

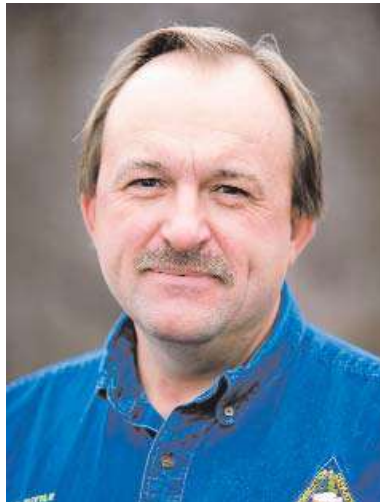


Missouri Society of American Foresters

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From the Chair

John Tuttle, MOSAF Chair



My role as your MOSAF chair has been rewarding and I appreciate the opportunity to represent Missouri. Since assuming the role of chair and chair elect, I have had two opportunities to travel to SAF's National Conventions. I attended the convention in Spokane, WA in 2012 and Salt Lake City, UT this year. In addition to attending the conventions, I had the privilege to attend the Midwest Leadership Academy in Moravia, IA this summer. During all of these events, I met many great people with a passion for Forestry and our natural resources. The reward for me is to be a part of the larger effort in the nation to protect and enhance our profession.

MOSAF was awarded a Foresters Fund Grant of \$2,500 to hire a contractor for outreach efforts. The contractor will have four major responsibilities: first is to survey members on the types of training and social events they desire; second will be to conduct outreach to potential new members to invite them to MOSAF's events; third is to set up actual training or social events for members; and fourth is to

write two articles to raise the public awareness of the benefits of trees. I am pleased to announce that Lynn Barnickol was awarded this contract and I look forward to working with him on this outreach project. If Lynn requests your assistance, please consider helping him with his projects.

I attended the House Society of Delegates meeting at the SAF convention in Salt Lake City, UT. This meeting was an all-day event that discussed several issues. The major concerns were the potential endangered listing of the northern long eared bat (NLEB), agencies not allowing SAF members to attend local SAF meetings, and silvics information on tree species being updated as needed. I was proud to learn we were one of the few SAF chapters that had written a letter commenting on the potential listing of the NLEB.

Several committees have been active this summer and fall. **Jon Skinner** and his committee deserve a special thank you for their efforts in the Communication Committee. His committee has updated the Communication Plan. Jon also created a new MOSAF website and has been quick to post news items on this site. Jon's committee proposed a couple internal policies concerning announcing partner events and accepting sponsorships for MOSAF's newsletter – you will learn more about these potential policies during our business meeting at the Missouri Natural Resource Conference business meeting. If you haven't been to MOSAF's website lately, you should go and spend some time looking at it. **Mike Hoffmann** deserves a special thank you for his efforts on awards, choosing scholarship recipients, and nominating officers for MOSAF. If it wasn't for Mike reminding me, I would not have sent out reminders for soliciting Karkhagne award candidates. **Matt Jones** and his policy committee have done an outstanding job developing our comment letter on the NLEB. His committee has been quick to provide input on any issue the MOSAF Executive Committee has requested them to address – great work. I know that **Mike Fiaoni** has been working hard on planning the MNRC for MOSAF. I have had the privilege to hear some of his group's ideas for MNRC 2016 and I think it will be a great conference. **Paul Johnson** and his membership committee set up a great event with students this past summer in Columbia. Paul was able to obtain sponsorships for several student members. Last but not least, a big thank you goes out to the other committees that provide audits (**Mark Nelson**), writes our newsletter (**Joe Alley**), takes care of your education needs (**Dan Dey**), provides ideas and comments on science issues (**Ben Knapp**), takes care of Special Fund events (**George Kipp**), documents historical information (**Greg Hoss**) and takes care of teller responsibilities (**Aaron Moore**).

