



Missouri Society of American Foresters

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From the Chair ***Nate Goodrich, MOSAF Chair***



Greetings MOSAF! It is hard to believe that it has been two growth rings ago that I authored my first “From the Chair” update. I stated then what an honor it was to be your Chair, and I will echo that again today. Over the last two years I have had the opportunity to preside over six MOSAF business meetings, participate in four MOSAF field days/workshops, and attend two House of Society Delegates meetings and the associated national conventions. Both of the national venues provided a great opportunity to expand my knowledge of the interworking of the Society and key issues and opportunities at the National level as well as at other state and local levels. I have also met new friends and got re-acquainted with some old ones. In Albuquerque a couple weeks ago I was able to reconnect and go have a beer (or two) with my BLM boss from when I was a seasonal forestry technician in Wyoming for a couple summers

as a college student – over 25 years ago. There are so many benefits that come with being in such a small and tight knit professional community.

As I transition to the position of Past Chair, I'm excited to turn the leadership of MOSAF over to Dr. Dan Dey. I would also like to congratulate our new officers that were elected this fall, Dr. John Kabrick as Chair Elect and Rebecca Landewe as Secretary. I look forward to working with them on the Executive Committee in the future. A big thanks to Russell Hinnah for serving as Secretary for the last 2 years!

For those that were not able to attend the Missouri/Iowa SAF joint fall meeting, you missed a good one. A special thanks to Mike Bill, Jason Jacobson, Yvette Amerman, and Dan Dey for their efforts in organizing the tour, presentations, and accommodations. Lindsey Barney, Iowa SAF Chair, said it best, *"Thank you also for a fantastic meeting. I have heard nothing but high praise about the event from the Iowa Foresters. One of them said it was one of the best meetings they have ever been to in the past 24 years that they have been in SAF. We look forward to having you guys up this way in the future."*

I plan to give a full update from the HSD meeting and national convention at the winter meeting at Missouri Natural Resources Conference, but here's a few tidbits of information that may be of interest:

- For those that have not heard, SAF will not renew the employment agreement with CEO Matt Menashes who is now on leave until December 18th when his current agreement will end. When pressured on the issue, SAF President Fred Cabbage said this is a personnel matter that requires some sensitivity but after progressive evaluations the determination was made that he was not providing the needed services. A search is currently underway for a new CEO.
- I mentioned before that the Board of Directors was exploring options related to future office space for national staff. After a thorough review and financial evaluations, it is most likely that staff will stay at the current location and improvements/updates will be prioritized and completed as budget allows.
- Per request of the SAF Government Affairs Team, I served on a panel for a Policy and Popcorn session to discuss "How Can I Advocate for My Profession?" It was an opportunity to share with others what MOSAF has done to advocate on behalf of our profession and the resource. I highlighted our letters to the editor, the Missouri Speaker of the House and Senate President related to proposed legislation a couple years ago that would have had significant impacts on Missouri's forests, and our participation with the Conservation Federation of Missouri's conservation day at the capitol and becoming a CFM affiliate member.

With that, I wish to say thank you. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Chair for the last 2 years and for all that each and every one of you do for the forest resource across the state! I hope to see you at the 2018 Missouri Natural Resource Conference!

Missouri Natural Resources Conference - 2018

Resource Managers ↔ Resource Users

January 31st - February 2nd at Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach Missouri

The Missouri Natural Resources Conference (MNRC) covers research from many disciplines and promotes wise use and management of Missouri's natural resources. The conference kicks off with the poster session and evening social at 6:30 pm Wednesday, January 31. However, free events for students begin at 3:30 pm on Wednesday and includes career workshops, student job fair, resume building, and speed networking with professionals. This year we have two exciting plenary speakers for Thursday morning. Stanley Temple will talk about Leopold's time in Missouri and Mark Morgan will discuss how culture and social interactions can shape natural resource management. Workshops and contributed paper sessions will take place on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. Complete information on the conference schedule can be found at www.mnrc.org.

