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Photo – Penn State University students from the University Park and Mont Alto campuses, attending the 2018 Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting. Photo by Beth Brantley.

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Chair's Corner

Dennis Galway



This is an amazing time we live in! It's daunting as the issues that our environment is facing are more intensive, more difficult to understand, and even with the technology we have the problems can't be solved quickly. Unfortunately, the environmental issues threatening our forests, our oceans, and our planet are mostly result of man's activity and lack of activity over centuries and the healing and recovery process could also take centuries if it can be achieved at all.

Just like our forests and our ecosystems all the component of our Society of American Foresters (SAF) are interconnected. The components of administration, research, education, policy, outreach, service foresters, industry foresters, field foresters, Technicians, students are all essential. If one component is not functioning properly or missing the health, sustainability and future of our forests our SAF is compromised. In recent times SAF has realized the importance of expanding our partnership to other natural resource specialist and non-traditional partners to build our organization and to elicit new ideas to help resolve the intense stress put on our forests, oceans, other water resources, and air quality.

The components of the forest and our SAF must be diverse in nature to help ensure its perpetuity on earth. They have to include different species of flora and fauna, sexes, soil types, age classes, etc. The SAF also requires diversity of strengths, ages, cultures, races, men and woman in an equal partnership to grow and sustain its mission to benefit present and future generations of society.

One of my beliefs is that SAF is a family. I have met incredible people over my 37 years as a member of this family. The relationship has grown and strengthens as has my commitment to the well being of the SAF and the forests we look after. This is one of my themes for my tenor as chair. SAF is a family. We must strive to reach out and bring all members with us on our journey into the future. Each member old, young, middle age has equal importance in our existence. We can't forget our older members that helped build and grow our society and bring us to this critical point in time. We need our younger members with their energy and passion and ideas to help us stay relevant and solve the intense problems our forests and ecosystems face today. We need to continue an infusion of new members, especially the students with their knowledge of new technologies to provide the sustenance we need to ensure the health of our organization and the forest ecosystems we love and have dedicated our life to.

We have many issues facing ANSAF not the least of which is how to reach all our members and make them feel included and strengthen our divisions and chapters. We can't do it alone. I can't do it alone. We need our SAF family to make sure every day; every year we can feel we have done something to help our fellow members, our profession, our community, our forests, our earth! I look forward to hearing from you with ideas, suggestions and comments.

I leave you with an excerpt of one of my favorite poems by John Donne - No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind.

Board of Directors Report

District 7 Representative – David Gwaze



In February, Allegheny SAF held its winter meeting in Gettysburg, PA. The overall organization of this meeting was perfect! I enjoyed the presentations and meeting ANSAF members.

The successful in providing ANSAF members an opportunity of meeting and learning from each other and discussing successes, opportunities and challenges to forest management. It also provided an opportunity to initiate and strengthen collaboration among members. Furthermore, it provided ANSAF members an opportunity of meeting the president and acting CEO. The members learned about SAF achievements, the president's vision and Board's activities. The interaction, through a panel format, between the national SAF leadership and the ANSAF members

allowed many of the members' questions and concerns to be addressed.

The large student attendance was great. The professors should be commended for facilitating their students to attend. The connections the students made will hopefully help them in their careers. In future, strategies need to be developed to encourage students to interact more with seasoned and established members.

Finally, thank you Allegheny SAF for organizing such a successful meeting. I want to take this opportunity to encourage NCSAF members to attend future ANSAF events.

On April 30, 2018, NCSAF luncheon will feature the interim Chief of the Forest Service Vicki Christiansen. She will share her thoughts on USDA Forest Service's challenges and opportunities, and SAF-Forest Service partnership. This event will provide a great opportunity for NCSAF members meet and interact with the Interim Chief. I want to encourage Allegheny SAF members to attend this upcoming event and other future NCSAF events.

SAF Board updates

New Board

The new Board started on January 1. It includes the president, vice-president, immediate past-president, and 11 elected members (one from each voting district). Here are your Board members:

1. David S. Lewis, President
2. John W. McNulty, Vice President
3. Frederick W. Cabbage, Immediate Past President
4. Thomas M. Hanson, District 1 (Alaska, Inland Empire, Washington State)
5. Michael J. Cloughesy, District 2 (Oregon)
6. Dr. Richard B. Standiford, District 3 (Hawaii, Northern CA, Southern CA)
7. Beverly A. Yelczyn, District 4 (Alberta, CO/WY, Dakotas, Intermountain, MO, Southwestern)
8. Donald E. Howlett, District 5 (Iowa, Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin)
9. Sidney E. Balch, District 6 (New England, New York)
10. Dr. David Gwaze, District 7 (Allegheny, National Capital)
11. Christa F. Rogers, District 8 (Appalachian)
12. Lee A. Crocker, District 9 (IN, IL, OH, Great Plains, KY/TN, MO, Ouachita)

13. Dr. Richard W. Brinker, District 10 (Southeastern)
14. Michael L. Murphrey, District 11 (Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas)

President Lewis's goals include:

- Re-building SAF leadership base.
- Increasing emphasis on cost/benefit analysis for SAF's new and existing initiatives.
- Improving communications and transparency to members of SAF's decisions and actions.
- Renewing emphasis on expanding non-dues revenue sources.
- Building a bigger "stick pile" by increasing tangible member benefits.

Future of SAF

In December 2017, past SAF presidents prepared a paper outlining challenges facing SAF and suggesting some solutions. These challenges include (1) the need to represent the broad field of forestry; (2) the need for SAF to follow through on major strategic decisions; (3) the need to clarify CEO/Board relationships and responsibilities; (4) the need to have a clear SAF vision; and (5) the need for research. The board has started engaging past SAF leaders in discussing solutions to these challenges in order to increase the viability of SAF. The Board values the past SAF leaders' input to make SAF stronger.

Leadership Advisory Group

The Board approved the formation of a Leadership Advisory Group to begin efforts to tackle the local leadership issues. The group was formed and includes representation from House Society Delegates, early and mid-career professionals, students and science-affiliated leadership. The specific objectives of this group are:

- To develop plans, programs and training that enhance local unit success;
- To assist in the design, development, and implementation of training, coaching and development activities which enhance the skills and abilities of current and future SAF leaders at all levels;
- To identify development paths for volunteer leaders so that subsequent appointments make use of training and experience gained in previous positions.

The group will develop recommendations for consideration by the Board.

Other SAF Board updates

- CEO Job: The SAF CEO job was announcement in various outlets, including the Eforester and Forestry Source. Contact Jim Thinnes, jimthinnes2@gmail.com, for additional information about the job.
- Committee on Forest Policy has a new chair: Craig MacLean.
- House of Society Delegates has a new Chair: John Walkowiak.
- SAF HQ Building: The Board is likely to make a decision on whether to remain in the Pinchot Building or lease office space in a nearby location at the May Board meeting.
- Next Board meeting: May 3-6, 2018, in MD.