I didn't get the opportunity to attend our fall meeting at the Underground Laboratory but do want to thank Nate Goodrich for filling in for me. I understand this was an outstanding meeting in conjunction with the Missouri Consulting Foresters Association (MCFA). Shelby Jones deserves most of the credit for setting up this meeting and arranging for speakers to present at this event.

I want to say a special thanks to the MOSAF Executive Committee. Nate Goodrich, Joe Alley, Susan Troxel-DeWitt and Frances Main have been great to work with. We talked about several opportunities and the committee is always happy to discuss any idea that is proposed.

In closing, we have an outstanding SAF Chapter; however, we can always make it better. I challenge all members to take ownership in their professional society. Please offer ideas for improvement and be willing to help out if requested by a committee chair. Thank you for being a MOSAF member and for all you do for forestry in Missouri and the USA.

MOSAF Member Spotlight

Edited by Joe Alley

Lisa Allen and Justine Garner – It is with pleasure that we announce that Lisa Allen and Justine Gartner were selected as SAF Fellows for 2014. Lisa and Justine have demonstrated dedication to their profession and to their professional society throughout their careers at a level that we should all strive for. As described by SAF, the SAF Fellow “...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.” Congratulations to Justine and Lisa and thank you both for all that you have done and continue to do for MOSAF!

Shibu Jose (*from Action in Agroforestry, November 2014, Vol 5, No. 11*). – In October, Dr. Shibu Jose, director of the University of Missouri Center for Agroforestry, received two prestigious awards. At the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) World Congress this past October, his outstanding achievements were recognized through receipt of the IUFRO Scientific Achievement Award. For this award, the selection committee looks at both research results and the dissemination of the results among many other criteria before choosing awardees. They look specifically for regional or global advancements in forestry research.

While at the joint IUFRO World Congress/ Society of American Foresters (SAF)/Canadian Institute of Forestry (CIF) Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, Dr. Jose was also awarded the Barrington Moore Memorial Award from SAF. This award is given to those who are advancing forestry through biological research. The award’s namesake, Barrington Moore, was an American forester whose notable research pertained to forest ecology, and who also encouraged cooperation among ecologists of all backgrounds. Dr. Jose is the 2014 awardee. His research is focused on important ecological processes that relate to ecological stability. Building on this work, Dr. Jose designs new agroforestry systems and redesigns agroforestry systems that suffer from degradation and neglect. At the convention, which totaled over 3,000 people from approximately 100 countries, he also was invited to give two presentations. Both presentations were on agroforestry topics: “Agroforestry for Ecosystem Services: A North American perspective” and “Agroforestry in the United States: Its relevance and the way forward.”

Silent Auction and Raffle Items Needed!

George Kipp, Chair

Fall is almost a memory and winter is here. This means that MNRC, and the MOSAF silent auction, is on the horizon. While you're planning your winter shop projects, remember that we need items for our silent auction. Handmade items are big hits at the silent auction and help us raise money for the Forester's Fund and MU College Scholarship. Last year, we raised nearly \$1,000 and I hope to do even better this year. Also, it's never too early to start soliciting donations from retailers. Many of them are switching out merchandise for the fall and winter and may be able to part with items. Furthermore, some retailers, especially big box stores, may have a fairly lengthy corporate approval process and might need some time to fill a donation request. I look forward to seeing everyone at MNRC!

Be Sure to Attend the 2015 MNRC

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Students and professionals in conservation and natural resources may register for the 2015 Missouri Natural Resources Conference (MNRC) beginning Nov. 1. The conference theme is “Values of Conservation...Fostering Natural Resources Appreciation through Research, Management and Outreach” and will be held Feb. 4-6 at Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach Missouri.

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, Missouri Chapter of the Wildlife Society and the Show-Me Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society. Alan Leary, the chair of the 2015 steering committee, said it's the unique blend of disciplines represented by the four societies that promotes wise use and management of Missouri's natural resources and makes this a great Conference.

