



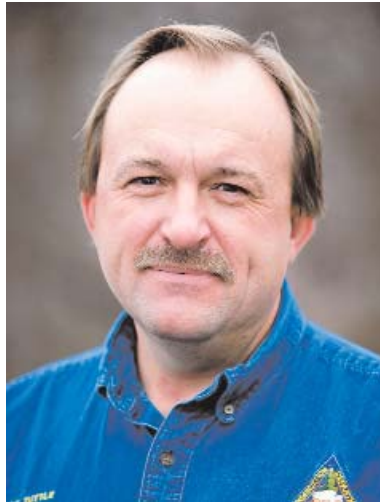
# Missouri Society of American Foresters

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## **From the Chair**

*John Tuttle, MOSAF Chair*



Since our last newsletter, MOSAF has been busy with our winter meeting, dealing with policy issues, selecting scholarship recipients, working on communications policies, getting ready for the next Missouri Natural Resource Conference (MNRC), setting up our spring meeting, and moving our outreach and education efforts forward. We have developed a revised strategic plan which guides our direction for the next five years.

Our winter meeting was well attended and we heard updates from committee chairs and several partners. The greatest concern discussed at this meeting was the introduced legislation at the Missouri General Assembly and how it will affect forestry if passed.

We received a verbal report from Greg Hoss our District IX Council Representative and heard updates from partners.

Mike Hoffmann, Nominating Committee Chair, announced our MOSAF scholarship recipients at our winter meeting. Congratulations to *Lance Dolman, MOSAF scholarship, Brendan Woodall, Ed Stegner Scholarship via Missouri Conservation Federation and Jeffrey Schniederman, Graduate scholarship.*

Several committees have been busy. The Communications Committee recently proposed two policies to deal with partner announcements and sponsorships in our newsletter. The Executive Committee reviewed and approved both of these policies. Both of these policies can be found on MOSAF's website. The MNRC committee is "neck deep" in planning for next year's MNRC. They have been working on reserving speakers for the conference. The Policy Committee has been busy. They were asked to review several introduced bills and provide comments via a letter to the Senate President and/or the Speaker of the House. They reviewed HJR 27, HB 833, SB 337, and HB 763. HJ 27 would reduce the Missouri Department of Conservation's dedicated sales tax from 1/8 to 1/16 of one percent. The reduction in sales tax revenue would affect forestry in Missouri by reducing the funds the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) would have to spend on programs like the Professional Timber Harvesters program, the Master Logger Certification program, the Landowner Assistance cost share program, and the amount of private land assistance to forested landowners. HB 833, if passed, would eliminate clear cutting on MDC land and would assign a consortium to review and approve MDC Forestry Division's management activities. This bill has the potential to eliminate a valuable tool such as regeneration harvesting (clear cutting) from the MDC tool box. There are certain forest conditions (i.e., health issues) and wildlife habitat requirements that require this harvest method. SB 337 and HB 763 seek to "prohibit the MDC from engaging in prohibited conduct with connected not-for-profits." These two bills, if passed, could eliminate MDC's partnerships with organizations such as volunteer fire departments, NWTF, QU, Forest Woodland Association of Missouri, and many other not-for-profit partners. Please visit MOSAF's website to see these written position statements from MOSAF concerning the proposed legislation.

MOSAF had the pleasure to award the Karkhagne award to Steve Shifley at the Missouri Natural Resource Conference. Steve's accomplishments throughout his career as it relates to forestry are outstanding. Congratulations Steve!

Congratulations to our newest Golden Members. Todd Kinerk joined SAF in 1962 and Art Suchland joined in 1965. MOSAF is proud of your dedication to our profession and enjoyed recognizing your efforts at the winter meeting and at the Missouri Consulting Foresters Association's winter meeting. Thank you Todd and Art for your contributions to MOSAF throughout the years.

In closing, MOSAF has been busy with the topics above. I have had the pleasure this past year to work and communicate with outstanding people in MOSAF and SAF. Thank you for your dedication to our society.