Registration is now open! To register, go to www.mnrc.org and click on the registration tab at the top of the home page. Early bird registration ends on January 6, 2017. Early bird Society Member registration is \$78, and Non-Society Member registration is \$98. Student registration is \$40. Attendees can either register and pay online for a small service fee, or they can print out the registration form and mail a check payable to MNRC. Any questions on registration can be directed to AJ Pratt at mnrc2018@gmail.com.

And in related news...the MOSAF Auction at MNRC NEEDS YOU!!!

It is time to plan for the MOSAF Auction at MNRC. Every year this event helps us fund projects. If you are crafty, you know who you are, or good at acquiring donations, or can provide an item for the auction, please prepare now. MNRC is fast approaching, leaving just a little time.

David Massengale is leading the auction for us this year. You may bring items directly to the MOSAF booth. If you have questions



about donating an item, you may contact David at 573-729-6656.

(Editor's Note: Folks, this is a big deal. We need your help to make our auction successful. The funds we generate here are put to many good uses including student activities. Chip in and do your part. This includes taking a turn at the table to give Dave a break. Thanks!)

Treasurer's Report **David Vance – Treasurer**

As of 10/16/2017:

Regular Share	\$119.27
6 Month Certificate	\$18,590.34
12 Month Certificate	\$18,497.55
Checking	\$11,265.75
PLT	\$13,371.02

\$771.56 has been spent of the Foresters Fund Account for the Ag Teacher Training Workshop.

The Student Scholarship Donation options on registrations is working well. Received \$200 from the Summer Meeting Registrations.

Fall Field Tour **Dan Dey – Chair-Elect and Program Coordinator**

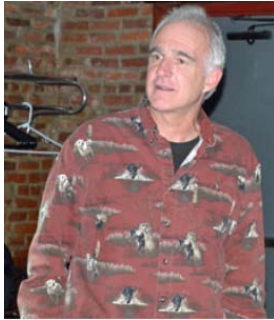
This October, Michael Bill and staff hosted MOSAF for our fall field tour in Northeast Missouri. The theme was public and private forest management in the agricultural landscapes of northern Missouri and southern Iowa. We were joined by our colleagues from Iowa SAF and had about 55 participants. The tour started off at Deer Ridge Conservation Area where Jason Jacobson showed us an example of their management to restore post oak woodlands by frequent burning, and after 10 years they had achieved a good looking closed woodland. Then he took us on a walk about through an area that was being managed to regenerate and sustain an oak forest by prescribed burning and selection cutting with group openings. Dr. Ben Knapp of the University of Missouri and Bob Reeves shared with us some research highlights from the REAM study on assessing different harvesting methods on bottomland hardwood regeneration and stand development, and they showed us a new study to promote oak in bottomlands by under planting under different thinning treatments.



*Ben Knapp "preaching the gospel" of bottomland forest ecology and management.
Jeanette Bailey, talking bats and forest management*

Our field tour concluded with Jeanette Bailey giving us a good overview on bat biology and conservation and impacts of endangered species on forest management.

On Monday night we had a joint meeting with the Iowa gang and the District 5 representative Donald Howlett gave an update and viewpoint from SAF national. Nate Goodrich presented Dan Dey with the SAF Fellows award for 2017. The Iowa gang organized a fun silent auction and a good time was had by all. Thanks to Michael Bill and the Northeast Regional staff of MDC for hosting us and sharing their good work with us.



Don Howlett (District 5 Rep); Dan and Nate; Mike presenting Francis with Tree Farm Award



MOSAF members listen intently



Iowa's silent auction

On the second day we focused on landowner assistance programs with presentations by Nate Goodrich, Michael Bill, Craig Williamson and Joe Alley. Robbie Doerhoff provided us with a forest health update with emphasis on herbicide damage to trees. Yvette Amerman spoke to us on private lands and bat conservation issues. Presentations were made on the Master logger and the professional timber harvester program.