“We strive to bring professionals together from across the conservation and natural resources fields to collaborate on important issues, promote innovative ideas and inspire each other to make a difference for the Natural Resources of Missouri and the people who use them – which is all of us,” Leary said.

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, students, citizens and other stakeholders. Cooperating agencies include the Missouri Department of Conservation; University of Missouri, School of Natural Resources; Missouri Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit; U.S. Forest Service and Natural Resources Conservation Service.



Dr. Doug Tallamy



Dave White

Plenary speakers for 2015 include Dr. Doug Tallamy and Dave White. Dr. Tallamy is a professor in the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware where he has authored 80 research articles and has taught Insect Taxonomy, Behavioral Ecology, Humans and Nature, Insect Ecology and other courses for 32 years. Dave White has over 35 years of professional leadership experience in natural resource conservation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and in the private sector. After working at numerous locations throughout the United States, White was Chief of the NRCS from January 2009 to December 2012. As Chief White led, directed, and managed the nation's largest private lands natural resource conservation organization.

"We are very fortunate to have Dr. Tallamy and Mr. White on our agenda for the 2015 conference," Leary said. "Their expertise and insight will give us much to think about throughout the conference and years to come."

Leary said students are encouraged to attend MNRC just as much as resource professionals. The conference includes the annual Student Job Fair and Networking with Professionals session on Wednesday, Feb. 4.

"Individual interaction with employers will give insight to students about hiring trends in the natural resources fields," Leary said. "Students will have opportunities to learn about the latest information on gaining employment in our field."

More information on workshops, posters, presentations, mixers, plenary speakers and other MNRC events can be found online at mnrc.org.

Treasurer's Report

Frances Main, Treasurer



Checking account = \$13,854

PLT = \$15,077

6 month CD = \$18,371

12 month CD = \$18,182

Lots of activity lately in the finances! Our Missouri SAF volunteered to be “the bank” for the Heartland Leadership Academy that was held in Iowa in August. With nearly \$24,000 in checks coming in and out of our MOSAF account from a dozen different states, our audit this year may take a little longer than usual.

The transition of Project Learning Tree from MDC to Missouri State University is finally complete. After realizing what it would take to set up and track their own financials, the university decided to continue our current agreement of MOSAF housing PLT in exchange for the interest earned on the account each year.

A full and detailed accounting of our finances for the year will be provided at our meeting during the MNRC.

MOSAF Strategic Plan Revised

Joe Alley, Long Range Planning Committee Chair

In January of 2014, the Executive Committee met and discussed, among other things, revising the Strategic Plan. There was quite a bit of discussion about this and a lot of good comments were made towards needed changes. This effort falls under the purview of the Long Range Planning Committee which is made up of the 5 most recent past-chairs of MOSAF. As most recent past-chair, I took on the role of coordinating the revision. Unfortunately the document has not been approved by the Executive Committee at press time and I therefore cannot include it in this newsletter. I can however give you a teaser – it has been paired down quite a bit! MOSAF is a small organization made up of busy professionals. Our goals need to be direct, focused, and attainable if we are to achieve them, and that is what drove the revisions. My plan is to share the new Strategic Plan with the membership in December, so stay tuned.

Thinking Outside the Box

By Lynn Barnickol, CF – Outreach Coordinator

John Tuttle and the executive committee, thinking outside the box, submitted to National SAF the request for a Foresters Fund grant to fund an outreach coordinator. MOSAF was awarded the grant. A bid process was initiated and I was awarded the contract. There was one other bid. The purpose of the outreach coordinator is to survey the MOSAF membership to determine technical training interests, organize three regionally located meetings where MOSAF members, guests, and potential members can gather for technical training and after-hours social. Basically we want to try recruiting new members into SAF by making these regionally located meetings timely, locally centered on member's technical activities and places of interest. These meetings are to be in addition to the regular MOSAF meetings.

As outreach coordinator my responsibilities include: Surveying the membership to determine technical training interests; organizing three meetings over a two year period including lining up speakers, handling registration duties, arranging for lodging and meals; and writing two articles about the benefits of trees suited for local newspapers.

