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FROM THE CHAIR

Joe Alley

When you read this, the 2013 MNRC will be a distant memory. And if you're memory is like mine, you may need a little help recalling what happened. Following is a summary of the big events, from a MOSAF standpoint.

MOSAF was fortunate again in 2013 to have representatives from the national SAF office attend our business meeting. This year, both Dave Walters (incoming president) and Bill Rockwell (outgoing president) joined us for the entire conference, including the Executive Committee meeting, Business Meeting, Social, the Awards Ceremony, and of course the conference sessions. They had two main purposes in attending, aside from making contact with members and generally having a good time.

First, they are VERY impressed with MNRC and wanted to be there to understand how it works and why it works so well (we are truly lucky in Missouri to have such a great natural resources conference – to my knowledge, no other state has anything so all inclusive and so big). Second, they wanted to share with us a process that SAF has been going through in an effort to make SAF more relevant and progressive. I can't summarize it well enough to do it justice, but the intent is to "brand" SAF in a way that makes us recognizable and understood by the public, something that we have struggled with for a long time (always?). The difficulty in this process is boiling down what SAF is at its core into a phrase that captures our integrity and our goals in a short, memorable, statement. Bill presented the current branding terminology at the business meeting. Some lively debate followed (I pause for dramatic effect). And more lively debate continued at the social afterwards. The point is that Bill and Dave wanted and needed to hear what we had to say, and they planned to take our comments back to National. Keep your eyes on the *Forestry Source* for more details as this process continues to evolve.

In addition to Dave and Bill, our own Greg Hoss attended in his first Missouri public appearance as the new District 9 Council Representative. Who says retirement is boring! As the name implies, Greg represents MOSAF and the other chapters in District IX at SAF Council. That is, he is our direct link to Council and ultimately to the national office. Greg listened to concerns from members on several subjects including CFEs and the new dues structure. During the business meeting, Greg briefly discussed our need for a District Fellows Committee member. As a result, Shelby Jones stepped up and volunteered to fill this role. Thanks Shelby, and thanks again Greg for your assistance.

Mike Huffman, MDC Outreach and Education Division Chief, came to MOSAF to discuss proposed changes in how Project Learning Tree (PLT) will be administered in the future. To summarize, MDC has administered PLT for many years but will no longer be able to in the future due to additions of new programs without the addition of new staff. Talks are underway with Missouri State University to take over administrative duties for the program, and it is likely that this will occur. MSU already facilitates other programs like PLT and this is a

good fit with their environmental education program. MOSAF's involvement with PLT will remain unchanged. What is that involvement? MOSAF handles the PLT funds (received from the American Forest Foundation) and distributes them to the PLT administrator as needed for purchasing of educational materials.

And speaking of dollars, George Kipp did a great job in his first MNRC as Special Funds Committee Chair. I felt like I was on the midway of a cheap county fair (yeah, you know the ones I'm talking about) as I watched George pull in unwitting MOSAF supporters from 50 feet away to spend their last few dollars on a chance to win a chainsaw (it only takes one ticket to win!) or to entice them to bid on any number of silent auction items (you really need this sleeping bag!). When the dust settled, we netted right at \$1,000. Nice job George (aka "Carney-man")! And thanks to EVERYONE who provided items for our raffles and auctions. Your efforts and contributions truly made a difference.

AND THE WINNERS ARE...!

This year's recipient of the **Karkhagnee Award** was Dan Dey. He was recognized and introduced by friend and colleague Steve Shifley. Steve did a great job with the introduction and I think Dan was genuinely surprised, an added bonus. Dan was very appreciative of being selected to receive this well-deserved award. Congratulations Dan on behalf of MOSAF!

At the other end of the spectrum from the Karkhagnee award, John Tuttle took home the not-so coveted **Blackjack Award**. It was a close race as the dollars flew into the nomination jars (who were the other nominees anyways???) during the "Smoker", but John proved his worth and ultimately emerged at the top of the heap!



And just to prove Frances does in fact leave the Show-Me State from time to time, here's the 2012 SAF Presidential Field Forester for District IX receiving her award from outgoing SAF President, Bill Rockwell, at last fall's national convention in Spokane, WA. Congratulations again, Frances!

