

How Missouri Society of American Foresters Started

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Kristen and Terry

This morning I finally got around to reading the most recent is of the MOSAF Newsletter. Took me awhile, busy retiree.

I read where there was a discussion as to when the MOSAF started. Well, here is the answer.

In 1982 members of the Missouri Chapter* of the Ozark SAF voted to recede from the 4 state society (Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri).

On January 1, 1983 we officially became the Missouri Society of American Foresters. Jim Roles of the US Forest Service became the first Chair of MOSAF. At the same time, January 1, 1983, the Ozark SAF changed their name to the Ouachita SAF. Kansas left the Ozark/Ouachita SAF at that time or maybe a year or two later to join with Nebraska and become the Great Plains SAF.

*I put the asterisk here to explain a minor detail: as of January 1, 1982 all SAF Chapters nationwide were now called Divisions, not Chapters. So for the year 1982 we were the Missouri Division of the Ozark SAF. That title of Division for Missouri lasted all of one year! Karl Tennant, with the Missouri Department of Conservation, was the last Chair of the old Missouri Chapter/Division.

I know all of this as I was the last Editor of the Ozark Reporter, newsletter of Ozark SAF and the first Editor of the Missouri Forestry Newsletter, for MOSAF. I still have copies of all the editions that I was the Editor, for about 10 years. And I am an old guy that still has a pretty good memory!!

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