In addition to discussing details with John Tuttle, I have been in contact with Paul Johnson about developing a current membership list and one that includes potential members. I am to meet with Nate Goodrich in December to compare notes on meeting plans for regular MOAF meetings and the regionally located meetings.

MOSAF Members Encouraged To Promote Good Forestry Practices

Jon Skinner, Communications Committee Chair

The draft MOSAF Communication Plan states: "MOSAF Communications Committee and Executive Committee shall encourage membership to promote to the general public the benefits of good forest and individual tree management." It further states: "Membership will be given article ideas via the newsletter and other MOSAF correspondence and encouraged to provide these, or related articles, to their local media outlets."

In meeting the overall goal of promoting good forestry to the public, below is an article you may copy or modify as you feel appropriate and submit to your local media outlets. You are always encouraged to create your own media releases as well but we ask that you allow the MOSAF Executive Committee to review it first if you reference MOSAF.

Healthy Forests Provide Much to Missouri

Missouri's and America's forests provide numerous products and benefits to us. Forests are our nations' source of lumber, fuel wood, and paper to name a few. They also provide clean water, clean the air, provide wildlife habitat, places for recreation and more.

For forests to continue to provide these products and benefits, it takes proper forest management strategies and implementation. The Missouri Society of American Foresters encourages all woodland owners to manage their property in a way to the health of the forest and environment as a forester can assist a landowner by sharing their and provide recommendations on how to best their property to reach their management goals. take into account all of the natural and historical of a woodland. This is to maximize the tangible and benefits, and maintain healthy woodland that will provide products and benefits for years to come.



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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. To find a forester to help you on your property call the Missouri Consulting Foresters Association at www.missouriforesters.com or the Missouri Department of Conservation at 573-522-4115.

Missouri Consulting Foresters Association

Shelby Jones

Joint Fall Meeting: Approximately 55 SAF and MCFA members attended the joint fall meeting at the Ozark Underground Laboratory, Protom, MO. The program focused on emerging issues in forestry surrounding the proposed listing of the northern long-eared bat as endangered. Tom Aley, owner of OUL, moderated a panel discussion that presented many different perspectives of the impacts of a listing. Other panel members were: Tim Snell, The Nature Conservancy-Arkansas; Jason Jensen, Forestry Division-MDC; and Brian Brookshire, Executive Director-Mo. Forest Products Association. The afternoon session consisted of guided tours of Tumbling Creek Cave and the surface watershed impacting the cave. Tom and Cathy Aley and their staff explained the many research projects conducted at OUL as well as the nationwide hydrology analysis services they provide. Attendees were acquainted with some unusual applications for a formal forestry education and encouraged to expand their interests outside the conventional jobs sought by graduate foresters. Following a delicious fried chicken dinner, the program included the observation of the nightly feeding flight of bats from Tumbling Creek Cave. Participants were allowed to sit in the cave entrance, inside a “bat gate,” and experience the sound and feel of approximately 50,000 bats making their exit. The entire program was unique for foresters and provided valuable insights into related resource management disciplines. Many thanks go to Tom & Cathy Aley and their staff for hosting this memorable meeting

New MCFA Executive Director: Lynn Barnickol assumed the duties of Executive Director of Missouri Consulting Foresters Association at the Fall Meeting in October. Lynn has been an active member of MCFA since 2011, providing a variety of consulting forestry services through his company,

Actually Wood, LLC. He is retired from a 30 year career with Forestry Division, Mo. Dept. of Conservation. Lynn is a graduate of Colorado State University with a BS degree in Wood Technology. MCFA represents approximately 50 private forestry consulting companies providing professional natural resource management services in Missouri. Lynn replaces Shelby Jones, who recently retired as the first Executive Director of MCFA.

Editor's Notes

Joe Alley, MOSAF Newsletter Editor



Thanks again to everyone who contributed to this newsletter. It is only as good as what you send me! I have a few comments to share that don't fit anywhere else, so here goes.

