfer of technology ensured that the best possible information and the best forestry practices were available to forestry practitioners, land managers and decision makers. Forestry program accreditation and professional certification under the Society also ensured that highly trained and qualified practitioners entered and performed in the workplace. Most importantly, it was the adherence to the Society of American Foresters' Code of Ethics that truly established forestry as a profession in America.

Now as we are well into the current century, a new concern for sustainability has emerged, based on a realization that we share the planet with some 7.5 billion other people who enjoy and consume forest-based resources. Ecological overshoot, the notion that resources are depleted at a faster rate than they can be restored, is a reality and a substantial concern in many places of the world. Global trade introduces new insect pests and diseases annually. Climate change and decades of ineffective forest management have resulted in the spread of forest pests, diseases and catastrophic wildfire throughout the continent. Forest fragmentation, parcelization and land

conversion, associated with the intergenerational transfer of forest land, alter the landscape and reduce the available wood supply for local mills and markets. High-grading and unethical forest management based on maximizing the financial return, as opposed to applying sound silviculture, is commonplace. The sustainable flow of essential public benefits from ecosystem services provided by forests, such as clean air, clean water and wildlife habitat is being depleted. Once again, leadership in the forestry profession and advocacy for solutions will be essential as we navigate through these challenging times. The Society of American Foresters with our pursuit of scientific knowledge, our ability to transfer technology and our foundation which is based in a code of ethics, is poised to be at the forefront as we seek those solutions.

No other organization has the capacity to do what we can do, to be an agent of change, advocacy and leadership in our profession. Ensuring the sustainability of our forest resources and the flow of public benefits to meet the needs of our nation and the world, through the leadership of the Society of American Foresters, will be the calling of our profession and our generation – to achieve *the greatest good to the greatest number of people for the longest time*. That is the importance of the Society of American Foresters...

I continue to be impressed by the passion and commitment that you all make to our society and our profession. I am at your service and it is my privilege to serve as your chair. I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

## Board of Directors Report

*District 7 Representative – David Gwaze*



As you know, we are facing an unprecedented event with the COVID-19 coronavirus as it spreads across the USA. Please know that the health and safety of SAF members are a top concern for the SAF Board and staff.

In response to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, SAF CEO Terry Baker sent an email to members highlighting the measures that SAF has taken. A synopsis of these measures is:

- Information and guidance to local SAF unit leaders regarding upcoming events and COVID-19 coronavirus provided to local units by CEO Baker. Many of these events have since been cancelled or postponed to avoid your potential exposure to the virus.
- SAF headquarters was closed on March 16, 2020 for a period of two weeks. During this time SAF will remain open for business with the staff working remotely. We expect little to no interruptions in service to members during this 2-week period.
- Credential holders will not be penalized if they cannot fulfill their CFEs due to trainings cancelled as a result of COVID-19 coronavirus.
- Planning for the 2020 SAF convention scheduled to be held in Providence, RI, in October continues. Should anything change, CEO Baker will notify members

- CEO Baker is monitoring the situation and will update members as conditions change.

Please be safe and stay healthy.

### **2020 SAF leadership**

- SAF President - Tamara Cushing from Corvallis, Oregon
- SAF Vice President - Henry (Gene) Kodama from Summerville, South Carolina
- SAF Immediate Past President - **John McNulty** from Bangor, Maine

### **SAF staff updates**

- Angela Colonna hired as Communications and Marketing Manager
- Christopher Bellerdine hired as Membership Manager

### **SAF Building**

The SAF building purchase and sale agreement was signed. The sale price was \$2.25 million. The agreement includes a lease-back clause to allow SAF to find new place to rent and move out of the building. Currently, SAF staff are touring potential lease spaces in the DC area.

### **Policy Committee**

The Policy Committee has completed the revision of two SAF position statements: 1) Parcelization, Fragmentation, and the Loss of Private Forestland in the US, and 2) Forest Management, Carbon, and Climate Change. The “Parcelization, Fragmentation, and the Loss of Private Forestland in the US” position statement is to prevent loss of working forestland, promote private forestland management, and raise awareness of policy and management tools available to mitigate loss of forestland. The “Forest Management, Carbon, and Climate Change” position statement is to clarify the increasingly complex opportunities and challenges associated with forest management for mitigating and adapting to climate change, including: carbon valuation and forest conservation, natural resources economies for ecosystem services, and risks to and opportunities for increasing the resilience of American forests and surrounding communities. These position statements are currently being reviewed by the Board, and will be finalized before the end of this year.

### **Next Board meeting**

The next Board meeting is scheduled to take place May 1-3 in Portland, Oregon. At this stage we do not what impact COVID-19 coronavirus may have on this meeting.