Craig Williamson; Mark McCarthy (MFPA); Yvette; and Robbie

Out with the Old... ***by Joe Alley, outgoing Newsletter Editor***

I made it official at the fall meeting, but I'll make it official here in writing: I am stepping down as MOSAF Newsletter Editor. I've enjoyed holding this position, but its time for someone else to take up the reins. I hope that one of our younger members will take advantage of this opportunity to become more active in MOSAF. This is a great way to get involved and find out a bit more about how MOSAF and SAF work.

So thanks for reading!



Other News:

Mark Twain Contract Open Soon!

(Editor's note: this article was received several weeks prior to the "printing" of the newsletter and the information may be out of date)

The Indefinite Delivery-Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) Vegetation Management contract is coming up for bid. It is a fixed price contract (timber marking and cruising) for a basic period of performance from date of award plus four one-year option periods. Have questions, please contact John Bryan at 573-364-4621.

Outreach Article: *This section of the newsletter is intended as a "pre-fab" article for MOSAF members to use as outreach material. Consider sharing with your local newspaper or other media outlet.*

What is Your Forest's Health?

How healthy is your forest? Just because it has green trees and plants or a park like look does not make a forest healthy. Forest health is more than appearance. It involves appropriate plants for your area including trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants. It also involves the soil conditions, water quality, and wildlife of a property or region. Does your property have undesirable invasive plants and critters? Do you know if it does? Are there too many or too few trees and other plants on the property? What do you want to manage your property for: wildlife habitat - which wildlife; timber production – what kind of trees are appropriate there; Water Quality – do your activities or lack of them affect nearby waterways?

Foresters have acquired the knowledge and experience to help with evaluating your property. They can provide information and advice on how to meet your management goals AND help keep your forest healthy. There are both private consulting foresters and state employed foresters that may help you. It depends on what your objectives and their availability is. Consulting foresters work for a fee and may be able to provide more services than state foresters. To locate a private consulting foresters visit the Missouri Consulting Foresters Association website at <http://www.missouriforesters.com>. To find a state forester, visit the Missouri Department of Conservation website's Contact and Engage link at www.mdc.mo.gov.

MOSAF Meeting Minutes

by Russell Hinnah – Secretary

Missouri Society of American Foresters
Fall Meeting
October 30, 2017
DuKum Inn, Kirksville, MO

Call to Order

- 8:06pm

Welcome by Chair Nate Goodrich.

Minutes from last Meeting

- Approved as Read

Treasurers Report (David Vance)

- Received receipts from Hank for ag teacher workshop
- \$270 balance for students
- Funds are in good order

Committee Reports

- Communications—Jon
 - Website is up and running
- Newsletter—Joe Alley
 - Joe is looking for someone to replace him
- Nominating Committee—Gus
 - Waiting for final results
- Program Committee—Dan Dey
 - Stepping down
 - Pass on info for spring meeting
- Forest Science—Ben Knapp
 - SNR weekly reader
- Website—Jon Skinner
 - Post CFE events
- Student Chapter—Joe
 - Sending 4 members to National
 - Chainsaw raffle raised \$800
 - Honeysuckle removal project to raise money

Reports from National Office (Nate Goodrich)

- Addressing budget issues
- Hired a professional development coordinator
- Still discussing business options
- Let national know about website updates

- Looking at overall membership
 - Lack of Forest Service employees

New Business

- Mike Hoffmann reminded folks about MoSAF and Conservation Federation Scholarships
 - Need nominations for Outstanding Forester and Karkaghne awards
 - Awarded Francis Main Regional Tree Farm Inspector Award and Fred Bergman award.
- Nate is headed to National Convention, NRCS is paying his way.
- MNRC registration is open.
 - Name change is still being investigated
 - Discussed agenda
- Motion was made to put money from meeting toward the student fund.
 - Voted on and carried

Reports from Agency Representatives

- MDC (Jason Jensen)
 - Working on new Strategic Plan
 - Partners meeting coming up.
- Consulting Foresters (Lynn Barnickol)
 - Update on meeting

Adjourn: 9:30pm