

Missouri Society of American Foresters  
Winter Meeting Agenda

**Date:** February 1, 2018, 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm  
**Location:** MNRC – Salon C, Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach, MO  
**Attendees:** MOSAF Members, Guests

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### **TO DO**

- Need volunteer to serve as Auditor Committee chair and work with the Treasurer to audit last year's books.
- Need volunteer to serve as Awards Committee chair.
- Members interested in serving on the Policy and Legislation Committee should contact Matt Jones.
- If you have suggestions for technical or other meetings, send them to John Kabrick.
- 2020 MNRC steering committee needs a volunteer for Visual Aids. Contact Jon Skinner.

### **Purpose**

Business meeting to communicate MOSAF priorities and objectives for 2018

### **Objectives**

- Provide verbal reports from all standing Committees present
- Discuss pertinent forestry issues with general membership

### **Agenda**

#### **1. Welcome** Lead: Dan Dey, MOSAF Chair,

Dan called the meeting to order at 3:30pm and welcomed members, students, and guests. A certificate of appreciation was presented to Nate Goodrich for his service as MOSAF chair. Dan thanked those that were will to run for officers for MOSAF. The chapter is in need of a volunteer to serve as Auditor Committee chair and work with Treasurer to audit last year's books. Also, a volunteer is needed to serve as Awards Committee chair. Mike Hoffman has served for several years and will apprentice the new volunteer.

#### **2. Minutes from last meeting** Lead: Russel Hinnah/Rebecca Landewe

Published at: [http://www.mosaf.net/uploads/3/0/0/4/30049205/fall\\_2017.pdf](http://www.mosaf.net/uploads/3/0/0/4/30049205/fall_2017.pdf)

Gene Brunk made a motion to approve the minutes from the fall meeting. Shelby Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **3. Treasurers Report** Lead: David Vance

David Vance distributed his report and a summary of 2017 finances. Project Learning Tree account is fairly stable. Student sponsorship balance (tracked separately to go towards membership dues or sponsorships to attend national conference) is \$805. He has the books available for the volunteer Auditor.

#### **4. Awards** Lead: Dan Dey

*Fellows – Dr. Shibu Jose*

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**Golden Membership** – *Shelby Jones and Fred Crouse*

**Blackjack** – *TBD*

**MOSAF Award Ceremony** tonight 7:15 Salon C

- MOSAF will nominate Shibu Jose for the Fellows award
  - Shelby Jones and Fred Crouse recognized for 50 years of membership with SAF. Shelby encouraged younger members to volunteer and give to the organization.
- Karkhagne Award and MO Outstanding Forester Awards being given out at evening awards ceremony. (Recipients: John Kabrick Karkhagne Award; Chris Lohmann Outstanding Forester Award)
- Project Learning Tree – Erica Cox
  - Offered first forestry institute in June with 6 teacher participants. Plan to offer it again in 2019.
  - Hank Stelzer, Francis Main, and Cody Bailey worked on Missouri Forestry Supplement to the Southern Forests and Climate Change book
  - 2017 workshops – 2 early childhood and 2 secondary hosted, 8 regular K-8 workshops; thanks to the SAF foresters that spoke at the workshops
  - 2018 workshops - Early childhood programs getting interest – Environmental Experiences curriculum intended for Pre-Schooler
  - At national level, Project Learning Tree used to be sponsored by American Forests Foundation, now Sustainable Forestry Initiative has taken over sponsorship of program

**5. Committee Reports** (20 minutes) Lead: (Committee Chairs)

- Audit (vacant)
- Communications (Jon Skinner)
  - Discussed providing articles to SAF members that can be tailored and shared with local newspaper
  - Chris Lohman is new newsletter editor and looking for articles/content submissions for March newsletter
- Council, Fellows and Awards (Mike Hoffmann)
  - Award recipients selected and presented at ceremony
  - Needs volunteers to review scholarship applications
  - Mike stepping down next year and there is a calendar of responsibilities for that position; noted as fun and rewarding position within the organization
- Education (Dan Dey)
  - Dan is point of contact for CFEs, please contact him if you have any problems
  - Open to suggestions for workshops and training
- Long Range Planning (Dan Dey, Nate Goodrich, Joe Alley)
  - No formal report for this meeting
- Membership (Hank Stelzer)
  - Handed out membership charts with demographics
  - Membership is up slightly from last year
  - Discussion about student sponsorships and covering student membership; This year several people volunteered to cover the membership fees for those students needing membership
  - Discussed idea of having informal local/regional meetings of SAF members

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- Discussed age breakdown of current membership and recruiting mid-level career professionals to become members
- Encouraged members to invite potential new members
- Dan is going to focus on helping build membership and reaching out to Mark Twain and forest products industry
- David Vance spoke about voluntary donation to sponsor student memberships – collected \$200-300 at each of the last two meetings; each donation helps cover new student memberships and consider this when you register for the next meeting; have ~\$800 balance
- Nominating (Gus Raeker)
  - No new reports; thanks to those willing to run for office
  - Dan commented that we all need to spend a few minutes to support nominating committee with suggestions
- Policy and Legislation (Matt Jones)
  - Matt not present, but submitted report via email to Dan - No issues this year that look relevant and nothing on the horizon
  - Matt requested other interested individuals to contact him if willing to serve on the committee
- Program (John Kabrick)
  - Spring and Fall meeting planning ongoing
    - Tentative plans for end of April/beginning of May – Suggestion is to hold it in Columbia and assist with student timber marking project at Baskett management area; would like to use it as a fundraiser to help cover costs for national meeting; also the flux tower and maple syrup operation there that could be part of tour
    - Oct 9 – 12<sup>th</sup> – partner with Central States Soils Workshop; Kyle Steele, USFS, will be coordinating field tours on Eleven Point District on the Mark Twain; based out of Van Buren; possible canoe trip prior to the meeting; Hank Stelzer suggested inviting central state SAF chapters
    - If you have suggestions for technical or other meetings, send them to John Kabrick
- Special Funds (David Massengale)
  - Funds collected ~\$380 in chainsaw; ~\$400 in silent auction items
  - Blackjack Award – Rebecca Landewe
- Tellers (Aaron Moore)
- Forest Science (Ben Knapp) – no report
- Newsletter Editor – (Chris Lohmann)
- Website (Jon Skinner)
- MNRC Steering Committee (Jon Skinner)
  - Thanked the people that have stepped up and volunteered to lead MNRC committees
  - Discussed theme for the 2020 conference
  - Need Visual Aids person to volunteer
- Historian (Dave Larsen)
  - Received box of information from Greg Hoss