### **District 7 Board Representative**

This is to remind you all that my term as your district representative ends December this year. A new district representative will be elected to fill my position for a three-year term of 2021-2023. If you are interested or require any information, please contact me ([david.gwaze@gmail.com](mailto:david.gwaze@gmail.com)) or the SAF Nomination Committee Chair, Clark Seely ([cseely2@cfl.rr.com](mailto:cseely2@cfl.rr.com)). Please note that nominations are due **June 1, 2020**. Details of the documents and the nomination process is on the following link:

[https://www.eforester.org/Main/Community/Elected\\_Leadership/Main/Community/National\\_Elections.aspx?hkey=5044432e-fd7b-41ac-8013-d15dcff5f4f5](https://www.eforester.org/Main/Community/Elected_Leadership/Main/Community/National_Elections.aspx?hkey=5044432e-fd7b-41ac-8013-d15dcff5f4f5)

## **ANSAF Winter Executive Committee Meeting Minutes February 26, 2020**

ATTENDING: Mike Huneke (ANSAF Chair), Brad Ellison (member-at -large, Pinchot chapter), Kimberly Bohn (PA Division Chair), Steve Goodman (member-at-large, NJ), Steve Resh (ANSAF Treasurer), Sarah Wurzbacher (member-at-large, PA Division Chair Elect), Susan Lacy (Executive Director), Joe Glover (PA Division Past Chair), Cecile Stelter (ANSAF Chair elect), Bryan Seipp (Member-at-large, MD), Jonathan Kays (Awards Committee Chair), Tim Slaviv (NJ Division Past Chair), Matt Hurd (MD/DE Division Past Chair)

**Mike Huneke called the meeting to order 2:35**

**August meeting minutes reviewed.** Steve Resh asked to remind all chapters to contact Nationals if want to eliminate chapter dues. Kimberly Bohn will follow up with reminder to PA chapters.

Motion made to approve minutes; motion seconded and carried.

### **Introduction of officers:**

Cecile Stelter- new chair elect for ANSAF, active with Plateau chapter in various positions, looking forward to being active with exec committee

Mike Huneke- new ANSAF chair for next 2 years

Su Ann Shup (secretary) not able to attend this meeting

Steve Resh (Treasurer)- this is his 10<sup>th</sup> year, may be looking for a replacement next term

Brad Elison is a returning Executive Committee member-at-large. Sarah Wurzbacher, Steve Goodman, and Bryan Seipp are all new members-at-large. (Steve also a member of NYSAF, so can bring ideas from that state.)

### **Treasurer's report:**

Ending balance as of Dec 31, 2019: \$11,960.78 (down by about \$900 from dec 2018 values)  
Franklin Income "A" account increased from \$58316 in Dec 31, 2018 to \$67, 497 in Dec, 31, 2019. Can only spend interest on this account. There is also a student fund with \$883.96  
\$480 check to cover student quiz bowl student memberships from last year was never cashed by National office and student memberships never added. Motion made that Steve will talk to school advisors about just giving check directly to school advisors for \$120, who can then decide if want to track down last year's students or give to current students (Glennville, WVU, PSMA, Allegany). Motion seconded and carried.

Motion made to approve the treasurer's report, seconded, and motion carried.

### **2020 Budget**

Travel support for ANSAF chair to attend Nationals and Susan Lacy to attend ANSAF only at \$1000. Mike Huneke indicated that would try to keep expenses low, perhaps get assistance from

employer. We may need to discuss again at Summer meeting if need to support Presidential awardees to attend national convention.

Additional discussion item: endowment fund is high now, and we should encourage applications to spend funds. Bylaws indicate the funds should be used for education and for groups, e.g. a chapter wants to host a special event, rather than to support individuals. Perhaps we need to develop one-pager description and ‘request for proposals’ so more chapters are aware of this, and post on website. Have two submission dates prior to ANSAF meetings so Executive Committee can review and approve then. \$2500 max limit, and final report due. Jonathan Kays volunteered to help draft this document.

Some adjustments to 2020 budget to account for \$10,000 stipend to Susan Lacy. Budget was balanced. Motion made, seconded and carried for revised balanced budget.

**2018 Audit from Paul Errikson-** approval, with only some comments on better notes/labels especially for Leadership meeting to make it easier to organize. Motion, made, and carried approving the audit report. Note: auditor needed for 2019.

#### **Executive Director report-**

Reminder on getting a second name on bank accounts. Motion made that Steve Resh will ask Marie Miller from Allegany College. Motion seconded and carried.

Susan also mentioned a best practice for non-profits of having two required signers for large checks. Further discussion needed. May be difficult to implement.

Reminder- that chapter and division leadership update names and contact info to Susan as elections occur. Also a reminder to chapters to send tax info to Susan (and tax report needs explanation for various amounts listed in “other” category).

#### **Membership report (Cecile)-**

Total membership 655- down from 660 in august....and 695 last February, 2019. Many of the losses were due to: 1) industry moving out of WV and 2) passings of older members. Increase in students from last year. Chapter meetings in summer should also encourage employers to bring interns. Encourage student session at Winter ANSAF.

#### **Program Committee update**

Summer 2020- Pinchot Chapter: September 16-18 Milford- Grey Towers, Norfolk Experimental Forest, Chestnut- Leila Pinchot, Sarah Fitzsimmons; Hotel at Best Western

Winter 2021- NJ near Delaware Water Gap area – Clinton; 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Feb 17-19

Summer 2021- Maryland/DE

Winter 2022- (Possibly) Plateau

Jacob Schultz is Program Chair, but hasn’t been responding. May need new chair.

**Leadership Academy update-** joint between ANSAF, NY and New England. 26 attendees. Cost was \$260. Tom Davidson and William Giruzzi (NYSDEC) facilitated the major events. Academy was well received and got good feedback. Many attendees moving into officer positions right away. Will not have academy next year though, due to proximity of national convention.

Sarah- mentioned an operations manual that other states and PA could use on duties/responsibilities of officers at all levels (ANSAF, PA, and Chapter) as well as other volunteer opportunities. Sarah volunteered to review NJ or other templates and start an outline/draft. This could then be circulated to current/past officers to add in other duties and responsibilities.