Gregory Award

SAF is accepting applications for the 2018 Gregory Award. The Gregory Award seeks to mark the achievements of Bob and Ann Gregory and further their interest in international relations by providing economic assistance to outstanding students or professionals from outside of the US and Canada to attend the SAF Convention and have meaningful engagement with foresters on the North American continent. This year's convention will take place in Portland, Oregon on October 3-7, 2018. The award includes complimentary registration and \$2,000 (US dollars) that may be utilized for travel, lodging, and tickets to SAF convention events or technical field tours. SAF will work with successful applicants to allocate the funds in the most useful manner.

Please spread the word about this exciting opportunity. The deadline to apply is May 7, 2018.

For information and details on how to apply, please visit:

https://www.eforester.org/Main/Community/Scholarships/Gregory_Award.aspx

National Convention

The Society of American Foresters National Convention will be held October 3-7, 2018, in Portland, Oregon. The convention provides an outstanding opportunity for professional development, and an excellent forum to engage with other agencies, organizations, and stakeholders. I encourage you to participate in this convention as a presenter, exhibitor or participant.

Details of the convention are at: <https://www.eforester.org/safconvention>

Any registration related questions can be directed to membership@safnet.org. Questions about sponsorships, exhibitor booths, and related events can be directed to Christopher Whited, whitedc@safnet.org. Program related questions including questions about tours can be sent to Carol Redelsheimer, redelsheimerc@safnet.org.

2018 Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting Summary

by Peter Linehan, CF

The Pennsylvania Keystone Chapter organized this year's winter meeting of the Allegheny SAF in historic Gettysburg, PA at the Wyndham Inn from February 21 to 23. Pre-conference sessions included Pesticide Certification and Tree Farm Inspector training. A few lucky participants took a professionally guided tour of the Gettysburg National Battlefield Park. Participants appreciated the ice-breaker at the Gettysburg National Battlefield Visitors Center. We had the Center to ourselves to experience the museum and the battlefield cyclorama, while enjoying the abundant catering. Over one hundred fifty people attended the conference, including forty-four students from four different universities.

The theme of the conference was **Trees and People**. Each of the sessions stressed the various ways trees and people interact. There was something to interest all SAF members. The program and many of the conference presentations can be found at the conference website: <https://sites.psu.edu/ansafwinter2018/>

Keystone Chapter Chair, Craig Houghton, welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave opening remarks. SAF President, Dave Lewis, gave the plenary presentation with an overview of the state of SAF. This was followed by talks by Paul Trianosky, Chief Conservation Officer of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative and Rita Hite, Executive Vice President of the American Tree Farm System.

In the afternoon, the students held a session on career and graduate school opportunities with representatives from different industries. This session was organized by Josh Hersl, the President of the Penn State University SAF student chapter, who also won an Allegheny SAF leadership award.

John Barnwell, the Acting co-CEO of SAF and President Dave Lewis hosted a question and answer session. It was a great opportunity to discuss the challenges facing SAF. We also appreciated the participation of David Gwaze from the USDA Forest Service, who is the new representative of the Allegheny and National Capital SAF groups to the SAF Board of Directors.

West Virginia University's team won the Quiz Bowl after strong competition from Penn State University, Allegany College of Maryland, and Penn State Mont Alto. The Quiz Bowl makes those of us who have been out of school for a while appreciate just how much you have to learn to become a forester!

After the amazing banquet, Wayne Bender, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Hardwoods Development Council, gave us an overview of the industry and future trends. He emphasized that exports are increasingly important to Pennsylvania, especially exports to China. Recent events have highlighted the timeliness of this message.

After the Chair’s Breakfast, Bill Imbergamo, the Executive Director of the Federal Forest Resource Coalition gave an overview of the current western wildfire situation. He emphasized the need for a better solution to funding wildfire fighting before the USDA Forest Service is forced to use all its resources for this one purpose. The recently passed federal budget did indeed include funding to remedy the situation.

State Society business meetings were held after breakfast.

Craig Houghton returned to the podium for brief closing remarks and the meeting ended by noon. The Silent Auction had a wide variety of items and some people got great deals! The Reginald D. Forbes Art Show showed how talented our members are. Thanks to Mike Kusko for organizing these events.

This meeting relied on many sponsors, who we sincerely appreciate! We couldn’t have done it without you. Everyone appreciated the great facilities and hospitality of the Wyndham Inn of Gettysburg. We can’t wait for upcoming Allegheny SAF meetings, especially the next winter meeting in West Virginia.

Executive Committee Meeting
Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting
21 February 2018

Attendees:

Steve Koehn, Rachel Reyna, Mike Kusko, Kenneth Jolly, Dave Trimpey, Melissa Thomas-Van Gundy, Kimberly Bohn, Susan Lacy, Matthew Hurd, Joe Glover, **Dennis Galway**, Su Ann Shupp, Tim Slavin, Sarah Wurzbacher, Steve Resh, Jonathan Kays, Mike Huneke, Steve Kalleser, Richard Lewis, Mike Schofield, Jamie Schuler and Todd Lotter

Meeting begins at 1442

- Meeting Overview and Introduction (Dennis Galway, Incoming Chair)
- Recognition of Steve Koehn for service as Chair
- Congratulate Steve K. for SAF Fellowship in 2018

Motion	Made by	Accepted/Rejected
Approval/Acceptance of 2017 ANSAF Summer Meeting Minutes	Steve Kalleser	Jonathan Kays

- Transition of Chair to Dennis Galway

Treasurer’s Report (Steve Resh)

- Reference to documents handed out in meeting
 - “2017 Allegheny SAF Check Ledger”
 - Question on check #1112; monies spent in two separate transactions
- Everything balances to the penny, though monies are still obligated (Field Forester Awardee National Convention Travel for Mark Webb and the Student Account)
- Checking account \$12,495.47

- Franklin Income “A” account \$61,593.81 (8.4 % increase)
 - Some monies could be utilized for the SAF Leadership Academy
 - Extra \$10K that entered this account is a result of ANSAF previously hosting the national meeting
- Student Account Balance \$883.08
 - Earned \$.44 in 2017
 - Total obligated should be \$1,677.64
 - Can include student travel
 - Must keep this money separate and going into this specific Student Account
 - Include donations, raffles, and specifics of what we will spend that on moving forward
- Request chapters to continue (or to quit) charging Chapter dues?
- Donations from 2017 ~\$4,765
- No 2017 HSD Assessment
- No student travel expenses in 2017, no requests
- Website costs \$96.00, down this year due to donation
- \$500 from PA Division, \$1000 obligated from ANSAF for Presidential Field Forester Awardee—is this a precedent to set for all future awardees
 - Proposal to grant money on an as needed basis (case by case recipients)
 - Further discussions with current recipient will occur
 - Question as to whether National SAF can help—likely not an option
 - Bring up agreed upon amount at the next meeting

Motion	Made by	Accepted/Rejected
Reimburse Mark Webb (Field Forester of the Year) \$1587.65	Steve Koehn	Steve Kallesser

Motion	Made by	Accepted/Rejected
Accept 2017 Treasurer’s Report	Steve Koehn	Steve Kallesser

Action Item: Audit Chair Volunteers needed and to be determined. Please consider stepping into this role.

