



Missouri Society of American Foresters

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From the Chair

Nate Goodrich, MOSAF Chair



As I sit down on this Monday morning to pen the message from the Chair, I am also reflecting back on last week when I spent 5 days in Madison, Wisconsin attending the 2016 SAF National Convention. This was the first convention I have attended, so to say it was as I expected it to be is an understatement since I wasn't sure what to expect. However, the passion for the Society expressed by the House of Society Delegates during the 1 ½ day HSD meeting, the concern of the national staff to provide the leadership to keep the Society moving forward, and the sheer numbers of professionals in attendance that continue to grow themselves in their vocation was so impressive. What was also impressive was that of the over 1750 attendees, approximately 1/3 were students! That's encouraging for the profession of Forestry!

Speaking of students, our Mizzou student chapter sent 9 undergrads and 2 grad students. They also had a Quiz Bowl team and made us proud by making it to the semi-finals before losing to the eventually champs – the hometown Badgers.

Something that we heard about during the HSD meeting was the self-evaluated engagement of members via the national Member Value Survey. Across all states, 19% of the responding members ranked themselves as strongly engaged in SAF, 39% moderately engaged, and 42% weakly engaged. Sadly, at the state level Missouri respondents ranked themselves as 5% strongly, 32% moderately, and 63% weakly engaged. MoSAF, in my eyes, is not below average so it's my challenge to each of you to take the initiative to become more involved with our state society and/or to help others do the same. I have some ideas which I'll present to the Executive Committee in the near future.

Other updates FYI related to membership. We have switched from a calendar year based to an annual based membership. This will have little impact on those of us that have an expiration of December 31st, however it will mean no more prorating of memberships for folks that join in the middle of the calendar year. Also, the grace period to renew your membership will be reduced from 90 to 60 days starting in January 2017.

Lastly, MoSAF will be taking nominations for both the coveted Karkhagne award and the newly created “name to be determined” forester of the year award (more information coming soon). Please be thinking about deserving colleagues to nominate!

Happy Fall, hopefully it will feel like it soon.

Nate

Two Missouri Locals Named SAF Fellows – *Jon Skinner, Communications Committee Chair*

The Fellow Award is a prestigious award that recognizes an SAF member for long standing service to forestry at the local, state, and national level. The SAF Fellow is recognized as an ambassador for the advancement of forestry. Awardees are recognized during their local state society meetings and during the SAF National Convention.

For 2016, twenty-three individuals were selected as Fellows. Representing District 9 and Missouri are Dr. Hank Stelzer, CF and Frances Main, CF.

To be eligible, individuals must be SAF Professional Members in good standing. The nominations were reviewed on the significant number of years of sustained commitment to SAF volunteer activities, performed at two (2) or more of the following SAF organizational levels: local (chapter); state; regional (multi-state or voting district); or national, exemplary action and sustained leadership over many years in advancing the forestry profession at two or more of the following organizational levels: local; regional; national; or international, and exceptions may be made for unusually notable contributions to SAF or to the forestry profession over a shorter time frame.

Both Frances and Hank are deserving of this award for their years of dedicated service to the profession of forestry. Next time you see them, let them know you appreciate their service!



Frances
Main



Hank
Stelzer

Missouri Natural Resources Conference, hosted by SWCS, February 1-3, 2017 – Steve Wilson, SWCS MNRC Steering Committee Chair



The Missouri Natural Resources Conference (MNRC) is an annual meeting organized and sponsored by the Missouri Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, the Missouri Chapter of the Society of American Foresters, the Missouri Chapter of the Wildlife Society and the Show-Me Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society. The origins of this meeting began in February of 1962 in a small building located on the University of Missouri campus, Stephens Hall. Since that time the annual meeting has grown resulting in the development of today's quad society of conservation experts encompassing many disciplines. This conference upholds and promotes wise use and management of Missouri's natural resources by its design. Each year the conference hosts approximately 1,000 established and aspiring natural resource professionals who meet to exchange information and ideas and encourage continued cooperation among resource professionals, agencies, and other natural resource stakeholders.

