

Missouri Society of American Foresters
Fall 2024 Business Meeting Agenda

Date: Friday, October 11th, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
Location: Tiger Meeting Rooms, 404 Tiger Lane, Columbia, MO
Attendees: MOSAF Members and Guests

Purpose

To inform attending members about upcoming events and resolve business items that need to be addressed

Objectives

- Provide verbal committee reports
- Provide updates from agencies/consulting firms/NGOs/universities
- Discuss Winter meeting and upcoming technical tours
 - Thoughts on this joint meeting
- Discuss the status of the work being done on updating our Operations Manual

Agenda

1. Welcome: Kristen Goodrich, MOSAF Chair

- National SAF Convention-Loveland, CO
 - Comments from Chair and Chair Elect
 - Socials of “like” people, continuity between the generations was the goal.
 - Terry followed the Human dimensions tract.
 - Suggest professional growth for younger generation to be broad, not just up. Onboard as quick as possible, get a lot of work out of them, and they’re expected to leave in 2-5 years. Celebrate work anniversaries faster, such as 1-3 years, because they won’t get to 10.
 - Technology- can gather hundreds of acres of data, but don’t jump into investing in tech data collection if you don’t have the staff to process it. Monitoring shouldn’t continue if you can’t analyze it.
 - Indigenous people- pre-settlement conditions out west. Need to be taken into consideration, but species are migrating with changing climate. Prescribed burn regimes have changed because people aren’t nomadic anymore.
 - Kristen’s update
 - House Society Delegates meeting – in attendance was the SAF president, House society Delegates president, etc.
 - Conversations about how forestry is changing, and the lack of students to fill future vacancies. Different states are doing techniques to entice students.
 - Going to be an urban and community forester certification
 - Going to be a technician certification
 - SAF is now doing the Capitol Christmas tree. There will be a public relations tour about forestry as it moves from Alaska to DC.
 - Next year is the SAF 125-year anniversary. Planning activities for next year.

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- 1,600 attendees, 400 were students. Several Universities paid for their students to attend the entire week.
- Fire mitigation tour. Multiple organizations attended; ones you wouldn't expect, like Denver Water District- protect watershed from fire so they don't have to spend money to treat the water.
- Lots of money for conservation work, but no bodies to fill the positions. Same problem- recruit them in high school
- Climate adaptation practices- planting after fires or harvest- starting to move species from lower elevations upward.
- Cross-laminated timbers are being used more often instead of steel. Hank Stelzer mentions 23- and 16- story cross-timber buildings in St. Louis are planned. Yellow poplar the only broadleaf certified for this, other than spruce/pine/fir.
- 2025 SAF conference will be in Hartford, CT.

2. Minutes from last meeting: Angela George

In interest of time, secretary directed folks to the newsletter. Bruce Palmer and Mike Hoffmann move and second to approve the minutes.

3. Treasurers Report: David Vance

10 MU Students attended National-thanks to those who have helped along the way
Plug for the Ed Stegner and MoSAF scholarships to the students.

Checking Account \$6,212.91

Savings Account \$121.92

6 Month CD \$20,328.78

12 Month CD \$20,507.72

PLT Money Market Account \$11,562.79 – still trying to be rid of this fund. Melanie Carden-Jessin is now the PLT, Wet and Wild coordinator through MSU

Our chapter sent 5 undergraduate and 5 graduate students to the National SAF conference.

4. Announcements

- Forestry-related upcoming events:
 - Trees and Liability: Jan 13 or 14 in Joplin or Springfield
 - MU Agroforestry Land of the Osage in Laurie Nov 9
 - Women Owning Woodlands chainsaw training Nov 23
 - Oct 24 - MU campus 6:30 SNR lobby. MFPA meeting, with a presentation about forests as long term carbon storage by Ben Knapp

5. Committee Reports: Committee Chairs

- Audit (Megan Buchanan) -N/A
- Communications
 - Website (Jon Skinner) –
 - Updated SAF logos. Bruce Palmer asked if we can get it downloadable on our chapter website.
 - Website up to date.