# **Spring Meeting - *Managing Fine Hardwoods:***

## ***Seedlings to Certification***

*Nate Goodrich, Chair-Elect and Program Chair*

The Missouri Society of American Foresters is partnering with the Walnut Council to host the 2015 Annual Walnut Council Meeting. The meeting will be held June 14-17 at the Hampton Inn and All Occasions Banquet Center in St. Charles, MO. The meeting will include field trips, indoor presentations, and the always popular Landowner Show and Tell session. A brief MOSAF business meeting will be held Wednesday afternoon at the conclusion of the Walnut Council meeting; location yet to be determined.



The agenda and registration fees have not been finalized but will soon be available on the Walnut Council's website ([click here](#)).

### Planned field trips include:

- NRCS Plant Materials Center
- Forrest Keeling Nursery and Seed Orchard
- Agroforestry Plantings
- Malinmor Hunt Club
- Bruce Beckman Tree Farm
- Mueller Brothers Timber Sawmill
- Estate Planning for Woodland Owners
- Current Status of Hardwood Resources in the Midwest

### Planned Indoor Sessions:

- Landowner Show and Tell
- Hardwood Markets and Selling Timber Panel Discussion
- MO Invasive Forest Pest Action Plan
- TCD Action Plan
- Rapid White Oak Mortality

Other Items: Meet and greet dessert buffet, silent auction, annual awards banquet, and entertainment by Bill Brecht - Lewis and Clark Museum, and spouse's tours.

MOSAF has agreed to provide 4 bus captains for the event. If you are interesting in assisting with this, please contact Nate Goodrich at [nate.goodrich@mo.usda.gov](mailto:nate.goodrich@mo.usda.gov) . More information will be sent out regarding registration as it becomes available.

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## MOSAF Member Spotlight

**2015 Karkhagne Award Recipient** – Joe Alley, Editor



*Steve Shifley (right) receives the award from Dan Dey at the 2015 MNRC Awards Ceremony.*

Steve Shifley was selected as the 2015 recipient of the prestigious Karkhagne Award. Steve has been a member of SAF for 30 years and has been working with the US Forest Service since 1978. He has been with the North Central Experiment Station in Columbia since 1988 and has been serving as Principal Biometrician there since 1994. Steve has spent the last 40 years “working to understand the dynamics of broadleaf forests in the Central US and the impacts of management at different spatial and time scales with consequences to forests and forest-dependent communities.” Congratulations to Steve on this well-deserved recognition from his peers! Steve would like to share his comments and thanks with MOSAF (following page).

*I would like to express my appreciation to Missouri SAF for the 2015 Karkhagne Award. I am humbled and honored to be considered in the same group as prior awardees. One thing that has become very clear to me over the past 37 years is that all the good things that happen in natural resource conservation are group efforts. They are the product of people with different backgrounds, different skills, and different ideas working toward a shared vision. Natural resource professionals in Missouri are unique in the way they embrace that collaboration, and I have been fortunate to be along for that ride. It is truly a gift when we can work and think and laugh daily with friends and colleagues who share a commitment to forest resource management, research, outreach, and teaching. And it is also a gift to know that by its very nature our collective work will serve future generations long after we are gone. —Steve Shifley*

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*Tod Kinerk and Art Suchland, 50-year members of SAF!*

**MOSAF Members Tod Kinerk and Art Suchland recognized as 50 Year Members by SAF** - *Mike Hoffmann, MOSAF Awards Committee Chair*

Tod Kinerk and Art Suchland were presented framed 50 Year SAF membership certificates at the Missouri Consulting Foresters Association Annual meeting on Feb 19 (*editor's note – Tod and Art*

were also recognized at the MOSAF business meeting at MNRC 2015). Both received Forestry Degrees, served in the Army including assignments in Vietnam and worked briefly outside of Missouri but both served most of their forestry careers in Missouri.