**Awards Committee (Jonathan Kays)**- low number of submissions again. No submissions for Forester of the Year award. Outstanding Service to Forestry award will go to Allyson Muth; student award- Penn State Student.

**Other Committee Reports/ Committee structure**- vacancies for audit, communications, program, and education

**Hall of Fame**- Chair also needed for this.

**National Convention**- we are still in running for 2022! Looking at Baltimore. Needs to be a “Tier 2” city. We should find out in a couple months.

#### **State reports-**

**MD/DE (Matt Hurd)**- membership about 100. Fall meeting with panel discussion and open-ended questions. Lots of engagement.

**Plateau Chapter** meeting coming in March with PGC/ grouse

**PA Division (Kimberly Bohn)**- PA executive committee meeting will be scheduled soon for late March/April time frame. Deer and Forest Sub Committee has been active, recently provided testimony to PGC commissioners

**NJ Division (Tim Slavin)**- annual meeting in January with 65 attendees. Topic on managing Northeastern forests. Planning committee is preparing for winter 2021 ANSAF meeting.

#### **Old Business-**

SAF present at Boy Scouts World Scout Jamboree. Partnered with WV State Forestry. 2021 will be National Jamboree.

Strategic Plan for ANSAF developed 3 years ago. We should review and discuss at next summer meeting.

We should have student member representative at ANSAF executive meetings. Needs to be added to the by-laws so is official. Mike and Steve Goodman will work on paragraph to be discussed and voted on at summer meeting.

#### **New Business**

National Association of State Foresters in Pittsburgh in Sept 2020. Could be important to have national and/or local SAF representative to speak or at least have a booth.

Student recruitment- Mike Huneke would like to visit each of the student chapters

**Meeting adjourned 5:36.**

## **Dr. Allyson Muth Honored with Outstanding Service to Forestry Award**

Allyson currently serves as the Interim Director of the Center for Private Forests at Penn State, which focuses on applied research, education, and outreach to students, forest landowners, the forest products industry, loggers, conservation districts, agencies, land trusts, nongovernmental organizations, and the public. Its 3-part mission is to continuously improve the health and vitality of private forests; engage the public, landowners, and natural resources professionals as a community to apply sound stewardship practices to care for forest ecosystems; and to cultivate a model for applied excellence in sustaining our forests, drawing upon leading research and the direct experience of forest landowners.

Allyson has an amazing array of programs and activities that she has created and provided ongoing leadership. Here is a sampling of her story:

Allyson and the Center provide current coordination and advisory support for 20 Woodland Owner Associations (WOAs) covering 46 PA counties. She serves as editor, coordinator, and a frequent contributor to *Forest Leaves* and *Forest Stewardship News*, which collectively reach >15,000 individuals and media outlets on a monthly or quarterly basis. Many of the news releases included in these publications are picked up and shared via publications such as *Lancaster Farming*, bringing forestry issues to a much wider audience.

Allyson is the key coordinator of the Pennsylvania Forest Stewards Volunteers network, whose efforts and members she closely manages. Since 1991, the program has trained 728 landowners, a large volunteer force actively working to get the right resources, tools, and connections into the hands of their fellow woodland owners. The annual work of this community involves thousands of volunteer hours. The 25 new landowners initiated this year into the program alone are themselves responsible for 2,260 acres and will influence the actions of unknown others responsible for larger regional acreage.

Allyson is the key organizer and driving force behind biennial, statewide educational conferences with numerous concurrent sessions, speakers, workshops, and tours. Conferences focus on serving forest landowners and connecting landowners and professionals. Four conferences have been hosted so far, and attendance has increased with each program offering. The 2019 conference alone reached 626 landowners, forest resource professionals, and members of the public who own or care for over 57,000 acres of woodlands.

Allyson was one of the masterminds behind the Women and their Woods program (in

cooperation with the Delaware Highlands Conservancy), which was one of the first of its kind in the country. This program recognizes that women often interact and learn differently than men and often interact less when they are in groups with a mix of genders. The program uses creative teaching methods that resonate with women landowners, who are a growing part of our landowner demographic. Newsletters related to this program and its stakeholders additionally reach 600 recipients annually.

Allyson's expansive work has helped bridge the gap between landowners and managers, brought forth greater understanding of what motivates and inspires forest landowners, improved the ability of consultants to address landowner needs, made peer-to-peer learning around forest stewardship a reality in the state and beyond, profoundly advanced support for woodland legacy planning, expanded our understanding of what forestry can be and the way we practice it, and broadened the tent of our field to reach and welcome a more diverse community of participants and ideas. Allyson has a brilliant mind for how people, agencies, departments, funding sources, projects, and personalities fit together; she has a comprehensive view of the players and partners and knows how to pull the right strings to make good things happen for our profession.

Like many foresters, Allyson's mode of work is to create extraordinary impact and beauty quietly and, to most people, invisibly. She doesn't stand loudly and presently in front of what she does, but rather lets the work she carefully cultivates speak for itself. She often deflects praise onto her cooperative colleagues and a huge army of volunteers (the facilitation of which is an astonishing feat in itself), all of whom she elevates and empowers (as groups and as individuals). For a person who leads this way, it can sometimes be difficult to articulate the single largest and best accomplishments that define her work; how do you draw attention to a thing that's all around, that shows up everywhere, that's working in the wings behind everything? Though difficult, that is the intention behind this nomination. We are rightly inspired by the great leaders that stand in front of us and whom we follow to better places, and there are many such leaders who have been honored by this very award, but Allyson is that rare leader who acts as a tide to lift us *all* and launch everyone forward together, regularly, dependably, and without fanfare.

