

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between the
ALLEGHENY SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS,
the NATIONAL CAPITAL SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS
and the
SAF DISTRICT 7 REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PURPOSE:

With this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), the Allegheny Society of American Foresters (ANSAF) the National Capital Society of American Foresters (NCSAF), and the SAF District 7 Board Representative commit to providing fair and equitable leadership opportunities for the members of each unit, specifically in reference to the District 7 seat on the National Society of American Foresters Board of Directors.

BACKGROUND:

SAF's District 7 seat on the Board of Directors represents both the ANSAF and NCSAF. ANSAF membership is comprised of 700+ forestry professionals from Pennsylvania, West Virginia, New Jersey, Maryland, and Delaware. NCSAF boasts 180+ members that work in the nation's capital. Because ANSAF has many times more members than NCSAF, NCSAF candidates for the District 7 Board seat often find it difficult to secure enough votes to win the election when running against someone from ANSAF. This leads to a feeling of inequity and discouragement among NCSAF members, who are very active and have much to offer District 7. Over the years, attempts have been made to ensure that NCSAF periodically has the opportunity to represent the District, but these arrangements have normally been "handshake" situations, and thus are often forgotten through the ongoing succession of leadership.

OBJECTIVES:

- To create a sensible solution ensuring that NCSAF has the opportunity for periodic representation on the SAF Board, on behalf of District 7
- To encode the solution(s), via formal agreement between ANSAF, NCSAF, and the District 7 Board Representative in order to better withstand the test of time

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. At least one year prior to the election year, the current District 7 Representative will contact the chairs of the ANSAF and NCSAF to discuss members from their entity that might be good candidates for the District 7 seat on the National Board of Directors.
2. Ideally, the current District 7 Representative will put forward at least one nominee from ANSAF and at least one nominee from NCSAF; however, it is possible that there would be two candidates from a single entity.

3. If District 7 has gone through three election cycles (a total of 9 years) without a District 7 Representative coming out of the NCSAF membership, the current District 7 Representative will speak with the chairs from both organizations, remind them of this MOU, and will seek at least one or two candidates from the NCSAF membership and zero candidates from the ANSAF membership.
4. If there are no willing candidates from NCSAF in step 3 above, then the District 7 Representative will seek candidates from the ANSAF membership.

EFFECTIVE PERIOD:


This MOU will become effective upon signature. The term of the agreement shall be three years. At that point, the agreement will be reviewed and modified, as appropriate. Should a new agreement not be signed at the three year mark, this document shall remain in effect as guidance until a new document replaces it or until it is otherwise modified or terminated.

MODIFICATIONS:

This MOU can be modified by mutual written agreement among the parties.

SIGNATORIES:

The undersigned individuals hereby execute the MOU on behalf of the parties they represent.



Steven Koehn, Chair

Allegheny Society of American Foresters

1/31/17

Date



Rocco Saracina, Chair

National Capital Society of American Foresters

1/31/17

Date



Rachel Reyna, District 7 Board Representative

Society of American Foresters

1/31/17

Date