Tod Kinerk graduated from Purdue University with a degree in Forest Management in 1962. He accepted a position with the BLM in Oregon for a year and a half was then drafted into the Army where he served nearly 2 years including a tour in Vietnam. Following his discharge from the Army, Tod accepted a job with the Forest Service in Doniphan, Mo, then briefly worked on the Chequamegon NF on a Job Corps assignment. He then transferred to a position on the Shawnee NF where he worked a year in the Supervisors Office and four years on the Jonesville Ranger District. Tod transferred back to the Mark Twain stationed in Salem in 1975 where he worked in Real Estate. He retired from the Forest Service in 1994 and has been working as a Consulting Forester ever since (*editor's note – Tod has also been instrumental in planning the Timber Fun Days held in Salem each Labor Day Weekend*)

Art Suchland graduated from the University of Missouri with a degree in Forest Management in 1965. He immediately accepted a job as an Assistant Farm Forester in West Plains. In April, 1966 Art was drafted into the Army. He completed basic training at Ft. Wood, then Construction/Survey training at Ft. Belvoir, VA. He then did a tour of duty in Vietnam working in a Construction/Survey Unit. Following his discharge from the Army, Art took a position with the City of Denver, CO Parks & Recreation Dept working in Urban Forestry. In the fall of 1968, Art returned to Missouri as the RC&D Forester in Houston. In the fall of 1969, Art transferred to Hannibal as the Farm Forester. He was promoted to Forestry Regional Supervisor for the Northeast Region where he served until his retirement in 2002. Art then worked as a Consulting Forester through 2013 (*editor's note – Art is active in the Tree Farm Program and is a Certified Tree Farmer*).

We congratulate Tod and Art for 50 Years of service to SAF and to the forestry profession. We are proud of the contributions they have made to forestry in Missouri and their service to MOSAF, the Mark Twain National Forest, The Department of Conservation and the Missouri Consulting Foresters Association.

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## **2016 Missouri Natural Resources Conference – Powered by MOSAF!!!**

*Mike Fiaoni, MNRC Committee Chair*

The 2016 MNRC will be held on February 3-5 and MOSAF is running the conference this year. The theme is “Balancing Economics, Conservation and Adaptive Management in a Changing World”. So far we have Matt Menashes SAF CEO as one of our preliminary speakers. Our first committee meeting was held on March 17 in Jefferson City. Each sub-committee is looking for help, but especially Matt Olson (Registration), Jon Skinner (AV), Joe Alley (Student Job Fair) and Russell Hinnah (Washer Madness/Activity Event). The other committees and chairs are: Treasurer Nate Goodrich, Program Michael Stambaugh, Workshops Tom Treiman, Arrangements Dennis Rhodes, Exhibits & Sponsors Yvette Amerman, Social Kristen Goodrich, Publicity Shane Botard and Web Donna Baldwin.

# Silent Auction and Raffle Results from 2015 MNRC

*George Kipp, Chair*

Thanks to all the wonderful donations from our members and Crader Distributing, we were able to raise over \$1,100 at the MNRC Silent Auction and Chainsaw raffle this year. We had a good variety of donations from members and one item that sold particularly well were the survival bundles from Joe Alley. Greg Hoss was this year's winner for the annual cutting board donation contest, slightly edging his long-time friend, and rival, Mike Hoffmann. Next year is MOSAF's time to shine so it's never too early to start lining up great donations!

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## Spreading the Word

*Jon Skinner, Communication Chair*

### **Benefits from Trees**

The article below is for you to use with your local media to get out the word that good forestry provides benefits and MOSAF can help with it. Add a photo if you wish.

### **Plant an Air Conditioner**

Summer is coming and high air conditioning bills with it. You can do something now to help lower your future air conditioning bills – the Missouri Society of American Foresters encourages you to PLANT TREES!

Trees provide cooling by direct shading of buildings, driveways, streets, air conditioners, and lawns. Wherever the shade is cast will be several degrees cooler than surrounding unshaded areas. We all enjoy sitting in the shade on a lazy summer day as evidence of this. You can use this shade effect to cool your home.