Awards and Recognitions: The following MOSAF members and students were formally recognized during the business meeting for their accomplishments and support of MOSAF. Thanks to Mike Hoffman, Awards Committee Chair, for his efforts in ensuring everyone was properly recognized.

Past Committee Chairs:

- Terry Truttmann, Newsletter Editor, 2010-2012
- David Massengale, Special Funds Committee Chair, 2005-2012
- Nate Goodrich, Communications Committee Chair, 2007-2012
- Joe Walker, Tellers Committee Chair, 2002-2012
- Josh Stevens, Awards Committee Chair, 2010-2012

Scholarships:

- Ed Stegner scholarship winner, Scotty Hopper (Three Rivers CC Forestry student)
- Ben Meadows National Scholarship Winner, MU Forestry Senior Kaitlyn Bradley

Retirements:

- Doug Young, MDC
- Tim Stanton, MDC
- Greg Hoss, MDC

FALL MOSAF MEETING A HUGE SUCCESS

Hank Stelzer

If you did not attend the fall MOSAF meeting, you missed a good one. The annual fall meeting was held in conjunction with the Oak Woodlands & Forests Fire Consortium's (<http://www.oakfirescience.com/>) *Prescribed Fire and Timber Quality Workshop*. Over 150 natural resource professionals attended the two-day workshop in Southeast Missouri, and everyone agreed it was well worth the time spent. Those whose route took them through the heart of the Eastern Ozarks were treated to one of the most spectacular displays of autumn color in well over a decade. And the rain held off on the second day until the last attendee was on the bus!

Joe Marschall explained to workshop participants how they measure a fire scar and assess butt log value loss. Other topics covered in the forest that morning included understanding the burning history and fire conditions of the research area; effects of fire on ground flora and tree growth



Preselected trees with varying degrees of external fire damage were harvested and brought to Baker Products of Ellington, Missouri for processing. Baker Products pulled out all the stops to ensure a successful...and dry!... afternoon event.



Consulting forester, Lynn Barnickol, takes the group through the hardwood lumber grading process. All boards were evaluated considering the damage caused by the prescribed fire and then grading the board as if the damage were not present. Participants were surprised to learn that a lot of the damage is removed in the slabs and edgings during the process of making a round tree into a square cant.

JOPLIN UPDATE

Jon Skinner

Joplin continues to recover from the EF-5 tornado that ran through it. The City of Joplin has contracted with a “Master Developer” to lead redevelopment of several portions of the City. A vast majority of the affected businesses have either relocated or rebuilt. The schools are rebuilding and hope to have some of them in use by next fall. There are still a relatively few families in the FEMA provided temporary housing. The goal is to find permanent homes for them by early June. Habitat for Humanity, and similar organizations, have completed and have in process dozens of affordable homes.

Throughout it all, trees have continued to be planted. Donations of time, labor, trees, and cash have made it all possible. To date, a total of 4,193 traceable trees have been planted. Approximately, another 4,000 trees that were not tracked by the Joplin Community Tree Coordinator have been reported planted in the press. The last summer’s drought was difficult for the trees planted. Approximately, 600 trees were planted in parks last spring, without the hundreds of volunteers that came and watered the losses would have been dramatic. Thanks to their efforts losses were only three percent.

A new tree ordinance is being drafted to reflect changes that occurred and set the city in a place to plant more trees. The first street trees were planted along Kentucky Avenue as part of the Governors challenge.



The latest group of trees to be planted was by those who attended the Missouri Community Forestry Council’s annual meeting March 5 – 7. The trees were planted along Porter Avenue and Annie Baxter Avenue near Cunningham Park. Future street tree plantings, but not all, will be funded by \$2,000,000 Community Development Block Grant. Unfortunately, this will not start until the fall.

All in all, Joplin is returning to the normal pace of life. It will take a few more years, but is returning stronger than before.

MIZZOU NEWS

Hank Stelzer

The key word from the University these days is... retirement! Dr. John Dwyer and Dr. Steve Pallardy have both announced their upcoming retirements after more than 63 years of combined service (in order to protect the lives of the innocent...namely me... which one has how many years will never be told!). We are in the process of revising the Department of Forestry’s strategic plan that will strengthen our hand as we seek to fill these critical positions. I will be sure to get the word out regarding pertinent celebratory rites of passage as soon as they become available. We wish both gentlemen many happy years on golden pond.

