

Missouri Society of American Foresters  
Winter 2023 Business Meeting Agenda

**Date:** Wednesday Feb 8, 2023, 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm  
**Location:** MNRC Margaritaville; Osage Beach, MO  
**Attendees:** MOSAF Members, Guests

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### **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 Spring technical tour

### **Agenda**

#### **1. Welcome:** Michael Bill, MOSAF Chair

Great student turnout.

#### **2. Minutes from last meeting:** Angela George Approved.

#### **3. Treasurers Report:** David Vance

Support students to go to the national convention.

Plug for the Ed Stegner and MoSAF scholarships to the students.

Checking Account \$9,863.67

Savings Account \$121.27

6 Month CD \$19,173.78

12 Month CD \$19,358.86

PLT Money Market Account \$11,524.18

Report approved

#### **4. Announcements**

- Any forestry related upcoming events

--Monday in Joplin- gloom and doom report Tree Health update. Contact Jon Skinner to register, there are CFEs available.

--MCFA annual winter meeting Feb 24-25 in Jeff City reach out to Lynn Barnickol to register. CFEs are available.

--Lincoln University forest farming workshops March 31-April 1. Food and hotels covered. CFEs will be worked on to be available.

#### **5. Committee Reports:** Committee Chairs

- Audit (Megan Buchanan)
- Communications
  - Website (Jon Skinner) – 241 unique visitors to our website
    - Asked students what social media they'd follow, the consensus was Instagram.
    - Want to do spotlights of good management

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- National SAF is working with social media, we may be able to piggyback some of their posts
  - Our chapter would need a member in charge of maintaining and updating the page
  - Newsletter (Chris Lohman) – sent out twice a year.
    - Encouraged students to share their email address with their professor so we can send them the newsletters.
    - Chris requested content.
- Council, Fellows and Awards (Jim Barresi)- we have the Karkhagne and Outstanding Forester awards to give tonight
- 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)- we will need to update the bylaws to align with National; they will send a template.
- Membership (Hank Stelzer)- provided the snapshot of this year's and last year's demographics of our chapter and of National. MoSAF is at 140 members. Our chapter pays the first year of a student's membership.
- Nominating (Gus Raeker)- every 2 years in the fall we take nominations for secretary and chair elect. Gus has asked to step down from the nominating committee, and there was a call for his replacement. To serve in this capacity, you'd be reaching out for nominations.
- Policy and Legislation (Jason Jensen)- committee hasn't met which is good that means there hasn't been a lot of hot issues.
  - Legislators are not as interested in talking about feral hogs, likely due to the success at eradication.
  - Black vultures are becoming an issue, since they don't just eat dead animals like turkey vultures; they prey on livestock. They are expanding north into the state. MDC has agreement with APHIS to have hog trappers to also work with the vultures to deter them. Black vultures are federally protected, so you can't just shoot them.
  - Positive news: Representative Bruce Sassman is now chair of Conservation and Natural Resources Committee. He is working with the Invasive Species Council to introduce a cease the sale bill. MoSAF may choose to give our support for that bill if/when it gets introduced.
  - There has been an emphasis on strengthening the requirements to amending the state constitution. There are several bills to this effect, many changing the need of at least 60% approval rather than simple majority.
  - There is a bill in progress that would state no more than 20% of the county can be collectively owned by various government entities. This will likely prove unconstitutional since it circumvents the Conservation Commission's authority.
- Program (Kristen Goodrich)
  - Spring program will be April 24-25. An email will go out with details soon
  - Requested fall tour ideas, which will probably be Sept or early Oct, and will either be a 1 day or a 2 half days (The national SAF Convention is late October so we will avoid those dates)

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- There was a suggestion to partner with FWAM at the Tree Farm conference at the Lake of the Ozarks/Morgan Co. The date is not yet set, but historically the same time of year as ours. A new urban wood sawmill that could be visited.
- A suggestion to tour the 100 acre Lovett Pinetum near Stratford, where an array of pine species are planted. This could be something to offer besides our official Fall tour.
- Special Funds (David Massengale)- The booth at MNRC brought in \$595 total.
  - The raffle for 2 donated pruning saws brought in \$280
  - 10 t-shirts brought \$100.
  - silent auction items brought \$214.
  - Blackjack forestry award raised a whopping \$5.04
  - Our table display is quite old, and some funds could be used to update it
- Tellers (Aaron Moore)
- Forest Science (Lauren Pile)
- MNRC Steering Committee (Jon Skinner)
  - Thanks to those who are on deck to plan the 2024 conference. These folks are the committee chair, so they may ask any of us for help from other chapter members.
- Historian (Dave Larsen)

## 6. Old Business

- Update on progress related to MOSAF Nonprofit status.
  - Need to update our bylaws
- Discussion of Fall Technical tour/Bottomlands Hardwood training
  - Everyone enjoyed this tour, and the consensus was it was worth the drive down there. This was put on by MDC and MoSAF.