During the summer, heating of buildings by the sun occurs mostly in the morning and late afternoon. This is due to the orientation of the sun in relation to windows in a building. The low sun during these periods of the day provides direct sunlight entry through windows, while during the middle of the day the sun is high and sunlight does not directly enter windows. Blocking the sunlight from entering windows will reduce the amount of heat entering your building and reduce the need for air conditioning by ten percent.

To get the most benefit, plant trees on the east – southeast and west – southwest sides of your home to block windows from the sun. Planting on the south has less effect due to the sun's track across the sky goes over our homes and has little opportunity for directing sunlight into south facing windows.

Take advantage of our natural air conditioners and PLANT TREES!

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, contact the Missouri Consulting Foresters Association at [www.missouriforesters.com](http://www.missouriforesters.com) or the Missouri Department of Conservation at 573-522-4115.

## ***MOSAF Needs You...to be Creative!***

The Communications Committee is in the early stages of designing a pull up style display to encourage high school students to become foresters. We are requesting your help.

First, we need ideas for a catchy phrase for the poster. For example: Forestry – A Career That Grows. Ask teens you know to filter your ideas. They are the target audience.

Details like looking for a forestry school can be done with tri-fold brochures which allow easier updating.

In the background, we are looking for images of foresters at work. Some of the things we are looking for are:

- Forester Fire fighting
- Forester collecting field data with Trimble or tablet
- Forester at computer/tablet with GIS image on it
- Forester with landowner in woods
- Forester climbing a tree (think urban forestry)
- Forester using Biltmore stick
- Forester planting a tree (large urban or seedlings)
- Forester marking a harvest
- Other ideas you have

Photos should not have anything recognizable belonging to an agency or company. It is critical to avoid seeing logos except MOSAF's or SAF's. The photos submitted will be analyzed with 4 to 8 actually being used.

Submit ideas and high resolution images to Jon Skinner, ([jon.skinner@mdc.mo.gov](mailto:jon.skinner@mdc.mo.gov)). The target date to debut the display is at MNRC 2016.





# Treasurer's Report

*Frances Main, Treasurer*



	November 2014	February 2015
Checking	\$13,854	\$11,907
Project Learning Tree	\$15,077	\$14,194
6-Month CD	\$18,371	\$18,389
12-Month DC	\$18,182	\$18,208

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## Missouri Consulting Foresters Association

*Lynn Barnickol, Executive Director*

I am following Shelby Jones as executive director of the Missouri Consulting Foresters Association (MCFA). Thanks to Shelby for having organized an efficient administrative operation for the executive director.

Here are some things that impress me: MCFA is 47 members strong with 30 members (64%) belonging to SAF; 24 members are Certified Foresters through SAF; 11 members are certified through ISA ; 8 members are retired, most of whom are SAF members; and 18 members are cooperating with the Call Before You Cut Program (CBYC). I think the diversity that MCFA offers to MOSAF is to be continued through various training opportunities and interaction with agencies and forestry related organizations.

(MCFA) held its annual meeting in February in Jefferson City. The meeting was attended by 43 people. A total of 27 MCFA members attended; the additional 16 folks were speakers and guests. Technical training was offered to members and guests covering a wide range of topics: Discussion of a variety of issues confronting consulting foresters; tree scaling, weight scaling logs; legal and “red flag” business expenses; tax issues; causality loss from storms and trespass; wildlife habitat considerations for forestry plans; cultural and historical considerations for foresters; learning of a unique service using goats for brush control on food plots and site preparation; learning about repellent products for deer and other problem animals (other than raccoons); news about Rapid White Oak Mortality and other forest health threats; and news from NRCS and MDC. A total of 10.7 hours of SAF - Category 1 CFE credits were available to attendees.