One other piece of faculty news is we are moving forward in filling a joint position with the Plant Sciences Division within the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources in the area of bioenergy crop research. The incumbent will be expected to conduct research involving short-rotation woody crop species such as hybrid poplar and willow. He or she will also be expected to teach a course in whole plant physiology. We will begin interviewing candidates at the end of April.

Lastly, we were successful this year in placing summer interns with two forest products companies; RockTenn and Green Bay Packaging. Both of these opportunities arose from ties with Mizzou forestry alumni who occupy senior leadership positions in their companies.

MARK TWAIN NATIONAL FOREST WELCOMES NEW FOREST SUPERVISOR

Carol Trokey

Bill Nightingale is Mark Twain National Forest's new forest supervisor. Before moving to Missouri, Nightingale worked in USDA Forest Service's Eastern Regional Office in Milwaukee, Wisconsin where he was a program manager for the region. In 1978 he graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in Forestry. Bill worked for several years as a seasonal employee before starting his career as a Forest Technician on the White River National Forest. He then worked on the Black Hills, Bighorn, Tongass and Superior National Forests in a variety of positions focusing on silviculture, sale prep, sale administration, and planning. Bill served as a District Ranger on the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest in Georgia before joining the Forest Management staff in Milwaukee. He has also served as the Acting Forest Supervisor for the Chippewa and the Allegheny National Forests, along with being the Acting Regional Director for Public and Government Relations for the Eastern Region.



"I'm enjoying working with Mark Twain employees and the communities that surround the forest" said Nightingale. He is married with two children attending college. Bill enjoys hunting, fishing, golfing and spending time with his family.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 10-11: Missouri Walnut Council Spring Meeting. Millersburg. The Missouri Walnut Council's Spring 2013 field day will be at Mike and Nancy Gentsch property in Millersburg. We are planning a Friday afternoon tour of walnut plantations near Columbia with a Saturday meeting and tour at the Gentsch property. Of particular interest is the Gentschs arsenal of equipment. They have incorporated such equipment as winches, shears on skid loaders and portable sawmills into their operations. They plan to demonstrate all of these devices during this meeting and tours. We will also bring everyone up to date on the TCD threats during the business meeting on the morning of May 11th. For more information, contact Dennis Potter at dennisk.potter@yahoo.com.

May 16-17: MOSAF Spring Meeting. Columbia. Our annual spring meeting will tour the MU's bioenergy plant and Foster Brothers woody biomass harvesting operations in Auxvasse, MO. We will begin on May 16th at 1:00 pm at the Days Inn Conference Center (1900 Interstate 70 Drive SW) to load up in vans to head to Foster Brothers for the afternoon. Following a catered meal, courtesy of Smokin Chicks BBQ, we will have a business meeting and after that a time to socialize with friends. Friday morning we will load the vans and head to the MU Power Plant for an in-depth tour of the facility. The registration fee is \$20 for professionals; \$15 for students. Return your registration to Frances Main, MOSAF, 2630 N. Mayfair, Springfield, MO 65803. **Registration deadline is May 8th!** A block of rooms is being held at the Days Inn and Conference Center until April 26th. Call (573) 445-8511 to make reservations; be sure to ask for the Missouri Society of American Foresters group of rooms. Questions? Contact John Tuttle, Program Chair, 573-522-4115 x3304, john.tuttle@mdc.mo.gov.

June 1: Missouri Tree Farm Day. Kirksville. This year's annual event will showcase the woodlands of our 2012 Tree Farmer of the Year, Ed Keyser. For more information, contact Brian Schweiss, 573-522-4115 x3129, brian.schweiss@mdc.mo.gov.

THE LAST WORD

Submission Guidelines

It's never too early to submit your item for the next MOSAF newsletter. You don't have to worry about typefaces, fonts, and formats (in fact, I prefer that you don't). All I need is the information in a Word file; 12 pt, Times New Roman. I will then format your literary masterpiece and return it for your approval before it appears in the newsletter. You may send your submission to me at stelzerh@missouri.edu. Thanks for your help and look to see *your* article soon!

Submission Deadlines

Spring Newsletter *before March 1...*

Fall Newsletter *before September 1.*

Thanks!