2018 Budget

- Refer to 2018 Allegheny SAF Draft Budget Worksheet
- T-shirts: idea for different design or item to sell, otherwise sales drop-off
- No newsletter advertising (cost goes into t-shirt sales)—marketing currently to peers within newsletter peers; more of a donation than an advertisement
- 2018 Winter Meeting Total proposed expenses \$25K; actual cost \$24K plus \$10K received in sponsorship
 - Silent Auction - need to determine use of raised funds (50% going to meeting cost)
 - 62 members in Keystone Chapter with only a small contingency to organize meeting

- Can ANSAF send out a strong message to National SAF to develop software, etc for small meeting hosting
- Is there any support to hold/host div/chapter meetings?
- Discussion to raise ANSAF dues with annual membership?
 - Should not be a problem to add a few dollars to this but need to identify process to change dues
 - Is it in the bylaws that ANSAF Executive Committee can approve this?
 - Can we do a “nickel and dime” approach (i.e. dollar/year for five years)?
 - Always comes down to money (ensure we aren’t compounding upon bills)
 - A group in PACNW doing a self-assessment on dues with supporting a position (like Susan Lacy; correlate the cost with the direct benefit, i.e. person in a position)
 - Notice on registration on why the increased cost is occurring (i.e. according to ...studies and inflation...)
 - Solutions needed!
- \$14,325 Proposed expenditures
 - \$2800 dues
 - \$600 HSD Assessment
 - \$500 ANSAF News
 - \$160 Awards
 - \$75 Admin
 - \$3K T-shirts, office travel

Motion	Made by	Accepted/Rejected
Approve 2018 Proposed Budget as amended	Jonathan Kays	Steve Kalleser

- \$250 donation/revenue built in to ANSAF for registration for Leadership Academy
- Endowment Charter—up to half the earnings can be used for the Allegheny news

Executive Director’s Report (Susan Lacy)

Motion	Made by	Accepted/Rejected
Increase dues 2.5% per year for five years (Bureau of Labor Statistics)	Joe Glover	withdrawn

Further discussions needed Steve Koehn will lead ad hoc committee so that this can be presented in front of the general membership

Motion tabled

Membership Committee Report (Dennis Galway)

Leadership Academy

- Forester’s Fund Grant Application sent out to voting exec committee members
- New York and New England and ANSAF
- Mid-Atlantic/Northeast Leadership Academy
- November 14-16, 2018 Grey Towers
- Registration fee reasonable
- Maximum of 25 attendees - Small group, intense training
- Ken Jolly sent info out to division chairs

- Nominate!!!
 - Benefit attendee
 - Benefit employer
 - Benefit division/chapter
- **Request** Approve and allow Dennis to sign grant application for June 15th deadline for \$5K for the National Forester’s Fund
- Each chapter/div can nominate one person, with one alternate
- Education Endowment Fund (plan B for funding option)
- Trainers, Tom Davidson and National Office Staff (SAF Specifics) and Allyson Muth
- Generate employer support in the Industry
- Cut-off date is July 4th , the sooner the better
- Notification through Chapter and Division Chairs or ANSAF Chair
- Great opportunity for engaging future members and leaders
 - Any opportunity for additional commitment from student attendees
 - What will they be challenged to do as a result of Academy?
 - Will the Chapter/Division be challenged to further commit to the individual?
 - Manner of re-engaging existing membership

Motion	Made by	Accepted/Rejected
Authorize Steve Resh to sign grant	Tim Slavin	Joe Glover

Motion	Made by	Accepted/Rejected
Accept Program Committee Charter Report	Steve Resh	Tim Slavin

Strategic Plan

A general aspirational guiding document, not meant to be directives

With tools for implementation

Motion	Made by	Accepted/Rejected
Accept the revised Strategic Plan	Steve Koehn	Tim Slavin

Division Reports

PA Division—Joe Glover

- Report requests for Winter Meeting—none received
- Do we need to consolidate from 7 chapters down to 6 or 4?
- Difficult to put on a good meeting at a Chapter level? Do we host at a division level?

Keystone Chapter

- Gratitude to Richard Lewis for carrying the brunt of the work for 2018 Winter Meeting

New Jersey (Dennis)

- Costs kept to a reasonable level for last meeting
- Continue to recognize people for their good works

Rothrock

Valley Forge (Susan)

- 2017 Fort Indiantown Gap event
- Held the 2017 winter meeting with low staffing

- Certain deceased “Gold Members” are still being counted for certain chapters
- Travel distance to meetings/events is difficult currently, merging chapters would be especially difficult
- Membership is declining and declining numbers is an issue

Pinchot

- Last meeting voted to eliminate chapter dues
- Discussed Strategic Plan
- Younger members aren’t responding to meeting invites, etc.
- Industry has changed and members challenged just to keep up, let alone actively participate in SAF

Plateau (Dave Trimpey)

- Upcoming Chapter meeting in March 2018
- Approximately 50 active members, but growing older
- 15-20 active participants

Northern Hardwoods (Bryan Rose)

- Host of 2018 Summer Meeting
 - Theme: Restoring Disturbed Forests
 - August 8th-10th
- Chapter Meeting on March 6th 2018

Western Gateway

MD/DE (Matt)

Hover around 100 members

- 40-50 members each meeting
- Rotating to different region in state every meeting
- Offering CFE’s for ISA, SAF, SFI, etc.
- Getting higher meeting participation
- Adding PayPal so the chapter doesn’t eat registration cost
- Meetings are open to all ANSAF
- Want to host next Summer meeting at the College for greater Student Participation
- Spring meeting will be somewhere on the eastern shore for Silviculture and markets

West Virginia (Melissa)

- Todd Lotter new chair
- 2017 two meetings
- Roughly half of membership attends meetings
- Students (5) funded to attend National Meeting and (10) to 2018 Winter Meeting
 - Way to incorporate them.... Fund them!
- Recent proposed bills have been considered with close scrutiny; they were written without forestry professional expertise
- 2019 ANSAF winter meeting
 - Morgantown, venue TBD, February 20-22, 2019
- 2017 National Boy Scout Jamboree in WV
 - Mike Huneke received the William Hornaday Medal
 - July 2019 will be hosting the National Boy Scouts of America Conference
 - 50,000 youth
 - Mike H. youth coordinator
 - Urge ANSAF to sponsor event and staff

New Jersey (Tim Slavin); refer to handout

- Steve K is immediate past chair
- Tim Slavin new chair
- October 2017 first annual Charles Newlin Forestry Forum
 - Duke Farms
 - Ecological Forestry
 - 100 attendees from different natural resources professions
 - Planning for 2018 is underway with the Good Stewards Coalition
 - Success! Invitations to ANSAF will be sent out
 - December 2017 Steve K. held a transition meeting for outgoing and incoming exec committee
 - January 2018 group met and discussed the new forest stewardship regulations and implementation path
 - Were able to host a training for professionals from a range of professional backgrounds to include tax professionals
- Mailed out pins to 50 and 60 year members
- Reached out to new NJ political leadership in hopes of continuing positive relationship