Allyson holds a BS in Natural Resources from the University of the South, an MF from Yale and an Ed.D. in Educational Psychology from the University of Tennessee. In addition to her many professional activities and positions, Allyson is currently serving on the Ferguson Township Tree Commission. She also volunteers in local classrooms to teach about trees, with local community focused athletic groups and Feed the Starving Children events.

***Congratulations Allyson!***

## **Sean Freidhof Selected for Student Leadership Award**

Sean Freidhof, a Penn State senior with plans to graduate in May 2020, was selected as the outstanding student leader. This past year Sean held multiple leadership positions within forestry organizations including: President of the Penn State SAF Student Chapter, Student Representative to the Penn State Forest Resource Alumni Group and the District 7 SAF Student Representative.

Sean majored in Forest Ecosystem Science and minored in Geographic Information Systems. He also managed to complete several certifications for wildland firefighting. During his tenure at Penn State, Sean was an undergraduate researcher on two separate projects in the Department of Ecosystem Science. He also completed internships with the Pennsylvania Game Commission, The Pennsylvania DCNR Bureau of Forestry, and the American Chestnut Foundation.

Sean joined SAF early in his college career and rose to lead the student chapter. He attended three national conventions and served his term as student representative for District 7.

According to Michael Powell, Penn State Student Chapter Advisor, Sean is “the most committed student in all facets: class participation, preparedness and completing each class with above average grades.” Sean challenged himself with electives that were more difficult but that would help him better understand forest industry issues and prepare him for his future career.

Powell added that Sean counseled his peers on networking techniques for meeting with vendors and industry representatives at the national convention. Not the usual student approach to large group meetings.

And to further develop Sean’s skills, Powell used Sean as a teaching assistant for a Chainsaw Safety, Maintenance and Operation course. The class was unusually large and Sean provided extra assistance. Powell explained, “I knew if a situation pulled me away from the group, Sean could and would maintain the standard and expectations that I would hold students to in my presence.” After the semester ended, Sean aided Powell in another chainsaw training with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, where he led a series of field exercises.

Sean definitely has an impressive record of achievement and is on track for a successful career.

***Congratulations Sean!***

# **Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting Boalsburg, PA February 26-28, 2020**

## **Allegheny SAF Winter Training Summary**

*Text and photos by Rothrock Chapter*

The Rothrock Chapter of the Society of American Foresters hosted the Allegheny Society of American Foresters Winter Training Meeting on February 26-28, 2020 at the Wyndham Garden near State College. The training session was well-attended by over 170 members and non-members including students from Penn State University Park, Mont Alto, Allegany College of Maryland, Juniata College, and West Virginia University.

The conference theme was “Leveraging Tensions in Forestry” and the goal was to highlight different perspectives on key issues to showcase how foresters must balance competing interests and identify opportunities for collaborative solutions to complex problems. We were fortunate to have 19 speakers come in and share their knowledge and experience throughout the Thursday and Friday sessions. Thanks to Todd Hagenbuch, Bryan Rose, and Ed Crow for providing attendees with an opportunity to receive pesticide education training on Wednesday. Similarly, thanks to Dave Jackson and Gary Gilmore for conducting a pre-conference training opportunity to those interested in becoming Certified Tree Farm System Inspectors.



**Sara Fitzsimmons, SAF Rothrock Chapter Chair, gives the opening remarks to a full Mountainview ballroom.**

**Dr. Barbara Gray**, Professor Emerita Penn State University, started the Thursday morning plenary session by sharing her expertise on collaborative solutions in forestry. She used examples from successful and unsuccessful collaborations from natural resource conflicts across the globe to demonstrate timeless principles.



**Sara Fitzsimmons (left) with Dr. Barbara Gray, PSU (right)**



**Michael Snow, American Hardwood Export Council**



**Dave Gustafson, Pennsylvania Game Commission**

**Michael Snow**, Executive Director of the American Hardwood Export Council (AHEC), provided a detailed update on US hardwood exports to the world. He focused on how the trade war with China and increasing trade tensions with other countries are creating a rapidly changing and uncertain future for US hardwood manufacturers. Mr. Snow described AHEC's efforts to expand US markets into other non-traditional regions aided by applications of newer technologies.

**Dave Gustafson**, Chief Forester for the Pennsylvania Game Commission, ended the plenary sessions outlining a new vision for management of our regional hardwood forests necessitated by deteriorating forest health and a lack of forest research support. He advocated for more collaboration, more tending of younger forests, redefining our acceptable silvicultural outcomes, and an urgency to prioritize treatments in the planning process.

The Thursday afternoon concurrent sessions offered a wide range of speakers, all of whom did a great job presenting different perspectives on important issues. Attendees were given the opportunity to participate in an extended question and answer period at the end of each session. The issues covered included Farm Bill Assistance Programs for Private Forest Landowners, Perspectives on Invasive Plant Management, Forest Certification, and Assisted Migration and Artificial Regeneration.



**Jason Albright (PA DCNR), Lucas Dillinger (Domtar), and Fran Raymond Price (The Nature Conservancy) answer questions during the concurrent session on Forest Certification**

The Student Quiz Bowl featured four teams this year: West Virginia University, Penn State University Park, Penn State Mont Alto, and Allegany College of Maryland. Penn State Mont Alto beat West Virginia University in the final round to win the prize!