Business meeting topics included electing a slate of officers: Matt Arndt as president, Doug Enyart as vice chair, Chris Lohmann as secretary, and Bruce Vawter as treasure. Members of standing and Ad hoc committees were approved. SB 337, HB 763: placing restrictions on MDC dealing with Non-Profit organizations and SB 833: limiting clearcutting on MDC lands and naming MCFA and other organizations to write management plans on MDC land were discussed. Letters of opposition to all three bills were written and have been sent to various elected officials. It's important to clarify that SB 337 and HB 763 address 501c3 not for profit charitable organizations. While MCFA is a not for profit; it is not a 501c3.

CBYC Program accomplishments to date are: Referral of 47 owners to consultants and the owners of 29 farms have been in contact with a professional forester about their forest resources and receive a Site Visit Report outlining tree species, forest health issues and site conditions plus a map of property boundaries on an aerial photo background. The recent promotion of the CBYC Program in the Missouri Conservationist Ombudsman section resulted in 17 referrals that have been sent to consultants for action. To date over \$10,150 has been paid to consulting foresters for servicing these referrals.

Loss of the CARES clip and download feature on the Map Room at the University of Missouri is a blow to consulting foresters who need GIS data to make maps for management and harvest plans. It is a budget decision to drop the clip and download feature that allows extracting GIS data from the larger county size aerials, topo maps, roads and streams layers. Rather than taking a few minutes to download the clipped GIS data it would take hours over a fast internet connection and fast PC processor to download county wide GIS data causing map making to grind to a halt. Matt Arndt, Nate Goodrich, and Mike Morris have been working for a solution through use of other web services allowing extraction of GIS data.

Plans for MCFA include completing a financial and marketing survey of members, updating and re-printing the MCFA directory of members and services they offer, developing the program for the Fall Meeting, and investigating fund raising workshops targeting forest owners. MCFA may be small in number of members but it's a busy organization.

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## 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 hope the newsletter is meeting your expectations. If you have suggestions, for improvement, let me know.

Regarding the MU Student Chapter - We are building up some steam in our efforts to better connect with the MU student SAF chapter. 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. Many of you are already signed up as guest speakers for their meetings this spring. Thanks!

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## Meeting Minutes

*Susan Troxel-Dewitt, Secretary*

### **MOSAF Executive Committee, February 4, 2015, Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach MO**

Attendees: John Tuttle, Greg Hoss, Nate Goodrich, Jon Skinner, Lynn Barnickol, Paul Johnson, Mike Fiaoni, Susan Troxel DeWitt. George Kipp, Joe Alley

Lynn Barnickol provides a draft of a member survey and asks the committee to take the survey and return it to him at the end of the meeting.

The questions are probably going to end up being too lengthy for the free version of Survey Monkey, he's trying to determine how much time to purchase the pay version for. He solicits input on the questions.

Greg Hoss update: He anticipates taking ten minutes in tomorrow's meeting of the membership.

He reports that the sale of Wild Acres is complete and the money has been received. (\$15M). They are taking 120 days to invest the money with the firm they selected so that they can enter the various investments at market low points. Wilmington Trust M&T Bank is the investment firm. The goal is to have the \$15M make a 3.5% interest rate. There are tight guidelines in place for how the money can be spent. There has to be a payback plan for withdrawals.

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The Founder's Circle program which solicits \$1900 donations from folks (to commemorate our founding in the year 1900) has about 400 members.

Greg requests that the Executive Committee invite Matt Menashes to come to MNRC next year when MOSAF is hosting. Mike Fiaoni indicates this has already been accomplished, he's been invited as a plenary speaker. It was also suggested to have a social with student with Matt at the next MNRC on Wednesday.

Clark Seeley is the incoming president of SAF, currently he is VP.

John Tuttle: Joe Alley has sent a draft strategic plan that the Executive Committee needs to review. May need to be fleshed out some with implementation goals.

PLT has requested to use MOSAF logo. Discussion and later approval via email.

Lynn Barnickol: Survey and communications discussion. How should potential members be contacted?

Rabbit trail on the use of drones in remote sensing.

A communications timeline is forthcoming and has since been received from Lynn by email.