Solution ideas to recruitment and retention in chapters: Personal engagement of current members and time commitment

Younger members/older members need to help each other
 Needed—culture change! Engage new/newer members and Listen to them!
 Welcome folks and make sure they know they matter and want to be a part of SAF
 Engage Student Chapter Chairs (New D7 student rep: Sean Greenloft)

50-Year Certificates

- Good way to engage current members via personal invitations
- Talk to ANSAF for financial support

Recognition of existing members:

Handout to committee to keep Chapter/Div leadership up to date

SAF and Wood Stove Design Challenge (Jonathan Kays)

- 2018 will be next challenge- automation of wood stoves
 - Refer to handout doc
 - Outreach event
- Opportunity for SAF to help connect the gap b/n biomass industry and consultants/practioners
- Would be a good opportunity for SAF to have a table. \$2500/table
 - Outreach/network/new audience venue
- This would be considered a “special grants”? and if so, this would be a second and can we put two in during one year?

Action Item: Rachel will identify with John Barnwell

- Could be utilized through the Forester’s Fund
 - Would National want to collaborate on this effort?

Motion	Made by	Accepted/Rejected
Approve Grant Request for next Wood Stove Design Challenge	Steve Koehn	Joe Glover

Forestry Hall of Fame

- Need a committee to develop who would be worthy of induction
i.e. Gifford Pinchot, many from other states within ANSAF
- Research, offer name for consideration, put it before membership, then vote
- Can be opened up to the general membership
- Recommendation: with list presented for clickable bio
 - Can coincide with state Centennial
- Requirements for nomination:
 - Does not have to be alive

Legislative Updates

NAASF—empowering state forestry to improve forest health (act 2018)

Senate #962 is companion bill

Champion is from PA and VT

Seeks to put money aside for helping states implement FAP and help to fund cross-boundary work for more fire safe landscapes

Changes in administration could make this go away

We need to help codify existing landscapes to help Implement state FAPs and help private lands adjacent to federal lands

Bolstering the use of the Farm Bill’s good nature authority

Joint News Release from National Association of State Foresters

Suggestion to write Glenn Thompson (PA rep) in support of this as ANSAF or as individual state chapters and Divisions

Federal funds currently looking bleak; empowering state forestry legislation is a good safe guard from diminished federal support

*Ask how to note abstaining members- Melissa and Steve K and Rachel and Su Ann, et al .		
Steve Kalleser moves Tim Slavin Seconds		
Motion	Made by	Accepted/Rejected
2/3 of the Executive Committee/ANSAF membership supports Empowering State Forestry to Improve Forest Health	Steve Kalleser	Tim Slavin

New Business:

- Permission to gather the names of students from quiz bowl and offer them a year of membership on next years student membership
- SAF CEO Search
 - Look in-house at Louise Murgia and John Barnwell
 - Discussion occurred that a larger search must occur/outside hire not guaranteed
 - Forester or professional association manager for the position?
 - Need a person with a forestry or forestry related degree (though association management skills are integral)
- Certify Election Results
- Susan Stout Scholarship Fund
 - Impact of SILVAH based research from 2017 Summer Meeting, far reaching
 - Provide general support for management based research
 - Fostering partnerships between research and practitioners
 - Space for new professionals in field

- Engagement

Goal: Create a fund in honor of Susan Stout that would create an annual stipend for one student to work on management science, at the Irvine lab (\$30K or five years support)

Through personal donations

Capacity to meet whatever production/capital is created

Any residual fund could be transferred to lab, another existing scholarship fund, etc.; remitting the award once a year

Due respect and obligation to a great colleague and scientist, Susan S.

Need a home for this specific scholarship money; hoping it is SAF

Questions: Tax aspect questions regarding certain liabilities for SAF to become Fiscal agent for scholarship fund? Can we have a follow-up call to discuss way ahead? Can National Office provide support on these issues?

Motion	Made by	Accepted/Rejected
Agree to defer this scholarship proposal within the next 90 days; including tax liability queries)	Steve Kalleser	Steve Resh

ANSAF Elections (Mike Kusko)

- Chair-Elect: *Michael Huneke* (MD/DE Div)
- Secretary: *Su Ann Shupp* (Keystone Chapter)
- Treasurer: *Steven Resh* (MD/DE Div)
- Executive Committee
 - *Melissa A. Thomas-Van Gundy* (WV Div)
 - *Michael Schofield* (MD/DE Div)
 - *Bradley W. Elison* (Pinchot Chapter)
 - *Richard Lewis* (Keystone Chapter)

Motion	Made by	Accepted/Rejected
Certify Election Results as read by Su Ann Shupp	Steven Kalleser	Dennis Galway

Action Item Follow-up:

Audit Chair Volunteers needed and to be determined. Please consider stepping into this role.

Rachel Reyna check on the status of “special grants” with John Barnwell

Meeting adjourned at 1757

Les Alpaugh Honored for Outstanding Service to Forestry

Text and photo by Steve Kalleser



Les Alpaugh has been a forester in New Jersey since 1966 - after graduation from Penn State and two years in the Army Corps of Engineers. He worked within the State Bureau of Forest Management for over 30 years and has spent the last 16 years as a private consultant. He still enjoys working as a forestry consultant and helping his son operate a 145-acre Christmas tree farm.

(Photo – (l) Jonathan Kays, ANSAF Awards Chair and (r) Les Alpaugh.

In the beginning Les was a "field" forester in the NJ Bureau of Forest Management and progressed through many responsibilities to eventually become State Forester (1996-2000). Most notable are his efforts to augment legislative authority and responsibility of the State Forester and the Bureau including:

- Revisions to the state Farmland Assessment Act in 1986 to include a requirement for private landowners to have a State approved forestry plan as a pre-requisite to reduced property taxes through the Farmland Assessment program.
- Inclusions of forestry exemptions in several administrative rules concerning forested wetlands and/or silvicultural operations, especially in the early days of the Clean Water Act and New Jersey's assumption of control of the Federal Act. Prepared the "New Jersey Forestry and Wetlands: Best Management Practices Manual" that is still used today.
- The Community Forestry Act was written by Les Alpaugh and Mike D'Errico and shepherded through the legislative process. This law defines the efforts of the State Forester to assist local municipalities with administration of (and liability protection for) the local Shade Tree Commissions. The law also required municipal plans to be prepared by professional (SAF) foresters thus providing a platform for professional tree advice and business opportunity.
- Most important is the pursuit (for 20 years) and passage of the NJ Forest Stewardship Act which advocates forest stewardship and gives authority to the State Forester to implement the State Forest Stewardship Program.
- Throughout his career – beginning with the transfer of the forest tree seedling nursery and followed by the completion of the forestry education building in Jackson, NJ – Les has always supported the concepts of tree improvement and programs to education all ages on the value forest conservation and utilization.