- We are building up some steam in our efforts to better connect with the MU student SAF chapter. It looks like we had at least four students attend the fall meeting in Protem, and that's no small feat given the distance and time off from classes. Let's keep that energy rolling! Our members should seek opportunities to meet with these "apprentice foresters", provide mentoring opportunities, etc. If you are near Columbia, consider attending one of their meetings which they hold on campus every two weeks. Contact me or Paul Johnson if you want more details on that.
- The Communications Committee, Chaired by Jon Skinner, has been busy. Check out the updated website if you haven't already at <http://www.mosaf.net/> In addition, the Executive Committee is currently reviewing two policies that the Communications Committee has developed for:
 - Event Announcements to be included in the newsletter and the website
 - Sponsorship Levels for the newsletter (that's right, we will have add space in the next newsletter.
- The next newsletter is scheduled to come out in March, 2015 – send me your articles!

Meeting Minutes - MOSAF Fall Meeting Oct 16, 2014

Ozark Underground Laboratory

Protem, MO

Susan Troxel-Dewitt

(Editor's Note: Committee/members with no report were deleted from this copy of the minutes to save electrons)

- Vice Chair provides introduction, welcome members, students and guests.
- Vice Chair notes that Chair cannot be with us today as he is hunting elk at Peck Ranch....er..Colorado.
- Recognition of Students present: Ben, Abbey, Dustin, Brendan Woodall (Chair of Student Chapter)
- Minutes from last meeting are read and approved.
- Treasurer's report and audit approved.
- Committee Reports:
 - Communication: Jon Skinner
 - New website is up MOSAF.net, there is a redirect on the old site
 - Website content loaded: Announcements, Committees
 - Fall Newsletter comes out next month
 - Secretary will write up a meeting summary for the newsletter
 - Also for newsletter, Fellows awarded to Lisa Allen and Justine Gartner, Mike Hoffman will submit
 - Council, Fellows and Awards: Mike Hoffman
 - Shelby Jones is on District 9 Fellows Committee and they are looking for nominees.
 - Fall scholarship has 2 applications, will convene a committee to make the award
 - Ed Stegner scholarship is awarded in Winter
 - Membership: Paul Johnson
 - We've picked up a couple of student members.
 - Paul has collected some new committee members to help him: Russel Hinnah, Jon Skinner, Joe Alley and Dave Vance
 - Nominating: Mike Hoffman
 - With two year election cycle, there are no chapter elections this year.
 - Member should have received electronic ballots for national elections.
 - A committee has been formed to consider nominations for the Karkagne Award
 - Policy and Legislation: Matt Jones
 - Jason Jenson: Made comments on the Long Eared Bat potential listing.
 - Program: Nate Goodrich
 - Like to have programs that other people set up like this one.
 - Will start working tomorrow on Spring meeting.
 - Website: Jon Skinner
 - Covered in Communication report
 - MNRC Steering Committee: Mike Fiaoni