Mike Fiaoni jumps ahead on agenda (needs to leave early for student job fair):

Next year's MNRC is MOSAF hosting and will be Feb 3-5, 2016 "Balancing Economic, Conservation and Adaptive Management in a Changing World"

Matt Menashes, SAF and Dave Batker, Earth Economics as plenary speakers.

Most people are coming back to serve again on the MNRC planning committee. The Tan Tar A bid was received and contract signed 18 months ago.

Discussion on the quad societies meetings and needed input.

Joe Alley: No report on newsletter. Discussion on strategic plan. Please provide comments by the end of the month.

George Kipp: We have a saw as a raffle item. This is a down year for MNRC so there will be less revenue.

John Tuttle: Policy issues: Discussion of numerous bills filed against Conservation. MOSAF has a dog in the fight for the non-profit prohibition one and the reduction on funding ones. Need a non-MDC person to sign any letters that we have Policy committee draft. Further discussion on the Rep. Ross bills on clearcutting and area planning.

Jon Skinner: Communications committee. See handout. Discussion on bad email addys from National. Greg will address it with them. Last Communications plan item will be hardest that being developing new educational displays.

John Tuttle: Art Suchland and Todd Kinerk will be getting 50 year awards. Also discusses Karkhagne award and new nominations for Fellows.

Nate Goodrich: Program Committee. Spring meeting will be jointly held with the National Walnut Council meeting June 14-17. Sunday evening to Wednesday Noon. St. Charles. 4 charter busses involved and they need a MOSAF bus captain to count noses and help elder folks.

Proposal to have a luncheon business meeting on the last day, find a buffet place with a meeting room for 25-30 ppl.

Paul Johnson: Membership committee. 201 ppl at the end of December listed as members by national. 22 students. Since people are still paying dues this number may increase. Paul will solicit for 1 sponsor tomorrow. The student chapter is asking for likes for their Facebook page.

## **Meeting Minutes - MOSAF Business Meeting, February 5, 2015 Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach MO**

**Attendees:** MOSAF Members, Guests

- Chair (John Tuttle) provides introduction, purpose, objectives, welcome members, students and guests.
  - 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
- Chair introduces invited guests and dignitaries: Greg Hoss, SAF District 9 Representative to the Board of Directors.
- Minutes from last meeting: Read and approved. Secretary (Susan Troxel DeWitt)
- Chair presents 50 Year Awards to Todd Kinerk and Art Suchland
- Nominating Committee Chair (Mike Hoffman) discusses MOSAF Scholarships:
  - Lance Dolman, MOSAF scholarship
  - Brendan Woodall, Ed Stegner Scholarship via Missouri Conservation Federation
  - Jeffrey Schniederman, Graduate scholarship
- Treasurers Report (Frances Main): See handout.
  - Addition to handout: \$2000 donation to Heartland Leadership Academy
  - We made money on the spring and fall meetings (\$350)
  - Silent Auction proceeds to Foresters Fund
  - Books were sent to Mark Nelson for audit
  - Treasurer introduces Erika Cox with Missouri State University, PLT Coordinator, Janice Green Co-Coordinator.
  - Treasurer's report is approved by voice vote.
- Committee Reports:
  - Audit (Mark Nelson): Chair notes that books have been received for audit.
  - Communications (Jon Skinner): See handout regarding communications plan. Also notes that articles are needed for the March newsletter.
  - Council, Fellows and Awards (Mike Hoffmann): Scholarships as noted. New Fellows were noted in the Forestry Source in February, Lisa Allen, Justine Gartner. Reminder of the Awards function tonight with the Kharkagne award. Committee has pledged to come up with a 2<sup>nd</sup> major award for recognizing younger to mid-career members.
  - Education (Dan Dey): Send him curriculums for rating for CFEs.
  - Long Range Planning (Joe Alley): Strategic plan being reviewed by Executive Committee.
  - Membership (Paul Johnson): 201 members 22 students. Solicits for a sponsor, Michael Goerndt responds. Notes student Facebook page is soliciting for "likes". Working with Communications contractor on membership issues. Reminder of dues and social planned for after the business meeting.
  - Nominating (Mike Hoffmann): Two year terms mean none turning over this year. Chair elect and Secretary nominations will be needed in the fall.
  - Policy and Legislation (Matt Jones): Chair: Statement on NLEB listing and challenge to look at bills in the General Assembly including some new forestry related ones. Jason Jensen summarizes and notes that Dave Murphy was withdrawn from the Conservation Commission nomination. Discussion ensues. Policy and legislative committee charged with formulating responses.
  - Program (Nate Goodrich): Spring meeting will be jointly held with the National Walnut Council in June.
  - Special Funds (George Kipp): Jon Skinner won the Blackjack Award. \$1100 raised for Foresters Fund via raffle and Silent Auction.
  - Tellers (Aaron Moore): No report.
  - Forest Science (Ben Knapp): Not present but passed on that he would like feedback for the committee's work such as a Forestry Papers summary product, white papers and etc. via email?
  - Newsletter Editor – (Joe Alley) Needs contributions for the Spring newsletter in March.
  - Website (Jon Skinner): Covered in Communication committee handout.