During Les's career, he served in several elected positions for the NJ Division: Member-at-Large in 1970, Vice-Chairman in 1972, and Chairman in 1973. He was one of the founding members of the Allegheny SAF Forester's Fund Committee and helped solicit funding from members. While Chairman of the NJ Chapter of the Allegheny SAF he traveled to Nebraska to accept an Arbor Day award for the Chapter's work distributing seedlings to schools and sales to NJ residents.

Les's primary vehicle for supporting the Forestry movement in New Jersey has been his leadership within the NJ Forestry Association. Since his retirement from state service, he has served for many years on its

Board of Directors. There, he has worked to help guide and inform the policy affairs specialist(s) that the NJFA has contracted with over the years. Les also serves on the Shade Tree Commission of Delaware Township, Hunterdon County.

Forester of the Year Award Goes to Aaron Cook

Text by Photo by Matthew Hurd,



Aaron is the lead forester in Washington County, Maryland which is part of the Washington – Frederick Project of the MD Forest Service. Aaron performs all phases of forestry work including, preparing forest management plans, coordinating reforestation projects, writing reforestation plans, marking timber stand improvements, administering cost share programs, coordinating weed control, fire control, urban and community forestry, outreach, and administrative functions. Aaron also helped prepare a management plans on Indian Springs Wildlife Management Area and is overseeing management plan preparation on the Hagerstown and Waynesboro Watershed properties. Aaron is able to juggle all these responsibilities in an efficient manner; and, is one, if not the top

producer in the Western Region of the Maryland Forest Service.

Aaron has a Master's Degree in Forestry specializing in GIS and computer applications and he is very knowledgeable in these fields. Aaron has helped Western Region colleagues understand and employ new versions of GIS, forest inventory software, and basically learn how to operate some of the technical equipment we acquire from time to time. As the regional tech expert, Aaron has saved people countless hours trying to figure things out ourselves; or, simply determine what is wrong with our computer or other device. When we have a question or problem we call Aaron and he can usually solve the issue over the phone. If not, Aaron will stop by at his earliest convenience and help us rectify the matter. Aaron devised relevant inventory protocol using SILVAH –Oak software for an ongoing inventory at Green Ridge State Forest after being asked to do so. In addition, Aaron has been involved in developing woodland inventories for Indian Springs WMA, Hagerstown Watershed, Frederick City Watershed, and the Waynesboro Watershed in Pennsylvania. Aaron is involved with helping draft the Stewardship Plans on these properties as well. What is most impressive is that it comprises “extra” work that Aaron is taking on in addition to his regular duties.

This year Aaron was able to produce 54 Stewardship Plans along with the 78 plans he developed in 2016. Not only is he productive but his plans are well thought out, expertly written and contain good information and sound advice. Aaron completed nearly 20 acres of reforestation projects last year utilizing CREP, WIP, and other cost share programs. Aaron also assists many landowners with invasive species control on their properties using the Woodland Incentives Program (WIP) as a source of cost share. In 2017, Aaron and Patrick Ma completed 350 property tax inspections through the Woodland

Assessment Program. Aaron completed most of these since Patrick left our employment during March, 2017.

Aaron is part of our Fire Duty Roster meaning that he is on call every 4 weeks and expected to respond to forest fires as necessary. The 2017 fire season has not been very active so far, but Aaron did respond to a couple of fires last spring as Incident Commander and assisted on an 18 acre mountain fire over Thanksgiving. Aaron is part of the Western Fire crew and was deployed on a two week detail this summer serving as a crew boss. Aaron routinely assists with Fire related trainings including teaching a training module on the use of pumps and hose lays on fire, and tree felling/ chainsaw operation for intermediate level students.

A large part of our job entails working with other groups to accomplish various projects such as school tree plantings, forestry board events, CREP plantings, warm season grass burns, public tree plantings, and walnut collection. Aaron excels in this capacity having a pleasant, thoughtful, good natured personality that appeals a diverse group of partners. Aaron serves as Treasurer on the Executive Committee of the MD – DE Division of the Society of American Foresters. He also serves on a committee which plans the annual Pesticide Recertification training for DNR employees and other partners. Aaron is an active member of the Antietam Creek Watershed Alliance, Washington County Envirothon Committee and Penn State Forestry Alumni Association. Aaron assisted with the National Envirothon training and competition held in Washington and Frederick Counties during the summer of 2017.

Joshua Hersl Awarded for Student Leadership

Joshua Hersl, currently a senior at Penn State in University Park, was selected for the 2017 Student Leadership Award. Josh has an impressive resume of academic and other accomplishments. Josh attended Penn State briefly in 2000 before enlisting in the Army. He served two tours of duty in Iraq and another in Afghanistan. Josh was injured during his first tour, and after healing and recovery, he returned to continue his Army service.

After 10 years in the military, Josh enrolled in forest technology program at Penn State- Mont Alto. Once he completed his associate's degree, he moved on to University Park to work on a BS in Forest Ecosystem Management. Josh is currently the president of the Penn State Student Chapter of SAF and the student representative to the Pennsylvania Forestry Association Board of Directors. In addition to his academic course load (his GPA is 3.9!), Josh has also participated in several projects including the Pennsylvania Logger survey, an APHIS project to examine costs and pacts of invasive species, a log export survey, collecting data for the PA Timber Market and the PA preferential forestry tax program.

Josh has a strong interest in international forestry and has traveled to India and Costa Rica where he studied the silvics of native species. During a 2017 trip to Morocco, Josh carried out research on phosphate mining, reclamation and impacts on communities.

His long term goal is to become a lawyer with an emphasis on environmental law in the hopes of being the bridge between science and politics. But first he wants to spend some time putting that forestry degree to work in the field.

Mike Powell, forestry instructor and advisor to the Penn State Student SAF Chapter, nominated Josh for this award. He describes Josh as one who “seizes every opportunity that he comes across. He demonstrates a caring, compassionate and trusting individual that anyone who know Josh is privileged to call him a friend.” Mike Jacobsen, a forestry professor who also supported Josh’s nomination for this award, echoed the praise, stating that “Josh is an exemplary student and is most deserving of this award.”



(Left to right) Steve Koehn, outgoing Chair of the Allegheny SAF; Mike Powell, Penn State SAF student chapter adviser; ANSAF Student Leadership Award 2017 recipient Josh Hersl; and Dave Lewis, National President, SAF.

