

Missouri Society of American Foresters  
Fall 2023 Business Meeting Agenda

**Date:** Tuesday September 6, 2023, 6:15 pm – 7:30 pm

**Location:** Bistro in the Mill Gerald, 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 and MNRC
- Discuss bylaws and article of incorporation updates

### **Agenda**

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

**2. Minutes from last meeting:** Angela George read

**3. Treasurers Report:** David Vance

Registration is the only change since February.

Second quarter dues from nationals received.

\$11,159 in checking account

\$121 in savings

Both CDs have about \$19,000 each

Project Learning Tree Account has \$11,500

**4. Announcements**

- Any forestry related upcoming events
  - Tree Farm
  - National SAF
  - Midwest ISA January in St. Louis
  - Walnut Council fall field day Saturday Oct 14 near Richmond.

**5. Committee Reports:** Committee Chairs

- Audit (Megan Buchanan)
- Communications
  - Website (Jon Skinner)
    - Functioning.
    - Can pay registrations online now, which worked well for this tour.
  - Newsletter (Chris Lohman)
    - Deadline for articles is October, always welcome to have content earlier.
- Council, Fellows and Awards (Jim Barresi)

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- Education (Mike Goerndt)
- Long Range Planning (John Kabrick)
- Membership (Hank Stelzer)
  - 139 total; 7 new enrollees. Wide range, missing 30-39 year age group.
- Nominating (Sam Kosark)
  - Vote in October.
  - We have one nomination for chair-elect, may have another one on deck
  - Have 1 nomination to run against Angela as secretary.
- Policy and Legislation (Jason Jensen)
  - Supreme court ruled in favor of MDC
  - State fair had a listening session about the upcoming farm bill. MDC had members take a personal tour of the Conservation building, got one on one discussions.
- Program (Kristen Goodrich)
  - MNRC topic needed for the Forestry session (in the afternoon, after the plenary), based on the education theme.
  - MNRC business meeting, then a spring tour. Kristen will not be chair elect at that time, but ideas gathered ahead of time are welcome.
  - Refer to previous suggestions in the Spring 2023 meeting minutes
- Special Funds (David Massengale)
- Tellers (Aaron Moore)
- Forest Science (Lauren Pile)
- MNRC Steering Committee (Jon Skinner)
  - Rates will be \$125 for society early bird, 20 after that.
  - Students are less than cost so they can attend.
  - Encourage SAF members to attend the student lunch.
  - Call for papers will come out soon.
- Historian (Dave Larsen)

## 6. Old Business

- Update on 2023 goals and objectives
  - Michael summarized them, stated we were on track for most. Not much done towards outreach/social media yet.

## 7. New Business

- Planning for Forestry session at MNRC Due in November and the Spring meeting
- Upcoming elections of officers
  - Ballot comes out via email Oct 1, open for 2 months. Electronic voting.
- Upcoming Bylaw and Article of Incorporation update approval process.
  - On Sept 7, a mass email about the changes in the bylaws will come out. The official email Sept 28 will have the vote to accept or reject the proposed update. Vote deadline is Oct 13.

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- Michael gave summary of the changes. The board has voted to adopt the bylaws, next step is to be voted on by the membership body. 2/3 of the voting members have to approve.
- Scholarship.
  - Current is \$1,500 and uses the same criteria as the Ed Stegner award.
  - Motion to make it \$3,000. Nate Goodrich moved, Tyler Bradford seconded. Discussion. MOSAF evaluates, so we can give the \$3,000 to the better candidate if the Ed Stegner doesn't go up as well.

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

- Mark Twain National Forest
- FS Northern Research Station
  - Climate smart project. Study replicates looking at carbon in IN, IL, MO
- Natural Resources Conservation Services
  - Joe Alley, State Forester, took a job in Nebraska as National Agroforester. The State Forester position will be announced soon.
  - 2018 Farm Bill expires Dec 2023. Not a new one in place yet, perhaps spring 2024.
- University of Missouri
- Missouri State University
- Missouri Department of Conservation
  - Community Conservation tiers finalized and approved by admin. CCS approach to focus time and funding on highest priority communities.
  - Applying with partners to use federal grant for ISM and TSI in the priority forest landscapes.
- Missouri Consulting Foresters
- Missouri Forest Products Association
- L-A-D Foundation/Pioneer Forest
  - Jennifer Batson Warren becomes new executive director on October 2nd. Roger Still retired end of April.
  - Seeing a lot of red oak mortality; at least 1,000 acres. Aging out. Met with Robbie Doerhoff; ground was covered with "post oak locusts." A native species, they defoliated the canopy, and were especially found around the dying red oaks.
- Missouri Student Chapter of SAF
  - Was mentioned that students may be more able to attend the SAF tours if they fall on a Friday. The spring tour may do a Thursday Friday to accommodate.
- Others?

**9. Adjourn**  
**7:12pm**