**Gary Gilmore, PA DCNR, moderates the Student Quiz Bowl**



**Members from the 2020 Student Quiz Bowl winning team:  
representing Penn State Mont Alto from left to right: Jake  
Jeffries, Chris Sabol, and Jacob Sunderland**

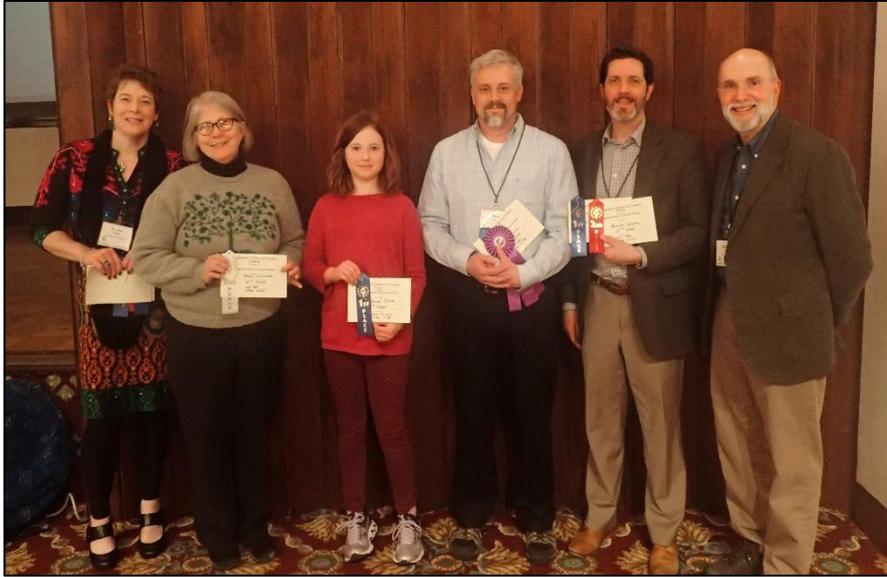
Congratulations to other award winners: Sean Freidhof, senior in Forest Ecosystem Management at Penn State University, won the Student Leadership Award. Dr. Allyson B. Muth, Assistant Research Professor and Interim Director of the Center for Private Forests at Penn State University, received the Robert W. Bauer Outstanding Service to Forestry Award in recognition of her superior accomplishments in professional forestry and dedicated commitment to the Society of American Foresters. In addition, there was a host of winners from the annual Reginald D. Forbes Art Show (see picture). Special thanks to Sandy Smith for organizing the art show and silent auction!



**Jonathan Kays, University of Maryland, and Mike Powell, PSU Student Advisor, present the Student Leadership Award to Sean Freidhof**



**Jonathan Kays presents the Robert W. Bauer Outstanding Service to Forestry Award to Dr. Allyson B. Muth**



**Winners of the Reginald D. Forbes Art Show (from left to right): Rachel Reyna, Tracey Coulter, Grace Muth, Paul Lupo on behalf of Nicole Lupo, Matt Keefer on behalf of Rowan Keefer, and organizer Sandy Smith**

As usual at the Winter Meetings, there was plenty of time for networking and information exchange!



**Dr. Kim Steiner (PSU) listens to ANSAF Chair, Mike Huneke (USFS) during the Allegheny SAF Business Meeting**



**The SAF New Jersey Division discusses business Friday morning.**



**Rachel Reyna, PA DCNR, swears in the members of the Allegheny SAF Executive Committee before the banquet dinner**



**Sara Fitzsimmons presents banquet speaker Paul Silvis, Head Coach and Founder SilcoTek, with an honorary gift on Thursday evening**

Friday's sessions featured a presentation from **Dr. Pat Brose**, USFS Research Forester, showcasing the results from an oak survival probability study that will be used to make foundational adjustments to the SILVAH decision support system. **Dr. Laura Leites**, Associate Research Professor at Penn State University, presented her research results that validated some of the oak regeneration models. She also reviewed results from a different study that examined how SILVAH was used by practitioners.

The final session of the meeting involved short presentations from forestry leaders throughout the Allegheny SAF region. They each gave an overview of what they see as the pressing challenges of our day and how we might be able to address those tensions.



**Barry Cook, State Forester,  
West Virginia**



**Kenneth Kane, Generations  
Forestry, Inc.**



**William Hubbard, University  
of Maryland**



**Joseph Dunn, Morris County Soil Conservation District, leads the panel  
discussion of State Forestry Leaders on Friday morning**

Among the many issues that surfaced were: a need to get ahead of public concerns and perceptions, volatile hardwood markets, legislative issues preventing forest management in some areas, deteriorating logger workforce, invasive species, aging forests, lack of leadership within the profession, research support is not keeping pace with changes, disconnected youth, and the importance of understanding people.