Photo by Beth Brantley

Pennsylvania Division Society of American Foresters Business Meeting Notice

Wednesday, April 25, 2018
Penn State / Central PA Convention and Visitor’s Center
800 East Park Avenue
State College, PA 16803

Meeting Agenda

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm Welcome, Introduction, Business Meeting Glover

- Call to Order 11:00 am by chairman Joe Glover
 - Introductions of those in attendance, list attached
- Minutes of the February 23, 2018 meeting held in Gettysburg, PA were read by Trimpey
 - Motion to approve the minutes as read was made and seconded; approved
- Treasurer’s Report was read by Trimpey:
 - Current checking account balance is \$8,685.47
 - Only change since February meeting was addition of \$.14 checking account interest
 - The division also has 2 CD’s with a current balance of \$9,185.83

- Trimpey had requested an audit of the books at last meeting; this was done by Thad Taylor on February 23, 2018 and no errors, omissions, or corrective actions were found
- Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made and seconded; approved
- Chapter Reports
 - Keystone by R Lewis & C Houghton (written)
 - Thanked the PA Div for its \$3,000 support of the ANSAF Winter Training which they hosted in Gettysburg last February. Their planning committee received much positive feedback and they raised over \$10,000 but still lost about \$675.
 - They returned \$480 in student sponsorships to WVU and Alleg College. PSU, Mont Alto and Penn Tech each received \$500 from the PFA to defray student costs
 - No immediate chapter meetings planned but are holding a joint event September 29, 2018 "The Cradle of Conservation: Hike at the Historic PA State Forest Academy". Also hope to participate in the Walk in the Woods in October.
 - Northern Hardwood by K Bohn
 - Recent chapter meeting held; new officers elected
 - Working on planning ANSAF Summer Training scheduled for August 8-10 at the University of Pittsburgh, Bradford Campus
 - Pinchot by R Schwab
 - Next meeting held May 10
 - Still concerned about lack of attendance/participation from chapter members
 - Plateau by Trimpey/Glover/C Stelter
 - Recent meeting held with a presentation by Wayne Bender of PA Hardwood Dev Council, 30 attended
 - New slate of officers elected – names to be provided
 - Made donation of \$1,000 to Gottschalk Science fund with proceeds of raffle plus additional funds from hosting the Summer Training
 - Made donation of \$1,000 to the ANSAF
 - Made donation of \$1,000 to the Susan L. Stout Fellowship Fund
 - Rothrock by M Kiefer/D Jackson
 - Last summer meeting well attended
 - Recent meeting also held
 - Valley Forge by R Morin
 - Attendance & participation severely lacking; many older members; losing membership; not sure what to do; merge with another chapter?
 - Western Gateway by R Piper
 - Meeting held April 3rd in Ebensburg; 7 attended
 - Chapter to host Summer 2019 Training – looking at late July at Univ. of Pittsburgh, Johnstown Campus
 - Discussed chapter size and attendance; no interest in merging with another chapter
 - Approved ANSAF Hall of Fame nominees: Walter Rossman & Gary Scott
 - Approved \$250 to Lloyd Casey Fund (PFA)
- Division Report – Joe Glover led a discussion about PA Division demographics using data from the national office. There are quite a few student members and most seem to "disappear" after graduation. How can we encourage them to remain active SAF members? – mentoring, -reach out to student chapters to have SAF practicing foresters attend their meetings.
 - Much discussion was also held about the health of some chapters – lack of attendance & participation. Several ideas were suggested to help chapters increase participation:
 - Have a "free" social meeting/event each year
 - People have to perceive value
 - Joint meetings with related organizations
 - Better advertising

- Certification credits are important to some
 - Invite non-members
 - To that end, a motion was made and seconded that the PA Div SAF would offer matching dollar grants of up to \$1,000 to help chapters cover expenses for having “special” chapter meetings with the goal of increasing chapter member participation. A chapter using such funds would report back to the Division on what was done and how it went (success) The motion was approved.
- Old Business
 - Leadership Academy Nominations / Application Review
 - A motion was made, seconded and approved to sponsor a qualified PA SAF member to attend the SAF Leadership Academy this fall and provide up to \$500 for financial assistance if needed. No names of possible nominees were put forth at this time.
 - SAF Fellow – Robb Piper volunteered to represent PA Div on the ANSAF Fellow Review Committee at Gettysburg meeting. Two nominees were submitted and both were sent on to SAF as recommended by committee.
- New Business
 - A motion was made, seconded and approved to make a \$1,000.00 donation to the Allegheny SAF specifically for the executive director. (note – a check was sent May 7)
 - Dave Cole and Dave Jackson gave a report on the Deer Committee and efforts to include other groups such as Tree Farm to assist in spreading info on how deer impact forests
- Good of the Order
 - Next Meeting Date – August 10, 2018 at ANSAF Summer Training in Bradford, PA
- Adjourn – motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved at 2:55 pm

SAF PA DIVISION MEETING ATTENDANCE

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Randy Morin	Valley Forge Chapter	also attended
Paul Lupo	Rothrock Chapter	did not attend

Allegheny Society of American Foresters- Summer Meeting
“Restoration Forestry of Disturbed Forests on the Allegheny Plateau”
August 8-10, 2018,
University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, Bradford, PA
Frame-Westerburg Commons

Draft Agenda

Wednesday, August 8

- 12:00-8:00 PM Registration
- OPTIONAL WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES** (Additional information on Registration)
- 2:00-5:30 PM Jake’s Rocks Mountain Bike Trails: A guided mountain bike tour of the single track mountain bike trails on Allegheny National Forest. Bring mountain bike and helmet (optional but recommended), some transportation will be provided.
- 3:00-5:00 PM Kinzua Bridge State Park: A guided look into the stormy silvicultural past of the state park along with the new visitor’s center and Kinzua Bridge Skywalk.
- 2:00-6:00 PM Allegheny SAF Executive Committee Meeting
- 7:00-9:00 PM Icebreaker Event

Thursday, August 9

- 6:30-8:00 AM Breakfast at UPB Dining Hall (Frame-Westerburg Commons)
- 7:00-11:00 AM Event Registration
- 8:00-8:05 AM Welcome
- 8:05-8:50 AM “Factors Effecting Forest Stand Structure and Health on the ANF” – Andrea Hille, Forest Silviculturist, USFS and Susan Stout, Retired, USDA Forest Service, Northern Research Station
- 8:50-9:35 AM “Impacts of Deer on Forest Health for the PA Game Commission on the Allegheny Plateau”- Dave Gustafson, Chief Forester, Pennsylvania Game Commission
- 9:35-9:55 AM Break
- 9:55-10:40 AM “30 years of Forest Disturbance and Remediation on the Collins Pine Forest”- Ned Karger, Retired Land Manager, Kane Hardwood Div. of Collins Pine Company

10:40-11:25 AM	“Bradford City Watershed Forest Condition and Restoration Attempts” John Saf, VP Generations Forestry Inc., Steve Disney, Bradford City Water Authority
11:30-12:30 PM	Lunch at UPB Dining Hall (Frame-Westerburg Commons)
12:30-12:45 PM	Load Buses for Bradford Watershed Tour (10 minute travel)
1:00-5:00 PM	Bradford City Watershed Tour, John Saf
6:00-8:00 PM	Dinner, BBQ Cookout at UPB Frame-Westerburg Commons