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- Kristen says some documents need to be uploaded, such as updated bylaws.
 - Newsletter (Chris Lohman) – sent out twice a year.
 - Any articles or pictures to him by end of October for November publication
 - Chris would love to hand off the newsletter duty after 8 years. Terry Gordon expressed interest.
- Council, Fellows and Awards (Jim Barresi)- Mike Hoffmann spoke in Jim’s absence. Nominations for Outstanding Forester and Karkaghne awards, as well as Fellows on National level are coming up mid-December. John Kabrick will get his Fellows award tonight at the banquet.
- Education (Mike Goerndt)- National prefers that CFEs are approved before the event. Send requests with an agenda to Mike as far an advance as possible, and specify if you want CFEs by day, by session, or by the entire event.
- Long Range Planning (John Kabrick)-N/A
- Membership (Hank Stelzer)
 - Side discussion- MDC have communities of practice, using SAF as the associated membership for forestry practice. MDC is exploring paying membership. SAF has an early career discounted rate.
 - 2 student applications in. Students dropped from 40 to 25. Forestry club at MU combined with student SAF chapter. Southern Conclave at SIU Oct 26.
 - George Kipp asserts we need to start recruiting elementary schools. High School already have an idea of what they want to do.
- Nominating (Sam Kosark)- N/A
- Policy and Legislation (Jason Jensen)- Michael Bill speaking on Farm Bill- still being discussed at the Capitol. There is a push to support forestry. Not optimistic it will get updated before election. NRCS less affected, FSA (CRP) more so.
- Program (Terry Gordon)-
 - Spring tech session at Fort Leonard Wood and community forestry session.
 - MNRC in Feb. 19-21
 - No meet the forester this session today.
 - Terry more than willing to take anyone out for lunch if they swing through Crawford Co.
- Special Funds (David Massengale)- The booth at MNRC hit record lows this past MNRC. Be thinking about donations now please and thank you!
- Tellers (Aaron Moore)- N/A
- Forest Science (Lauren Pile)- N/A
- MNRC Steering Committee (Sam Kosark)- have same suite as last year.
- Historian (Dave Larsen/not sure this is correct person)-
 - Dave hasn’t been involved in years. Is anyone willing to meet with Dave and transition as lead?
 - Kristen asked if anyone knew when MOSAF started. Mike Hoffmann, Bruce Palmer, Lisa Allen debated mid-1970s, 1980?

6. Old Business

- Update on bylaws

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- Everything is done, according to National.
- We are missing an operations manual, due at the end of the year. Tyler Bradford is working on it, sent a draft document (56 pages!) that is very thorough. Not an official legal document but will still send it to membership to approve at February meeting.
- Discussion of 2024 MNRC (February 19-21) Jim Guldin putting together workshop

7. New Business

- Planning for possible Winter and Spring Technical meeting
 - Already updated
- SAF's 125th Anniversary next year!
 - May do something locally; we will follow National's lead

8. Agency/consulting firm/NGO/university news

- Mark Twain National Forest – N/A
 - No one in attendance. MDC said they've heard that USFS funding is a challenge; they have a hiring freeze and will have no temporary labor next year.
- FS Northern Research Station - N/A
- Natural Resources Conservation Services – Prescribed burning will not be a stand-alone practice using the climate smart funds through the Inflation Reduction Act for FY25; the no-cut bat dates are lessening (can start cutting Oct 16 instead of Nov 1) hired Tyler Cooper as Area 1 Forester.
- University of Missouri –
 - Sarah Higgins - Women Owning Woodlands monthly Zoom meeting
 - Brian Schweiss- teaching a sustainable harvest course. Need contacts with knowledge about harvesting systems, especially beyond MO. Please reach out.
 - NRCS and Suntory Global Spirits are funding Billy McCaslin's MU Extension forester position. He covers 9 counties and is writing plans for unfunded landowners.
- Missouri State University – N/A
- Missouri Department of Conservation – Michael Bill
 - Last month the resource management conference was held to regain staff's connection to their discipline. 1/3 of staff has been working at MDC for less than 5 years. Served as a good communication method for state staff to visit with field staff.
 - Fire policy being updated, work on backlog of private land burn plans
 - Nursery- good sales, 2 weeks after orders opened, planting beds flooded. This year's orders should not be effected but may effect numbers in a couple years. Senator Hudson visited.
 - Filled Ellington and Albany forester positions that have sat vacant for a long time. New hires have often gone through the internship program.
 - Awarded \$500k grant to extend Call B4 U Cut program- offers landowners a free project plan

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- Applied for a \$5million USFS grant to fund Climate Smart Forest Resilience funds to fund cost-share program.
- Michael Bill blasts Assistant Forester and Forester job listings to other states' Universities.
- Missouri Consulting Foresters Association – Bruce Palmer.
 - Happy for new Call B4 U Cut agreement.
 - MCFA held a meeting last week where they looked at mechanized harvesting and toured the MDC nursery. At the Pioneer virgin pines site, everyone was able to see the brown-headed nut hatch. This location is 40 miles from their introduction site.
 - Winter meeting Feb 27-28 in Jefferson City.
- Missouri Forest Products Association – N/A
- L-A-D Foundation/Pioneer Forest – N/A
- Missouri Student Chapter of SAF – N/A
- Utility Forestry – Hurricane relief. Sending more staff this year than any other hurricanes. A lot of poles broken; crews can repair up to 5 a day, but some sites have 1,800 poles down.

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