The SAF Rothrock Chapter would like to thank the other speakers not previously mentioned:  
**Peter Hoagland**, State Forester, US Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service  
**Mike Wolf**, Private Consulting Forester, Appalachian Forest Consultant

**Eric Burkhart**, Appalachian Botany and Ethnobotany Program Director, Shavers Creek Environmental Center, Faculty Instructor, Department of Ecosystem Science and Management, Penn State University

**Norris Muth**, Professor of Biology, Juniata College

**Fran Raymond Price**, Senior Advisor, Forests, The Nature Conservancy

**Jason Albright**, Assistant State Forester, PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Forestry

**Lucas Dillinger**, Wood Procurement & Certification Manager, Domtar

**Brian Salvato**, Resource Assistant District Forester, Moshannon State Forest, PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Forestry

**Kim Steiner**, Professor of Forest Biology and Director, The Arboretum at Penn State, Department of Ecosystem Science and Management, Penn State University

We are all looking forward to the next meeting!

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## *In Memoriam*

### **Donald E. Dorn**



Donald E. Dorn of Youngsville Pa, formerly of Barnes, passed away in his sleep on Thursday, December 5th. Born July 6, 1927 in Albany, New York to Marian Sutliff Dorn and Edward John Dorn, Don attended his first eight years of school in a two- room rural school house. He graduated from Castleton (NY) High School in 1943 while helping with the family farm and apple orchards. Don served as a Seaman First Class in the US Navy from 1945-1946, enlisting at the age of 17 after attending Champlain College in Plattsburgh, NY. Although his father offered Don the chance to help run the family lumber yard, Dad's passion was for forestry, and his sympathetic parents supported that choice.

In 1950, Don earned a Bachelor's of Science in Forestry from the NY College of Forestry, Syracuse University. After graduation, Don appraised timber in NY State owned lands felled by the "Big Blow Down" in the Adirondack-Catskill Forest Preserve. He was headquartered in Saranac Lake, where he met the love of his life, Brita Anne Smith. Don and Brita were married in the First Presbyterian Church in Buffalo, NY on April 18, 1952. Throughout their lives, Don and Brita shared their love of nature, hiking, canoeing, and birding, for which Don's career locales provided many opportunities.

He and Brita moved to Richmond, Virginia, where he worked for the Virginia Forest Service. Later, they moved to Isabella Minnesota (and later Toftee) where they lived in a log cabin offered as part of the benefit of working with the US Forest Service and living on the ranger station in the Superior National Forest. The Forest Service transferred him to Harrisburg Illinois (the Shawnee National Forest), and then to St. Louis Missouri (the Clark National Forest). After working for nearly a decade, Don took an educational leave from the Forest Service and returned to Syracuse to earn a Master's Degree in Forest Genetics in 1966. After a brief posting in Athens, Ohio, Don accepted a position as a forest geneticist for a fifty-year tree improvement project for the White Mountain, Green Mountain, Monagahela, Wayne Hoosier and Allegheny National Forests, for which he was stationed from Warren, PA.

After retirement, Don started a solar-powered electric fencing business, helping landowners protect their young tree stands from hungry deer. He and Brita also helped a project of the National Oceanic Atmospheric Agency in measuring precipitation and other particulates in a remote weather station on the Allegheny. He loved trains, big and small, and the Christmas season was special to him. (He helped select a White Spruce for the White House Christmas tree in 1973.) His favorite hardwood was Black Cherry (the primary focus of his applied genetics research), and his favorite conifer was White Pine. Don was known by his kindness, gentleness, humility and endearing smile. His Christian values infused his everyday actions.

Don was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Warren, as well as a member of the Society of American Foresters, the American Chestnut Foundation, the Allegheny Outdoor Club, and the Audubon Community Nature Center.

Don is survived by his daughter Susan Dorn (Roman Lesiw) of University Park, MD and his son David (Caroline) Dorn of Warren Pa , five grandchildren, Larissa Lesiw and Alexander Lesiw of University Park, MD; Stephanie (Kyle) Rugg of Danbury, CT, Sophie (William) Riddle of New Millport, PA, Philip Dorn of Doylestown, PA, and one great grandson, Peter William Riddle. In addition to his parents, Don was preceded in death by his beloved wife Brita.

## David B. Kittredge, Jr.



David B. Kittredge, Jr. moved forward with amazing grace from this world to the next on March 13, 2020 following a life full of love, fun, fulfilling travel and adventure. Dave (aka "Chip", a family childhood name) was born in New York City, NY on 20 April 1956 to Barbara (Peugeot) and David B. Kittredge, Sr. Dave and his 3 sisters were raised in Lake Bluff, Illinois and then New Canaan, CT.

Dave is survived by his wife, Anne Marie of Shutesbury MA; stepson, Gilbert E. Loud III (Jessica), Williamsburg MA; granddaughter, Abigail Lillian, Williamsburg; 3 sisters including: Martha K. Bonti (Rick), Westport CT and Lewes DE; Jennifer K. Wastrom (Rick), Redding CT; Emily T. Kittredge, Shelburne VT; as well as extraordinarily close extended family including: 2 aunts, numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. Dave was passionate, tireless and dedicated to maintaining the closest of relationships with family, colleagues, and friends.

Dave earned his professional degrees from the University of Vermont (Forestry) and [Yale University](#) (M.S. Forest Science/Silviculture and Doctor of Philosophy). Dave retired in 2017 from his faculty position at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Department of Environmental Conservation where he enjoyed 30 years of service with a 3-part appointment including: (1) professor of undergraduate courses and mentor of more than 20 graduate students; (2) research design and implementation with a focus on forest owner attitudes and behaviors and forest policy; and (3) as the Massachusetts Extension Forester design and implementation of outreach activities for timber harvesters, practicing foresters, conservation experts, and private landowners. For more than 20 years, Dave also enjoyed a part-time appointment as the Forest Policy Analyst at the Harvard Forest, Petersham MA. Dave authored/co-authored about 70 refereed research publications, 40 editorially reviewed publications, 4 peer-reviewed book chapters, 15 invited publications in proceedings, 20 extension publications, and 20 research grants. Dave received 30 honors and awards during his career including the recent 2019 Charles H. W. Foster Award for Exemplary Academic Leadership in Land Conservation.