Friday, August 10

7:00-8:00 AM	Chair’s Breakfast, Speaker Ta Enos, Director, Pennsylvania Wilds
8:05-8:20 AM	Division Meetings
8:20-8:55 AM	Allegheny SAF Business Meeting
9:00-9:45 AM	“NRCS: Available Support for Private Landowners to Improve their Woodlots”
9:50-10:30 AM	“The Role of Herbicides as a Tool for Restoration” Bryan Rose, Vegetation Management Specialist, Arborchem Products
10:30-10:45 AM	Break
10:45-11:50 AM	“Using USDA FS Stewardship Contracts to supply fiber for the Kane Area School District Biomass System” Stewardship Coordinator (USFS), John Rook (Kane School District Maintenance Supervisor), Nick Byron (Kane High School Vo-Ag Teacher)
11:50-12:00 PM	Farewell/ Closing Remarks

**Accommodations are available to stay on campus in 2 bedroom dorm suites with a full kitchen: \$140/night, tax included, each bedroom has either 2 twin beds or one king bed, they will match up people in suites if desired. Other hotels in Bradford are available at a range of prices: Best Western Plus, Comfort Inn, Econo Lodge, Holiday Inn Express.

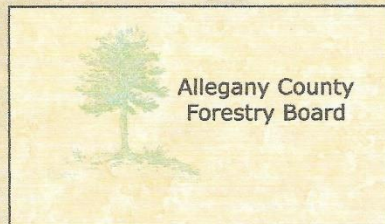
History of Maryland's Liberty Tree

Members of the Allegany County Forestry Board collected seed from a scion (graft) of the original Maryland historic Liberty Tree, a tulip poplar that stood at the site of St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland. Board members then sent the seeds to John S. Ayton State Tree Nursery where the tree nursery manager germinated the seeds and nurtured the seedlings.

Under this tree, American revolutionaries advocated independence from Great Britain during the Stamp Act of 1765. Liberty Trees were gathering places for Sons of Liberty groups throughout the American colonies and from their meetings and discussions, the seeds of the American Revolution were planted. Samuel Chase and William Paca, two members of the Sons of Liberty from the Annapolis chapter, who gathered for meetings under the Liberty Tree, became signers of the Declaration of Independence.

The tree stood silent witness from several blocks away when George Washington resigned his military commission as commander in chief of the Continental Army on December 23, 1783 at the Annapolis State House. Francis Scott Key, author of the Star Spangled Banner, often walked under the branches of the Liberty Tree in the 1790s while a student at St. John's College.

In 1999, at an estimated 400 years of age, the last of the surviving liberty trees in the original 13 colonies died from damage caused by Hurricane Floyd. This tulip tree was at one time the largest known of its species in the United States: Height: 124'; Circumference: 26'; Spread: 117'; Diameter at 4 1/2': 8.25'.



Liberty Tree Project Grows

February 28, 2018 | By [Tim Pratt](#)



A scion of the original Maryland Liberty Tree thrives at St. John's. More descendants of the Liberty Tree are growing throughout the state. As the Revolutionary War loomed in the 1700s, colonists gathered under the Liberty Tree at St. John's College in Annapolis to plan their rebellion against the British.

While the United States formed and grew over the subsequent years, so did the tulip poplar, ultimately reaching more than 120 feet in height before it was killed by Hurricane Floyd in 1999.

Now, direct descendants of the Maryland Liberty Tree are thriving throughout the state, including 200 seedlings at an Eastern Shore tree nursery. Those seedlings are available for purchase, giving members of the public a chance to buy living pieces of Maryland—and St. John's—history.

"I've always been fascinated with trees that have history with them," says Champ Zumbrun, a volunteer with the Allegany County Forestry Board who spearheaded the project. "I'm trying to get the next generation interested in this history and pass down their heritage to them."

The seedlings were grown through a joint effort between St. John's, the Allegany County Forestry Board, John S. Ayton State Tree Nursery, Allegany Soil Conservation District and W-22 Lions Club of Maryland. Standing 12- to 18-inches tall, they're available to purchase for \$30. The seedlings grew from seeds taken off a scion of the Liberty Tree in 2016. The scion—a grafted tree with the same DNA—was planted on campus in 1889 and remains alive and well today. Because the scion has the same DNA as the original Liberty Tree, so do its seeds and the 200 new seedlings.

The goal of the project is to regenerate trees of historic significance; promote the value and benefits of trees to current and future generations; and inform, educate and inspire youth with stories of their connection to "legacy" trees.

"I'm a forester and I love trees, and it's important for me to pass this on," Zumbrun says. Zumbrun began collecting seeds from the Liberty Tree scion several years ago. He tried to germinate them in his back yard, but was unsuccessful.

The longtime forester then contacted the state, and sent a new batch of seeds to germinate at the John S. Ayton State Tree Nursery near Preston. Thirteen of those seeds grew into seedlings that were planted at historic sites throughout Maryland, including one at the State House and two on the St. John's campus. Zumbrun notes the historical significance in 13 seedlings germinating successfully. "I saw that as a sign of the original 13 colonies," he says.

In the fall of 2016, members of the Allegany County Forestry Board traveled to St. John's to collect more seeds from the scion. The board then sent the seeds to the tree nursery, where 200 of them germinated and are ready for planting this spring.

History



The original Liberty Tree is seen in the 1920s. (Photo by Fred W. Besley)

Liberty Trees were gathering places for Sons of Liberty groups throughout all 13 colonies. From their meetings and discussions, the seeds of the American Revolution were planted. Under the Annapolis tree, American revolutionaries advocated independence from Great Britain during the Stamp Act of 1765.

Samuel Chase and William Paca, two members of the Sons of Liberty's Annapolis chapter who gathered for meetings under the Liberty Tree at St. John's, became signers of the Declaration of Independence. The Annapolis tree also stood witness when George Washington resigned his military commission as commander of the Continental Army on December 23, 1783, at the nearby State House.

At one time, the tree was the largest known of its species in the United States, with a height of 124 feet, a circumference of 26 feet and a spread of 117 feet. It was

approximately 400 years old when Hurricane Floyd struck in 1999.

Zumbrun is grateful to St. John's for creating a scion of the tree in the 1880s. "In other words—and incredibly thanks to the foresight of officials at St. John's College—the genetics of the original, ancient Liberty Tree are replicated and live on and are preserved in the Liberty Tree now growing at St. John's College," Zumbrun says. Two seedlings, grown from the scion's seeds, were planted on campus near the student vegetable garden. They will allow another generation of Liberty Trees to flourish.

J.R. Pappas, director of Buildings and Grounds at St. John's, says the college would like to transplant the seedlings to a more prominent location on campus when they reach the appropriate size. He's happy to see the project's success. "Champ brings a huge amount of passion to this story and I think it helps to raise awareness about environmental resources when you have such great historical context," Pappas says.