- MNRC Steering Committee (Mike Fiaoni): Theme for 2016 is Balancing Economics, Conservation and Adaptive Management in a Changing World. Matt Manashes SAF CEO and David Battker, Earth Economics plenary speakers. Paper option for registrations will be looked into.
- Historian (Greg Hoss): No report.
- Membership and Credentialing Task Force Lead: Justine Gartner: Recommendations of the task force were presented to the Board in December but they have not taken action yet.
- Reports from National Office, Greg Hoss, District IX Council Representative:
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  - Clark Seeley is the incoming president of SAF, currently he is VP.
  - A Certified Urban Forester program is being looked at. Working with ISA.
  - SAF has two people working the Hill, key in getting FIA in the budget at \$83M instead of \$70M. Becoming known as the go-to people for forestry issues.
  - Louise Mourgia is now Chief of Staff instead of Assistant to the CEO which will help free up the CEO to get out to the states more.
  - Shelby Jones: Dilemma over Fellows nominees needing national level activity since we don't have sub chapters (require activity at 2 levels).
  - Philmont Scout Ranch has a new Forestry program with a need for Visiting Foresters.

- Old Business
  - Fall meeting at Ozark Underground Laboratory
    - Recognize the new Fellows
      - Justine Gartner
      - Lisa Allen
  - MOSAF Elections
    - Electronic Ballot sent out – deadline October 31<sup>st</sup>
    - National Referendum to revise Article of Incorporation under the new DC Non-profit Corporation Act
    - Change Constitution to Bylaws
    - Aligns with terminology with non-profit status
    - Mission modification edits
  - Forester Fund grant – we received \$2500 to hire a contractor to do outreach and education events (see handout).
- New Business
  - Chair: HSD meeting at the National Convention, Salt Lake City UT
    - Bylaws and Incorporation
    - Public agency support of SAF
    - Success stories
    - Silvics of Trees publication
  - MNRC 2016 – Mike Fiaoni
  - Policies for Announcements and sponsorships in our newsletter – Jon Skinner
  - Communications and Strategic Plans
  - Update on the outreach and education Forester’s Fund grant – John Tuttle and Lynn Barnickol
  - New member: Michael Goerndt, Missouri State University
- Reports from Agency Representatives
  - MTNF: Bill Nightingale provided an in-depth report
  - FS Research Station: No report
  - NRCS: Nate Goodrich provided a report
  - University of Missouri: Hank Stelzer, Dave Larsen reported
  - MDC: Lisa Allen provided a report
  - Consulting Foresters Lynn Barnickol provided a report
  - Others: Missouri State University: Michael Goerndt provided a report.
- Adjourn



## **MOSAF Officers and Committee Chairs**

### Officers

Chair – *John Tuttle Alley*

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