In 2017 this conference is as important as it was during the inception. Our individual careers seem to consume all available time and our daily focus is limited to completing tasks to meet deadlines. This direction results in voids in our professional careers and those voids can be summed up in one word- "networking". It is as important today as it was in the past to bring our diverse disciplines together not only to learn from each other but to focus on how a common goal has brought us together in our careers. For this reason the MNRC steering committee invites all natural resource professional to not only attend but to present their efforts at the 2017 conference. This year's theme is Soil Health the Foundation of Conservation. Come and participate, educate and help grow the mission of this conference.

You can visit www.mnrc.org to register for the conference. See you there!

Treasurers Report – Frances Main, Treasurer

Our October meeting about Shortleaf pine management brought in a profit of \$34 once the bills were paid. We also received donations totaling \$263 toward student memberships. We did pay \$178 for rooms for the students, so I guess technically we lost \$144 on the meeting as a whole...but hey, we supported the future of the forestry profession!

The students also received their matching funds of \$500 to support their trip to the National Conference.

6 month CD	\$18,517.76
12 month CD	\$18,390.63
Checking	\$11,501.88
PLT	\$11,943.31

A BIG "thanks" to David Vance for being willing to step into the MOSAF Treasurer role as I prepare for retirement.

- Frances

Note from Jon Skinner, Communications Committee Chair - The following article is for you to share with your local paper. Modify as appropriate for your locality.

Time to Plan for Spring Tree Planting

Crops have been harvested, leaves have fallen and you are settling in for winter. Now is the time to plan for your spring tree planting project. Whether a single tree for a yard or hundreds of seedlings for a woodland project, selecting the correct tree or trees for your site takes careful consideration.

Items you need to consider are:

- What do you want the tree(s) to do?
- Will the tree(s) interfere with something else?
- What site preparations are needed now and next spring?
- How many trees do I want?
- When do I order my tree(s)? (the Missouri Department of Conservation seedlings need to be ordered as soon as possible)
- What maintenance will I need to do for my new tree(s) to thrive?
- Will I plant my tree(s) or hire a contractor?

There are many more details that can be planned prior to next spring allowing you to have a successful tree planting. Working with a Forester can help you get the best results.

The Missouri Society of American Foresters (MOSAF) is a State Society of The Society of American Foresters (SAF). MOSAF and SAF is a professional society dedicated to sound forest management and conservation.

University of Missouri Student SAF Chapter Update – Luke Stancil, President

The University of Missouri student chapter of Society of American Foresters has met four times this year so far. We have bi-weekly meetings on Wednesday at noon in room 114 of the Natural Resources building. Average attendance has been 18 students and 3 faculty members. Our next meeting will be November 9th. The student chapter's focus has been primarily on raising funds to assist students financially in attending the SAF National Convention. The first fundraiser put on by the student chapter was in the courtyard of ABNR, selling meals with either the main entrée of a burger or two hot dogs, a bag of chips, a cookie and drink. With a successful turnout, 77 meals were sold and a profit of \$250 was raised. Another fundraising event was the annual Chestnut Roast hosted by the University at HARC Farm in New Franklin, MO on October 8th. During the Chestnut Roast, students had a booth and were selling a variety of Oak seedlings donated by the University. We raised a total of \$300 at the chestnut roast. The next major event after the Chestnut Roast was the MOSAF meeting in Van Buren, we had a turnout of 8 students. Our chapter plans on attending the SAF National convention where 9 undergrad students and at least 3 grad students will attend. Also, four students will partake in the Quiz Bowl competition on Wednesday evening. We'd like to thank everyone who has donated to and supported our chapter, without your support we wouldn't be able to do everything that we do! Special thanks to Nate Goodrich and the rest of MOSAF for helping us pay for the national convention with a generous \$500 donation which we received as a "double your money" fundraising deal.