## 7. New Business

- Planning for Spring and Fall Technical meeting
  - Reported above
- Discussion of 2023 objectives
  - Will continue to do technical tours
  - Work with ways to partner with other entities and other SAF chapters.
  - Tie more directly with students. We would love to come talk about MoSAF and their forestry career. We will work with the professors to make that happen.
  - Outreach/social media. Michael will talk to national to see if there are templates, and he encouraged anyone interested in running this page to step up.
  - We will be reaching out to early career members to have them join a committee or take on a leadership role as a way to get involved with an organization.

## 8. Agency/consulting firm/NGO/university news

- Mark Twain National Forest
  - New forest supervisor Dawn Langbowlt.

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- On pace to sell 82 MMBF, which is more than usual due to the derecho salvage sales
- Lots of hiring needed.
- NTNF is working with the Ozark Trail Association, who are concerned with management along the trail.
- FS Northern Research Station
  - Dan Dey is acting assistant director
  - John Kabrick is acting project leader
  - Several retirements announced, which means there is a hiring period, with a couple positions currently listed or about to be listed.
- Natural Resources Conservation Services
  - Inflation Reduction Act passed this summer, which will bring a lot of money to NRCS that must be spent with the same amount of staff. Many practices are going to need to be geared to climate smart forestry; TSI and tree planting are about the only practices that fit.
- University of Missouri
  - Terrestrial Ecosystems major has 50 students enrolled.
  - The internship program will be changing. New Internship Coordinator is Ben Knapp; please send internship opportunities to him.
  - The director of the Horticulture and Agroforestry Research Center retired; the interim director is Ben Knapp. The position will be refilled later this year. The Center has some big grants to address climate smart science and is looking to hire 4 new technicians.
  - The Nut Tree conference in partnership with the Northern Nut growers and the Walnut council will be held the last week of July.
  - Brian Schweiss is working on the sustainable forestry initiative drive, as well as teaching forest measurements, forest management, field studies, and responsible harvesting.
  - Forestry Extension positions have been filled and more will be filled soon.
  - MU has maintained their SAF curriculum accreditation. Forest economics will be covered by an agronomist.
  - Expecting to see a dip in enrollment around 2025.
  - MU students won Conclave.
- Missouri State University
  - Enrollment is increasing after a long dip. Natural Resources with a Forestry option became available 18 months ago, and there are 25 students in that major. Several students are double majoring, and Mike Goerndt is pushing many of them to also get a GIS certificate.
  - Preparations to start a student SAF chapter are complete, but to have the best effect with a decent number of students, it would be good to have current MoSAF members come talk to them.
  - Several staff updates.
- Missouri Department of Conservation
  - In 2022, 6,289 feral hogs were removed in Missouri. In 2021 it was 10,000, and 2020 it was 12,000. Removing fewer each year because there are fewer on the landscape.

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- Community Conservation is one of the top 6 agency priorities. Each region is using a prioritization model to determine the best communities to work in. Each community is put into one of three tiers. Tier 1 gets higher cost-share rates and upfront funding.
- MDC will apply for Inflation Reduction Act funds for a program called “Tree-silience”. Since communities are losing canopy coverage; this fund will replace 2 trees for every 1 that dies/is removed. It will also pay for the removal of invasive species. MDC will also apply for IRA funds for the “Green Schoolyard Program” to build green infrastructure and pollinator plantings, with corresponding education curriculum.
- Waiting to hear back on Supreme Court Ruling on a bill that challenged MDC’s ability to purchase land (spending authority). MO Dept of Transportation is also suing the state for the same reason.
- MDC struggles to hire foresters. There are 4 positions that are advertised “open until filled”
- MDC was recertified for the Sustainable Forestry Initiative.
- MDC sold 18 MMBF of timber last year, and has already sold 12MMBF for this year with more on deck.
- Missouri Consulting Foresters
  - Currently composed of 47 members, 36 of which are actively working.
  - Lynn Barnickol shared their upcoming meeting details, with a wide variety of topics and industry areas.
  - MCFA will be developing a short course on how to set up a consulting business.
- Missouri Forest Products Association
- L-A-D Foundation/Pioneer Forest
- Missouri Student Chapter of SAF
  - MU took first in Conclave at Southern Illinois University. The chapter is trying to figure out conclave for the upcoming semester; MU may host.
  - Half of the chapter is seniors so they’re trying to get some of the younger students involved.
  - A group of students will be attending the National SAF conference in Sacramento this fall.
- Utility Forestry
  - Electric cooperative is not for profit. Desperate for employees to fill vacancies as well.

**9. Adjourn**