At various times throughout Dave's professional career, he was elected or appointed as: Chair of the Massachusetts Forester Licensing Board; Chair of the New England Society of American Foresters; Chair of the Yankee Division Society of American Foresters; President, Vice-president and Board Member of the Temagami Lakes Association; Editor and Editorial Board Member of various scientific journals; Board Member of the Petersham Curling Club; and Member of The Shutesbury Open Space Planning Committee.

While Dave's professional career brought him to various countries around the world, Dave's favorite place to be was Lake Temagami, Ontario, Canada where his family continues to enjoy family vacations as they have for more than 100 years. Continuing another family tradition that began with his grandfather and great uncle more than 100 years ago, Dave attended and worked for Keewaydin Temagami, the world's oldest canoe-tripping camp, founded in 1893, and located on Devil's Island on Lake Temagami in Ontario, Canada.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Dave/Chip's memory to one of his favorite charities (canoe camp, land trust, music) or another of your choosing:

Keewaydin Temagami <https://keewaydin.org/keewaydin-foundation/give/>

East Quabbin Land Trust, PO Box 5, Hardwick, MA 01037 or on-line <https://eqlt.org>

1794 Meeting House, 26 South Main Street, New Salem, MA  
01355 <https://1794meetinghouse.org/product/donate/>

Dave specifically requested that no formal services be scheduled following his passing from this splendid life to the next. Dave's hopes are that his friends, colleagues and relatives will honor his request by spending time individually or in small groups enjoying, watching or participating in one or more of his favorite activities including: canoeing, curling, reading, biking, hiking, skiing, birding, fly-tying, fishing, live music, travel, and mountain climbing. Whenever you are on the ice, trails, rivers, lakes, roads, music venues, or wandering the forests of this world, Dave's one true hope is that you will think and speak of him often as articulated by H S Holland in the following quote that was brought to his attention by his Aunt Nancy:

"Death is nothing at all. It does not count. I have only slipped away into the next room. Nothing has happened. Everything remains exactly as it was. I am I, and you are you, and the old life that we lived so fondly together is untouched, unchanged. Whatever we were to each other, that we are still. Call me by the old familiar name. Speak of me in the easy way which you always used. Put no difference into your tone. Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be ever the household word that it always was. Let it be spoken without an effort, without the ghost of a shadow upon it. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was. There is absolute and unbroken continuity. What is this death but a negligible accident? Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight? I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just round the corner. All is well. Nothing is hurt; nothing is lost. One brief moment and all will be as it was before. How we shall laugh at the trouble of parting when we meet again!

## Ronald J. Sheay



STOCKTON - He was born in Newark, NJ, in 1934 the only child of the late Joseph and Clara Gancy Sheay. He passed away April 5, 2020. Ronald graduated from West Orange H.S. in 1951 and received a B.S. in Forestry from the University of Maine in 1955.

After a two-year stint as an officer in the US Signal Corps, he joined the New Jersey Forest Service and had a 30-year career assisting private forestland owners in the management of their woodlands. He was married to Virginia Mae Space in 1962. He was a founding member of the New Jersey Forestry Association and upon his retirement in 1990 from the NJ Forest Service, he became the association's Executive Secretary for the next 11 years. He was active with the New Jersey Tree Farm program, he received the

Silas Little forestry award from the NJ Division, Society of American Foresters, was a past chair of the Allegheny SAF and was a Fellow in the Society of American Foresters.

He was a member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Pennington and also served on the Diocesan Council of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey. He was president of the University of Maine Alumni of NJ since 1985 and received the University of Maine Alumni Association's prestigious Black Bear Award for his outstanding services to the university as an alumnus volunteer. During retirement he and his wife, Ginny, summered in Southport, Maine for the past 25 years. He enjoyed playing golf and bridge and spending as much time as possible with his grandchildren. He leaves his wife, Ginny, his son, Glenn and daughter-in-law, Lynne, daughter, Wendy and son-in-law, Jim Hutzelmann. A son, Bradford, predeceased him. He also leaves his five grandchildren, Emerald, Jade and Tony Sheay and Nathan and Sonya Hutzelmann. Services will be private at the Harbourton Cemetery under the direction of the Wilson Apple Funeral Home, 2560 Pennington Rd., Pennington, NJ 08534. Condolences may be made to [www.WilsonApple.com](http://www.WilsonApple.com).

## Barry Cook



Barry Lester Cook, age 70, of Beckley, WV passed away at Charleston Area Medical Center General Division on Saturday, May 9, 2020. Born on May 10, 1949 in Williamson, WV, he was the son of the late Lester H. Cook and Vicie Catron Cook.

Barry, Director, State Forester of the West Virginia Division of Forestry, was a seasoned forester of 45 years, a military veteran, and a West Virginia native. He was a 1967 graduate of Williamson High School. He earned his bachelor of Science in

Forest Management from West Virginia University in 1971 and obtained his Master of Business Administration degree from Duke University in 1994.