Student SAF Chapter, continued...

If any professional foresters wish to speak to our chapter we are very interested in making the time to allow them to do so. Hearing about field work and what has been happening in professional Missouri forestry is important to us. Please contact the current student chapter president Luke Stancil if interested (Its9r6@mail.missouri.edu).

Editor's Notes: food for thought - *Joe Alley, Newsletter Editor*

Hello MOSAF! Another year has passed and the trees have put on another ring. Thoughts like that make me kind of philosophical which gets me to my comment for this issue of the newsletter. First, thanks to everyone for contributing to this issue. I can't say this enough – the newsletter is only as good as what goes into it. And thanks and congratulations to those of you whose achievements and efforts are recognized herein. It is your actions that keep our organization fresh and moving forward. With that last thought in mind, as I am writing these words and pulling the articles together for this newsletter, I can't help but wonder...is our newsletter still serving its purpose? Or a better question would be, what is the purpose for this newsletter in this digital age? In the past, it has mostly served as an ad-hoc archive of MOSAF activities, a place to show accomplishments and achievements of our members, and a schedule of coming events. Thanks to Jon's development of an excellent website, these items now are all neatly catalogued on-line. My thought is that the newsletter should be more dynamic (though honestly I'm doing good to work on it as infrequently as I do!). Is it time to make the newsletter a Facebook thing (I think there are still some more private-styled Facebook equivalents out there), where all members post things of interest as they are happening? This is a topic I would like to discuss at our business meeting at MNRC. Bring your thoughts and ideas – I look forward to hearing what the group thinks!



Nominate a Forester for the Blackjack Award! – *Jon Skinner, Communication Committee Chair*

Do you know someone that meets the standards of the Blackjack Forester Award? The award is presented to the forester which displays the following blackjack characteristics: Swollen butt; fire scars; dead limbs; low vigor; low value; poor form; and wormy. The awardee is determined by dollar donation at the MNRC mixer (*see attached article for MNRC dates – ed.*). Donations go toward MOSAF activities. Nominees and nominators may solicit donations for and against themselves. Like the lowly blackjack tree, the bids are usually low for the awardee. This year, nominate a forester you think is worthy of this award, and has a good sense of humor. Also, let's bid it up and pay veneer prices!



MOSAF Fall Meeting, October 19-20, 2016 – *Dan Dey, Program Chair and Chair-Elect*

Scot Robinson, Mike Stevens, Corey Large, Tim Perren, Shawn Maijala, and Aaron Moore of the Mark Twain National Forest led a wonderful tour of shortleaf pine natural community restoration at Cane and Handy Ridges management units on the national forest. These sites have restoration of natural communities as a main management goal under the 2005 forest plan. The units are also part of the larger Missouri-Pine Oak Woodlands Restoration Project. We observed cutting edge silviculture to restore shortleaf pine woodlands as it is being applied to mature mixed pine-oak forests, mature pine plantations, pine-oak stands suffering from oak decline, and in areas that were recently salvage harvested after blowdown. We viewed stands that were underplanted with 1-0 container pine seedlings that were used where natural pine regeneration potential was inadequate in mixed oak-pine stands. The staff presented several prescription approaches using combinations of site preparation burning, two-stage overstory thinning, midstory removal and burning to control competing hardwood sprouts that were variously applied depending on site-specific and stand conditions. They demonstrated effective solutions for integrating stand silviculture into landscape scale prescribed burning and restoration. The art and science of forestry was well demonstrated in the creative ways practices were being used to restore shortleaf pine woodlands. We had lively and invigorating discussions. MOSAF opened the meeting up to other interested parties and we had a total of 80 participants representing multiple agencies, NGOs and conservation interests. Many thanks go out to the Mark Twain for hosting a most pleasant and rewarding tour. Stay tuned for announcements on the next spring meeting and field get together. Send ideas, interests and willingness to host the next meeting to Dan Dey (ddey@fs.fed.us).