To order a seedling, make checks payable for \$30 to the Allegany County Forestry Board, and send to the following address:

Allegany County Forestry Board
c/o Maryland Forest Service
14110 Pleasant Valley Road
Flintstone, MD 21530

NEW MEMORIAL FORESTRY EDUCATION FUND ENABLED BY TWO SAF FELLOWS

Since 2014, the Pennsylvania Forestry Association (PFA) has guided and administered the Lloyd Casey, CF Allegheny SAF Fellow Memorial Fund, honoring Casey, a PFA Past President who was a dedicated forestry educator. The fund has supported grant requests for forestry education workshops and projects that reflect Casey's commitment to educating forest landowners. The Casey Fund received many donations from within the PFA organization, from Casey colleagues and friends, and from two partners: the Allegheny Society of American Foresters (SAF) and the National Woodland Owners Association (NWOA).

During 2017, PFA received a very generous unrestricted donation from the estate of Past President Bob Rumpf, Allegheny SAF Fellow. With the review of the Casey family heirs, the Rumpf family heirs, The Allegheny SAF and the NWOA, PFA has agreed to merge the Casey Fund, the Rumpf donation and a small PFA Project Learning Tree earmark into a new **PFA Memorial Forestry Education Fund**.

PFA is excited about the expanded possibilities that this merged fund presents. The overall aim of the new fund reflects that of the original but we expect the new memorial fund to significantly expand opportunities for forest education workshops and projects in Pennsylvania. The original 2017 Casey Fund provided sizable grants to two entities, the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay (which conducted three regional workshops for landowners on the Woods in Your Backyard), and the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy (which will be completing Conservation Easement workshops with additional education in 2018). New proposals have been submitted for the 2018 funding round and project review is in progress.

Allegheny SAF, Pennsylvania Division is pleased to have these two giants of forest conservation recognized for their life long contributions to their profession and to the organizations that support it. Pennsylvania Forestry Association was founded in 1886 and is the nation's first and oldest forest conservation organization. The board of directors is uniquely represented by an equal representation of governmental/educational forestry, forest industry, and private forest advocates.

Please help us assist the advocates of Penn's Woods take care of our future forest! We especially invite all forestry professionals and friends to donate to the new fund. You can continue Casey and Rumpf's love of the forest by finding more information about the Pennsylvania Forestry Association and the ability to contribute to the effort @ <http://www.paforestry.org/>.

The Visiting Forester

By Jonathan Kays, Extension Forester, University of Maryland Extension

So where did your interest in forestry start and develop? For me it started with the Boy Scouts at Troop 2 in Verona, New Jersey. We had an active troop with camping trips every month, even in the winter since our troop had a cabin at Camp Glen Gray. My dad was an assistant scoutmaster and a great role model. I rose through the ranks, being only a few merit badges short of Eagle Scout before discovering girls and other distractions, something I regret to this day. I did get to go to the World Jamboree in 1967 in Idaho but I never did get to go to the Boy Scout mecca, Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. One hundred

and forty thousand acres of beautiful land in mountains, forests, and high desert, donated by the Phillips family in the 1930's.

That changed when I heard about the Philmont Visiting Forester program that invites foresters to volunteer a week of their time from June to August at the 40-acre demonstration forest located in the backcountry of Philmont. Over 25,000 scouts and their leaders hike 5-12 day treks over 200 miles of trails each summer. In 2002, the New Mexico Tree Farm Committee, along with several partners, helped Philmont develop the demonstration forest located in a central backcountry setting with foot traffic of 5,000 hikers and approximately 1,000 other visitors each year. In 2010, Philmont expanded this forestry outreach program by hosting Visiting Foresters throughout the camping season.



The energy for the program is sustained by Mary Stuever, a dedicated forester with the NM State Forestry and SAF member, who now runs the program in cooperation with Philmont. Her commitment and energy is invaluable. Philmont provides room and board when you are there but you need to pay the freight for your own travel.

There is an open pavilion on-site at the demo forest with tables and teaching materials along with numerous demonstration areas to show many silvicultural practices such as a clearcut, selection cut, salvage, meadow restoration, and more. My wife Karen, who has a forestry and wildlife degree from Virginia Tech, and I decided to go for a week in August 2017, and spend some time afterward exploring Colorado.

Philmont base camp is like a military camp with rows of tents and different buildings for each function. After arriving on Saturday and going through various registrations you get the standard gear (two polo shirts and a hat). Sunday morning you and your gear are driven up to the hunting lodge, where you have a roomy platform tent and access to the lodge with it primitive cooking and sanitary facilities (known as the “red roof”, the color of the roof on all outhouses).

After an orientation at the demonstration forest pavilion by the previous visiting foresters you are left to deal with the many groups of scouts that come through. For the most part you kind of make up your own presentations and find what works for you. The view from the pavilion is breathtaking and serves as an excuse to offer a group picture of the scout group which usually results in spending some time educating them about fire ecology, tree id, silviculture, careers or whatever else comes up.



This volunteer time is hard work, requiring you walk about a half mile to the pavilion each morning and be ready to receive scout groups from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. It can get really crazy with all the scout groups coming through and having at least two foresters is essential, but even with that sometimes it can be hard to handle the traffic.

Karen and I shared our duties with Lucy from Colorado. These are good kids who are respectful and disciplined, a welcome change from some of the youth of today. They come from all over the country and learn a lot about the forests of the area from what you

provide. In addition, many of the leaders are very engaging and interested in what you have to offer. You learn from them as well.



After a full day you return to the hunting lodge and you may eat with the college adults interpreting the site or hike to another location and visit another camp. All cooking at the hunting lodge is on a

woodstove (and a small propane stove) and there is cold water but making meals can take a while.

Philmont has numerous interpretative camps across the property where scout group camp and learn about the history of the area or learn specific skills. These include camps that focus on horseback riding, climbing, an old gold mine and more. College adults interpret the sites in character and they are very entertaining. As a visiting forester we visited two other camps after work which requires walking a few miles each way. Thankfully, those camps had a modern kitchen and some had hot water and showers. For us, to take a shower you have to hike to another camp which is about 2 miles away.

After a week of activity, it was time to come off the mountain back to base camp and leave Philmont. It was a rewarding experience and the youth and leaders you reach truly learn from what you provide. If you are interested in the program contact Mary Stuever at mary.stuever@state.nm.us , 575-588-7831.

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Coming Events

August, 2018

8-10 Allegheny SAF Summer Training
Northern Hardwood Chapter
Bradford, PA

November, 2018

14-16 Allegheny/NY/NE SAF Leadership
Academy
Grey Towers National Historic Site
Milford, PA

February, 2019

20-22 Allegheny SAF Winter Training
Morgantown, WV

Summer, 2019

Allegheny SAF Summer Training
Western Gateway Chapter

February, 2020

Allegheny SAF Winter Training
Rothrock Chapter

Future SAF National Conventions

2018: Portland, OR Oct. 3 – 7

2019: Louisville, KY Oct. 30 – Nov. 3

2020: Providence, RI Oct. 28 – Nov. 1

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