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**Missouri Society of American Foresters**  
**Fall Meeting Minutes**  
**Date: October 26, 2015, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm**  
**Location: Pioneer Forest Headquarters – Salem, MO**  
**Approximately 42 people in attendance.**

**Purpose**

- Business meeting to communicate MOSAF priorities and objectives for 2015
- Objectives
- Provide verbal reports from all standing committees present
- Discuss pertinent forestry issues with general membership

**Agenda and Minutes**

- Introduction: Lead: John Tuttle, MOSAF Chair
  - Welcome members, students and guests: 8 students were present
  - Introduce invited guests and dignitaries
- Minutes from June's Meeting: Lead: Susan Troxel DeWitt: Minutes were read and approved.
- Treasurer's Report: Lead: Frances Main: Treasurer's report was read and approved.
- Committee Reports:
  - Communications: Jon Skinner: Jon discussed the website and recruitment poster he's been working on with a scale model on display. At 80 inches tall the price is \$400 or less per unit. One to be displayed in ABNR. It can be scaled to fit a display case. Target audience is HS and college students.
  - Council Fellows and Awards: Mike Hoffman submitted a written report. The Ed Stegner Scholarship has been submitted. Fellows nominations voting closes on 10/31/15 plus voting for Vice Chair and Secretary.
  - Membership: Paul Johnson. A BBQ was held on campus for the students with Lynn Barnickol and John Tuttle as speakers. An outreach letter was sent at the end of August to reach potential members, 60 letters were sent. Membership dropped from 188 to 165 including 12 student members. The membership rolls were purged over the summer for non-payers. The University professors usually cover student sponsorships but there are too many this year. Lisa Allen, Frances Main, Justine Gartner, Joe Alley and John Tuttle offered to be sponsors.
  - Nominating: Mike Hoffman submitted a written report. Dan Dey and Mike Bill were nominated to run for Vice Chair and Hank Stelzer and Russell Hinnah were nominated to run for Secretary.

- Policy and Legislation: Matt Jones. Susan will be covering the CFM Affiliate Conference later in the meeting.
  - Program: Nate Goodrich. Lynn Barnickol will be covering this later in the meeting.
  - Special Funds: Chair spoke for this committee soliciting silent auction items for MNRC.
  - Forest Science: Ben Knapp. The Central Hardwood Conference will be coming to Columbia in 2016 in March 16-20. A tour of MOFEP is in the works.
  - Newsletter: Joe Alley. The fall issue will be coming out soon.
  - Website: Jon Skinner. It is up and running. He placed material on the website according to established policy. MOSAF.net
  - MNRC Steering Committee: Mike Fiaoni. The 13 committees do most of the work for this event and we have a lot of repeat (experiences) committee members. Everything is going smoothly. Papers have been submitted, plus 48 posters and 29 presentations and workshops. A moderator is needed for the Friday 8-10 session and some AV help is needed. Russell Hinnah would also like some help with the washers game and George Kipp could use a hand at the silent auction booth. After this conference, Mike ends his 4 year term as committee chair. MOSAF will host again in 2020.
  - Historian: Justine Gartner spoke for this committee. Records storage is an issue. Currently historical records are stored in Greg Hoss' basement which is not an ideal solution. Some chapters use Universities. We need to investigate a better storage situation for our historical records.
- Old Business
    - SAF Fellows selection procedure. Shelby Jones. The new procedure of formal self or other nomination is a better process than the prior situation which wasn't really a process at all. Two people are thus advanced for online voting.
    - HSD Meeting
      - John Tuttle will be attending the National SAF convention in Baton Rouge, LA next week. He was drafted as a HSD convener for California, South Dakota, Mississippi, and Georgia. Subject matter will be retaining membership. Also brought up in a prior MOSAF meeting was the issue of credentialing and whether it should be elevated to HSD, Matt Menashes assured John that they are working with ISA and there won't be issues or conflicts.