Director Cook started his forestry career as a logging superintendent for Weyerhaeuser Company in Plymouth, North Carolina. In 1975, he accepted a position with J. P. Hamer Lumber Company as a procurement forester; a position he held until 1978 when he became the procurement manager for Coastal Lumber Company. Cook spent the next 26 years accelerating through the leadership ranks until he resigned in 2002 as their Vice-President of Operations to become President of Forest Products Group, a division of Kimball International. Barry, and his wife Donna, then purchased and successfully operated Indiana Hardwoods headquartered in Chandler, Indiana. In 2007, the Cook Family relocated to Beckley, West Virginia to afford Barry the opportunity to personally oversee the acquisition of Indiana Hardwoods by Cranberry Lumber Company. Since that time, he consulted on various forestry projects as owner of Cook Natural Resources.

Prior to being appointed by Governor Jim Justice to serve as West Virginia's State Forester, Director Cook served on executive committees and boards for various organizations including, the Hardwood Manufacturing Association; The West Virginia Forestry Association; Pioneer Southern Company; Coastal Lumber Company; Chocoyotte Country Club and Gutchess Lumber.

Barry's personal life was as robust and full as his professional career. He brought passion, energy, and commitment to everything and everyone who had the honor of meeting him. He loved watching his alma mater, WVU play basketball and football. But not nearly as much as he loved watching, coaching and supporting all of his children in their sports. Barry was an amazing cook, living up the family name. He cooked for friends, family, visitors, sports teams – and what a treat for anyone sitting at his table. He loved his entire family with all his heart. His legacy lives on through everyone who knew him. To know Barry was to love him, and for that, we are all eternally grateful.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Rolfe A. Cook and Peter C. Cook. Those survivors left to cherish his memory include his loving wife of 26 years, Donna Shearin Cook; five children, Tiffany Cook Ntanos and husband Nic of Atlanta, GA, Adam Barry Cook and wife Lauren of Virginia Beach, VA, Tyhler James-Lester Cook and Logan Bryce-Elliott Cook, both of Morgantown, WV and Maggie-Jean Catron Cook, at home. Four grandchildren, Hayley K. Belles and husband Michael of Fort Collins, CO, Lydia Grace Johnson-Cook of Atlanta, GA, Gregg Cook and Nicholas Cook both of Virginia Beach, VA with another grandchild, baby Charlie on the way. A sister, Kay Cook Powers of Springfield, VA; mother-in-law Linda K. Wrenn of Roanoke Rapids, NC; sister-in-law Paula S. Elias and husband Artie of Roanoke Rapids, NC. Several special nieces and nephews also survive.

## Rudy Baliko



Rudolph (Rudy) John Baliko of Valley Lee, MD passed away peacefully surrounded by family on May 27, 2020 after a brief illness. Born on November 20, 1939 to the late Rudolph Baliko, SR. and Marie Baumann Baliko in New York City, Rudy attended PS 47 Elementary School and Henry Hudson Junior High. He attended James Monroe High School in the Bronx and transferred to North Hunterdon Regional High School in Annandale, NJ where he played football, ran track and graduated in 1957.

Rudy was accepted into Paul Smith's College and earned an Associate's degree in pre-professional forestry and later attended the University of Maine where he graduated with his Bachelor's degree in Forestry in by five grandchildren: Jacob, mason, Madeleine, Calvin 1961. Later that year, he was drafted into the United States Army, completing basic training at Fort Dix. Trained in missile repair and maintenance at the US Ordinance Ballistic Missile School at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama. Rudy was stationed in Nichorsolm, Germany, and White Sands, New Mexico. He completed his service after two years with an honorable discharge in July 1963.

In 1964, Rudy began his career as a forester with the state of Maryland at the St. Mary's County, Department of Forest Service. In 1971, Rudy started his own private practice, proudly serving as a consulting forester to clients in Maryland, Virginia, Delaware and West Virginia until recent months.

Rudy married Peg Jette Baliko on May 23, 1964 sharing 56 years together as the proud parents of five children. While raising his children, Rudy was active with Little Flower School, St. Mary's Ryken and Leonardtown High where his children attended. He was also an active member of the St. George Catholic Church for over 50 years as a lector, Eucharistic minister, usher, and assisted the pastor with funeral services.

Rudy was a member of the American Forest Association, American Tree Farm Institute, Forest Landowners Association, Maryland Forest Association, St. Mary's County Agricultural, Seafood and Forestry Commission, and the Society of American Foresters.

Rudy is survived by his wife, Peg, of Valley Lee; 3 sons, Christopher (Allison) of Bethel, CT, Eric (Heidi) of Charleston, SC, Ryan of Colorado Springs, CO; and one daughter, Janelle of California, MD. Rudy is also survived five grandchildren: Jacob, Mason, Madeleine, Calvin and Lily, his cousin Anna Olownia (Stan) and Eugene Gansfuss (Cathy), and many special nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his sister Anna (November 1943) and his son Tyree John (February 1970).

A private graveside service will be held at St. George's Catholic Cemetery, Valley Lee, MD. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at a later date at St. George's Catholic Church.

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### September, 2020

**16-18** Allegheny SAF Summer Training  
Pinchot Chapter  
Milford, PA  
**CANCELLED**

### February, 2021

Allegheny SAF Winter Training  
NJ Division

### Summer, 2021

Allegheny SAF Summer Training  
Maryland/Delaware Division

### Future SAF National Conventions

**2020:** Providence, RI Oct. 28 – Nov. 1  
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