MOSAF Officers and Committee Chairs

Officers – Terms Ending 12/31/2017

Chair – *Nate Goodrich*

Chair-Elect – *Dan Dey* Past-Chair – *John Tuttle*

Secretary – *Russel Hinnah*

Treasure – *Frances Main, transitioning to David Vance*

Committee Chairs

Audit – *Mark Nelson*

Awards and Nominations – *Gus Raeker*

Communications & Web – *Jon Skinner*

Education – *Dan Dey*

Special Funds – *David Massengale*

Membership – *Paul Johnson*

Policy and Legislation – *Matt Jones*

Program – *Dan Dey*

Teller – *Aaron Moore*

Historian – *Greg Hoss*

Science & Technology – *Ben Knapp*

Newsletter – *Joe Alley*

Long Range Planning – *Terry Truttmann, Mike Fiaoni, Gus Raeker, Joe Alley, and John Tuttle*

MOSAF Fall Business Meeting Minutes: *Russell Hinnah, Secretary*

Date: October 19, 2016,

Location: The Landing, Van Buren, MO

New Members

- Kyle Steele

Student Member Introductions

Invited Members and Dignitaries Introductions

Minutes(Russell Hinnah)

- Approved as read

Treasurer's Report(Frances Main)

Committee reports

- Communications Report(Jon Skinner)
 - SAF membership poster is making its way around, website on poster is wrong because SAF changed their website after we made our poster
 - Newsletter is in process
- Audit(Mark Nelson)
 - Everything in order
- Councils, Fellows, and Awards (Mike Hoffmann)
 - Frances Main was in attendance as a new Fellow
 - Nominations as fellows, Dan Dey, Rose Maria Muzicka, Shibu Jose
 - New forester of the year award
 - Call for naming the award. George O. White, Bill Kickbush, MOSAF Forester Award. Bill Kickbush was the winner of the survey but it is open to discussion. Mike and Nate will make the final decision. The MOSAF forester of the year was suggested. Justine and Megan will help with the judging.
 - Karkagne award nominations are open.
 - January 31st is deadline for the Ed Stegner scholarship award.
- Nominating Committee(Mike Hoffman)
 - Mike is resigning. Gus is the new chair.
- Education Committee(Dan Dey)
 - CFE are available for the two day tours.
 - Passing around sheets for ideas for next meeting
 - Dan Dey let Federal employees know that he can help with travel
 - Capitol Christmas tree will be in Columbia on November 20th
- Membership(Paul Johnson)
 - Nate met with students a few weeks ago. \$300 for fall meeting for lodging. \$500 for National Convention. Any leftover money can be used for the Spring meeting
 - 164 members, 25 student members,
 - New or reinstated members will be from the day you sign up, not calendar year

- Paul Johnson would be willing to drop out of the committee chair
- Policy and Legislation(Matt Jones)
 - Article from MU news bureau put our controversial article. We were not able to respond.
- Special Funds
 - David Massengale is taking over.
- Historian (Greg Hoss)
- Student Chapter(Luke Stancil)
 - Two fundraisers. Barbecue \$245. Sold oak seedlings \$291.
 - 4 undergrads, 2 grads going to National Convention. They are paying for their own lodging.
 - Looking for speakers at their student meetings.
 - Thanked everyone for their help with membership dues.
 - Putting together Quiz Bowl team for national convention

Old Business

MNRC 2020(Jon Skinner)

- How do we get the word out consistently?
- Lots of presentations already for the conference.
- Workshop on soils
- Jon has a full committee

New Business

- Forester Recruitment(Justine Gartner)
 - Handout on ideas how to recruit new foresters. Collaborative approach from all organizations.
 - Student chapter could recruit for extra money for their chapter
 - Students suggested working with CAFNR.
 - John Kabrick emphasized the importance of SAF being involved in this recruitment.
 - Committee: Justine Gartner, David Massengale, John Kabrick, Rebecca Landewe, Jason Green, Hank Steltzer
- Nate is attending the National Convention on November 1-2

