

Missouri Society of American Foresters  
Spring 2025 Business Meeting Agenda

**Date:** Tuesday, March 25, 2025, 6:00 pm  
**Location:** Laclede Electric Cooperative, Lebanon, 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 Fall technical tour

**Agenda**

**1. Welcome:** Kristen Goodich, MOSAF Chair

**2. Minutes from last meeting:** Angela George read.  
Jon Skinner moved to approve, Michael Bill seconded. Passed.

**3. Treasurers Report:** David Vance sent; Kristen Goodrich read.

Checking: \$2,479.23

Savings: \$122.15

6 Month CD: \$20,831.44

12 Month CD: \$21,008.65

PLT Money Market: \$11,533.52

Angela George moved to approve, Eric Yarnell seconded. Passed.

**4. Announcements**

- Forestry related upcoming events:
  - Walnut Council March 28-29 at Pioneer Forest
  - MSU hosting conclave April 12, 10-5. MOSAF and MU students invited.
  - Joint Venture Open Woodland Summit in Louisville. Sept 4-5
  - Southern ISA chapter meeting in Memphis April 5-11.
  - MCFA fall meeting / field tour in Sept or Oct.

**5. Committee Reports:** Committee Chairs

- Audit (Megan Buchanan)
- Communications
  - Website (Jon Skinner) Tyler Bradford will begin copying the photos on the website and cross-posting to social media.
  - Social Media (Tyler Bradford)
  - Newsletter (Billy McCauslin and Hayden Dorrell) – beginning to work on it; will come out in mid-April, encouraged folks to submit any topics.

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- Council, Fellows and Awards (Jim Barresi) – Jim thanks Terry for presenting the awards at MNRC in his stead.
  - Mike Fiaoni won Outstanding Forester of the year
  - Brian Schweiss received the Karkaghne Award
  - Nate Goodrich won the Blackjack Award
  - Scholarships: MU forestry club meeting- got the application online in a fillable form. Toby Elizabeth Miller received the MOSAF scholarship (\$3,000). Lily Fleeman received the Ed Stegner CFM forestry award on our recommendation (\$1,000).
  - Fellows is handled all online through the national office.
- Education (Mike Goerndt)
- Long Range Planning (John Kabrick)
- Membership (Hank Stelzer)
- Nominating (Sam Kosark)
  - Vote in October for Chair Elect, which is a 6 year role: 2 years as chair-elect, 2 years as chair, 2 years as past-chair.
  - Submit your nominations to Kristen Goodrich.
- Policy and Legislation (Jason Jensen)
- Program (Terry Gordon)
  - Partner with MU and Tree Farm for our Fall meeting, Oct 3-4 in Mountain Grove. Looking at walnuts and flooring.
- Special Funds (David Massengale)
  - David retired March 5 but would like to remain in this role.
- Tellers (Aaron Moore)
  - This role counts the votes.
- Forest Science (Lauren Pile)
  - Politico points out that USFS research will likely be hit hard in federal Reduction in Force
- MNRC Steering Committee (Sam Kozark)
- Historian (Hank Stelzer)
  - Dave Larson will hand off his boxes of documentation to Hank.

## 6. Old Business

## 7. New Business

- MSU wants to start a student SAF chapter; can they be one if not accredited? Student chapters need to keep their funds within ours. Kristen will reach out to National SAF for guidance.
- Jeff Powelson with the Central Hardwoods Joint Venture asks MOSAF to assist with funds to publish “MO Forestry for the Birds,” which is a partnership of MU and Joint Venture of Central Hardwoods.
  - Frank Thompson will be the main contributor if funding can be raised.
  - CHJV put up half the funds; Northern Research Group will do the layout.
  - Asking for \$1-10,000 from our chapter to do a partner match.

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- Jeff will provide the Executive committee with more information, who will discuss and have the chapter vote.

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

- Mark Twain National Forest
- FS Northern Research Station
- Natural Resources Conservation Services
  - Nate Goodrich reports NRCS is in a state of flux, and everything is in chaos.
- University of Missouri
- Missouri State University
- Missouri Department of Conservation
  - Very, very active fire season with a lot of staff effort. Examples mentioned:
    - Reynolds and Wayne Counties had 17 fires totaling 3,992 acres in 5 days.
    - Camden County lost multiple structures.
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- Missouri Consulting Foresters
  - Held officer elections:
    - Matt Arndt is President
    - Chris Lohmann is Secretary
    - Joe Sheals is Vice President
    - Eric Yarnell is Treasurer
  - Bruce Palmer remains Executive Director
- Missouri Forest Products Association
- L-A-D Foundation/Pioneer Forest
- Missouri Student Chapter of SAF
  - Students report that they are more likely to attend our meetings if they were on Fridays
- Others

**9. Adjourn**

Mike Fiaoni motions, Michael Bill seconds.