- Theme has been selected for 2016
 - Student Chapter: Ben Tiefenbrun
 - Still working on mentoring program.
 - Next week (23rd) conducting a fundraiser in ABNR lobby from 7-11am “Lumberjacks and Stacks” pancake breakfast
 - Fall roundup meeting had good attendance, then fell off at next meeting
 - Current advisor has a conflict with their meeting dates: bi-weekly on Tuesdays in ABNR 115 Dendro Lab.
 - Advised to get with Susan DeWitt for close to Columbia mentorship possibilities.
 - Shelby Jones advises that a full day is a better than a half day for mentorships with consultants...this has been a barrier in the past.
- Old Business:
 - SAF National has a new CEO that some members got to meet at the leadership academy
 - Chair will cover HSD topics at MNRC
 - Forester’s Fund Grant awarded to Lynn Barnickol for working on outreach efforts.
- New Business:
 - National SAF elections are going on now. Three issues in addition to officers.
 - National referendum for Articles of Incorporation
 - Change of wording in the Constitution related to the above.
 - Edits to Mission Statement also related to the articles of incorporation.
 - Jon Skinner prepared an article for members to use in their local newspapers. It will be in the fall newsletter for member use.
 - The Communications Plan has been finalized and posted.
 - The Heartland Leadership Academy was attended by John Tuttle, Susan Troxel DeWitt, Nate Goodrich, Russell Hinnah and Paul Johnson. MOSAF treasury acted as the bank for the event.
 - Russell Schmidt is given the floor:
 - Expressed concerns over the Missouri Prescribed Fire Council Meeting
 - Q&A: Conclusion: SAF does have membership on this council.
 - Concerned about perceived attitude and message that fire is good all the time no matter what.
 - Attended a recent meeting where he noted the following:
 - Council wished to oppose burn ban legislation for 6 counties authorized by state legislature.
 - Council seemed in line with USFS landscape burn defiance of Congress and defiance of congressionally imposed moratoriums on landscape fire.
 - Council seemed to condemn two past MDC directors who are opposed to USFS landscape fire in the Ozarks.
 - He attempted to speak up and found a hostile audience. In attempting to advocate for timber values he was asked why he was so concerned over pallets and blocking since that’s all the value there was so fire was no big

- deal to the timber industry. John Birch (NWTF) and Tim Tupper (political appointee DNR Parks) seemed to be the ones with this particular view.
- Council seems confused on its own function even after three years in service.
 - He felt that there were not enough resource background people informing this council, wants to see SAF more active on it and they need to be more aware of liability and environmental issues.
- Mike Hoffman indicated that the Prescribed Fire Council came out of the Fire Summit held 5-6 years ago and it was formed for the promotion and discussion of the use of fire and has no particular authority. Other states use their councils as a vehicle for liability insurance.
 - Further discussion ensues. Russell finds the group off mission and untrustworthy.
- Jason Jenson is given the floor: Question on when continuing education credits will be done online and in a more streamlined format again? The current work around system is not working and the CF program is going to suffer as a result.
 - Some discussion about a pending update. Dan Dey needs to address this.
 - It takes months to get agendas approved. No Cat 1 for teaching a program.
 - This could be a topic for Greg Hoss to take to Council.
 - Agency reports
 - Forest Service: Glenda Hefty: Northern Research Station is funded through December 11
 - NRCS: No report
 - University of Missouri: No report.
 - MDC: Mike Hoffman
 - Mike Hoffman is retiring Jan 1, 2015.
 - Captive Cervids issue and other legislative woes are still affecting the agency.
 - Forestry Division is still moving along well. Increase in vacancies, 10% of positions are vacant.
 - Mike Bill's detail project is completed: Forest Management Guidelines. CDs coming. Material is online.
 - Consulting Foresters: Lynn Barnickol
 - Lynn Barnickol is the new Executive Director for the Consultants
 - MCFA has contracted with MDC to provide site visit services to landowners calling in to Call Before You Cut.
 - Motion to Adjourn passes.

MOSAF Officers and Committee Chairs

Officers

Chair – *John Tuttle Alley*

Chair-Elect – *Nate Goodrich*

Past-Chair – *Joe*

Secretary – *Susan Troxel-Dewitt* Treasure – *Frances Main*

Committee Chairs

Audit – *Mark Nelson*

Communications & Web – *Jon Skinner*

Special Funds – *George Kipp*

Policy and Legislation – *Matt Jones*

Teller – *Aaron Moore*

Science & Technology – *Ben Knapp*

Long Range Planning – *Lisa Allen, Terry Truttmann, Mike Fiaoni, Gus Raeker, and Joe Alley*

Awards and Nominations – *Mike Hoffman*

Education – *Dan Dey*

Membership – *Paul Johnson*

Program – *Nate Goodrich*

Historian – *Greg Hoss*

Newsletter – *Joe Alley*