Reports from Agency Representatives

- MTNF
 - Oak Decline proposal
 - New forest supervisor
 - Hosting Region 9 silviculture workshop
- USFS Research Station(Dan Dey)
 - New station director, Tony Ferguson
 - Work on the new oak silviculture book is starting
 - Also starting book on shortleaf pine
- NRCS(Nate Goodrich)
 - Conservation stewardship program
- University of Missouri(David Larson)
 - Reorganization
 - Three degrees, Soils and Atmospheric Science, Sports Management, Natural Resources

- Hiring new faculty in the programs
- Hiring a new director
- Dean search
- Missouri State(Frances Main)
 - Started a forestry club
 - Want to start a student chapter
- MDC(Justine Gartner)
 - New Director
 - Mandatory sampling for CWD
 - Forest Certification is moving forward, SFI Audit will be in March 2017, Half a million acres
 - Forest Cropland Program is changing, Should start in January 2017
 - Urban FIA, partnered
 - Adopted bat management guidelines, developing a habitat conservation plan
- Consulting Foresters(Lynn Barnickol)
 - Field tour looking at old projects and business meeting
 - Had a booth at Chestnut Roast
- Nate Muenek(MDC Wildlife Division)
 - Ask about working with MoDOT on pine planting on roadsides.

Adjourn 7:00pm

MOSAF Spring Meeting Minutes: Russell Hinnah, Secretary

Date: June 16th, 2016, 3:30pm—5:30pm

Location: Rockwoods Reservation—Wildwood, MO

Secretary's report, Russell Hinnah

- Minutes were approved as read.

Frances Main, Treasures Report

- Student sponsorship at the meeting went well

Committee reports

- Communications, Jon Skinner
 - Website hosting fee is paid up.
- Council Fellow and Awards, Mike Hoffmann
 - Mike is still doing awards but needs someone to help in nominating.
- Education, Dan Dey
 - Talk to Dan about credits
- Long Range planning, John Tuttle
 - No report
- Membership
 - One new member transferring in. Database is having problems
- Nominating committee
 - Gus is taking over

- Policy
 - Day at the capital did not go the best with CFM. Not a lot of interest. Sent a letter to MDC during the comment period about hog hunting
- Program committee
 - No report
- Special Funds
 - Vacant, no report
- Newsletter, Joe Alley
 - Keep the articles coming.
- Website, Jon Skinner
 - No report

Old Business

- Central hardwood conference
 - We provided \$200 for the best poster.
- Awards committee
 - Young professional forester award at MNRC

New Business

- MNRC
 - Two hour technical session by each agency that relates to soil, \$1500
 - John Kabrick may be a potential spearhead for this session
 - Jon is looking for conference chairs
- Project Learning Tree
 - Looking for foresters to volunteer with PLT when sessions are in your area
 - Talk with Frances or Nate
 - Hank volunteered to help
 - Cody Bailey also volunteered

Agency Reports

- NRCS
 - EQIP and CSP sign ups. State technical meeting. Set aside 7% for forestry in MO. A portion of that will be directed toward agroforestry.
- University of Missouri, Hank Steltzer
 - Looking for a new dean and director. Filled three of four positions that were open. Three degrees in school. Parks rec and sport, natural resources science and management. Four emphasis areas. Revamping FFA contest, adding an insect and disease portion.
- MDC, John Tuttle
 - Looking for a new director. A lot of emphasis on CWD. Bears are a hot topic. Regulation proposal about outlawing hog hunting on state land. Missouri managed woods is a replacement to the FCL program. All MDC forest land will be undergoing certification. Having trouble recruiting foresters. Jason talked about MRAP program. Piloted last year, 1500 acres. This year it went statewide.
- Consulting Foresters, Lynn Barnickol
 - October 7th, fall meeting. Chestnut roast at HARC, consulting foresters will have a booth.

Adjourn, 5:40