- Forester's Fund Grant
  - Lynn Barnickol reported on his activities. The first outreach event was the Urban Wood Utilization tour in KC on Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>. 47 people and 6 partners attended and gave the workshop. We toured Swope Park, a local bank, a neighborhood tour and a tree trimming demo. We learned about additional signs to look for with EAB such as with bark splits and woodpecker activity. 19 cities were represented at the event.
  - Lynn was planning a tree scaling and grading event but industry backed out. The private landowner also had concerns about liability. Was noted that SAF does have event insurance.
  - Lynn also wrote and submitted an article for the Green Horizons newsletter called "Living on the Edge" about what homeowners can do to improve wildlife habitat on small tracts and backyards.
- New Business
  - Elections: Fellows, National and local candidates. Voting open now.
  - CFM Affiliated Member
    - Susan Troxel DeWitt reported on the CFM Affiliate Conference (see separate report).
    - Action Item: Do we want to become a CFM affiliate member? Motion made by Jason Jensen, seconded by Matt Jones and motion carried by vote of the membership.
  - Forester's Fund Grant
    - Covered earlier in the meeting.
  - HSD Agenda topics
    - Public sector employer support for SAF involvement of public sector employees. It was noted that while our meeting was held in Salem, no USFS current employees were in attendance. Also noted that NRCS is not supportive.
    - MNSAF- Declining membership – Identification of Best Practices for Membership and Retention. Comment regarding the need to lower dues and that the magazine is irrelevant. Questions regarding what is the financial benefit of membership? Note that National is working on a communication project about this topic.

- WASAF- Reinvigorating chapter level activity. Nate Goodrich noted a lack of response in recent communication with other chapters.
    - LASAF- Member enablement of influence on policy issues.
  - MNRC Job Fair
    - Joe Alley is looking for help for this event. They are trying to grow the event and any employers are welcome. They are moving from the upstairs meeting room to Salon C to allow more room for vendors, tables and employers. A speed networking activity is planned. Shelby suggests including industry.
  - Scouting Event
    - Joe Alley reported on a scouting event he coordinated in Cooper County in the style of a timber games conclave for 400 people. Lynn Barnickol, Hank Stelzer, Dusty Walters and other assisted with various components.
- Reports from Agency and Organization Representatives
  - Greg Hoss – not present
  - MTNF - Not present
  - NRCS – Nate Goodrich. The national level project involving the Forest Service and in Missouri the Mark Twain was able to obligate funding and have two more years of funding available. EQIP signup is ongoing with a November 20<sup>th</sup> cutoff. It was earlier this go around to allow more time for planning.
  - University of Missouri- Ben Knapp. There's been lots of movement and retirements in the university. There is a committee looking at integration of programming however they are still strongly focused on SAF accreditation as a priority. They have deferred their accreditation review to next year. They are focusing on delivery of content versus the idea of having particular classes. The vacancies in teaching positions need a permanent fix but that may take a year. Vacancies are being covered by adjuncts. They are also looking at abbreviating the forestry field studies coursework and adding the requirement of an internship. This would shift the program from 5 weeks to 3 weeks with the remainder of the summer in an internship. Forestry Club is hosting a conclave at the Hallsville Fairgrounds in April.
  - Missouri State- Not present
  - MDC- Lisa Allen. Agency revenue is good. Don Bedell was reappointed to the Commission. Forestry will be pursuing SFI certification for Forestry and Wildlife managed forest lands. This will include a Certification Manager position. The

old Forest Cropland Program is being revised and renamed the Missouri Managed Woods program and it will have a certification component via Tree Farm. Tax abatement is included updated from the old program. Forestry has set a goal in conjunction with the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of TCUSA to add 40 new TCUSA over a 5 year period. FIA expansion to urban inventory plots will be partially supported by MDC.

- Consulting Foresters- Lynn Barnickol. Lynn will continue as Executive Director for another year. The winter meeting is planned for Feb 25-26 at the Capitol Best Western in Jefferson City. The CBYC grant from MDC has covered about 8500 acres. Their membership is stable at 43 total 10 retired. They have a new directory out and online. They testified at a legislative hearing at Jason Jensen's request and noted that the legislative process was not really designed for public input. They conducted a business survey of their membership. They are looking to gain access to digitized plat maps using leftover CBYC grant monies.
  - Others? Justine Gartner notes that the Conservation Federation Conservation Leadership Corps for students from junior high to sophomore in college has only had one student interested in forestry last year. There's an Oct 31<sup>st</sup> deadline if you know of any students interested.
- Discussion on evening and tour activities and directions.
  - Chris Lohmann notes that he has 3 foresters on staff and a FT vacancy coming up.
  - Lisa Allen discusses recruitment and vacancy issues in Forestry in MDC. 25 jobs open. She notes that we need to take ownership of recruitment of new foresters.
  - Call for a recruitment subcommittee to Membership.
  - Adjourn at 5:40 pm