## 6. Reports from National Office

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- HSD Meeting & National Convention Overview (Nate Goodrich)
  - Contract with Matt Menashes as CEO was not renewed. Have two people in ‘acting’ position while they search for new CEO
  - Evaluating potential change to membership levels – proposing to combine the professional membership levels into one category rather than the current four options
  - Discussed national office building and decision to retain current building and progressively renovating

**7. Old Business - None**

**8. New Business**

- Jason Jensen testified in committee hearing about bill that would allow feral hogs to be processed in inspected facilities. HB1414 – introduced by Rep. Taylor
- Conservation Federation of Missouri, from Feb 21 – Mar 14, is organizing weekly outdoor-themed events to talk to elected officials about issues relevant to conservation
- General discussion about opportunities to provide input to legislature
- New member recognition – two new members introduced themselves
- Student members attending introduced themselves
- Report from student chapter - 6 undergrad and 4 grad students went to national convention; quiz bowl team finished 5<sup>th</sup>

**9. Reports from Agency Representatives**

- Mark Twain National Forest – Sherri Schwenke
  - National Items
    - New Chief and Secretary of Agriculture – both interested in more management to address wildfire situation and support rural economies
    - MTNF - Currently producing 65 million bf, expect that to increase
    - Hiring through events at the national SAF convention
  - MTNF
    - Received objection to Forest Health Initiative project
      - Expect 180 million bf focused on oak decline
      - Received from Great Rivers Environmental Law Center, working through the process
- FS Northern Research Station
  - Hired a technician, starting in February
  - Will have a President Management Fellow joining as restoration ecologist in April
  - Revising the Paul Johnson oak book, will be 3<sup>rd</sup> edition
- Natural Resources Conservation Services
  - NRCS now under Farm Production and Conservation – no Under Secretary yet and so no new Chief
  - Hiring freeze for the past year, currently short staffed
  - Farm Bill programs – planning and ranking ongoing with obligations for contracts coming next
- University of Missouri – Shibu Jose
  - Shibu Jose serving as SNR Director

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- There is a new Dean for the CAFNR and new Chancellor
- Currently under Interim Provost; committee working to find new Provost
- Discussion about budget cuts – 21% cut with another 10% proposed
- Discussed metrics collected by University and American Association of Universities – SNR doing well according to these metrics
- Student numbers had slight increase in SNR, whereas the rest of the campus is declining; SNR has largest number of undergraduate and graduate students in CAFNR
- Programs ranked nationally
- Faculty numbers – lost 14 in last 3 years; since August have added 5 new faculty; beginning search for soil health and nature-based tourism faculty
- Dave Larsen, Chair of SAF accreditation process committee – visit scheduled in April, documents being reviewed/approved internally, reaccreditation was scheduled in 2016 but postponed until 2018 due to staffing gaps; accrediting 2 curriculums – Forest Resources and Terrestrial Ecosystem Management
- Missouri State University – Mike Goerndt
  - Student registration in forestry courses is increasing
  - Dean back after dealing with medical condition
  - Temporary courses are becoming permanent
  - More than 20 students getting forestry minor
  - Students attending conclave again this year
  - SAF Chapter – received general verbal approval from state SAF office; Forestry Club working on bylaws
- Missouri Department of Conservation – Lisa Allen
  - Agency-wide
    - New strategic plan for 2019 – 2024 finalized recently
      - Developed Outcome Champions for monitoring progress and reporting progress, as directed by Governor’s office
    - Feral hogs – continue campaign to eradicate, particularly on conservation areas; making progress and partnering with USDA APHIS
    - Chronic Wasting Disease and containment – mandatory sampling completed and found very few positive
  - Forestry Division
    - Public land – received SFI certification last fall, Marty Calvert is new certification manager; impressed with rigor of program and audit; 650,000 acres
    - Private land – promote Tree Farm program and MO Managed Woods program; MMW rolled out softly
    - Community Forestry – 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Tree City USA with about 100 enrolled; challenged MDC staff to get 40 more Tree Cities
- Missouri Consulting Foresters – Lynn Barnickol
  - Retaining membership – 45 members
  - Winter meeting coming up Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Missouri Forest Products Association – no report
- L-A-D Foundation/Pioneer Forest – Susan Flader
  - Discussed staff – third generation of staff working on forest

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- John Karel stepped down in October as President; Susan currently serving as President
- Record timber sales
- CFI measurement this year using new technology
- Crawford Electric Cooperative – Terry Gordon
  - 3200 miles of above ground line to trim every 4 years
  - Struggling to find competent tree care workers and restrictions (e.g., bat restrictions) limit ability to complete

**10. Adjourn**

Gene Brunk motioned to adjourn, Hank Stelzer seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:10pm.

**MOSAF Social** Hank Stelzer, Suite 1601 Building E, 5:30-7:15pm Appetizers and Refreshments