

Chair Elect:

Terry Gordon

I have been both impressed and drawn back to MoSAF through the thoughtful, active work of Mike and Kristen...specifically with the diverse topics and attendees during the "field technical sessions" which they organized. We live in a time where we are drowning in data yet are thirsty for authentic connection. In addition, we live under a spirit of busyness and an almost constant feeling of "running behind": behind in yard work, behind in CEU gathering, behind in reports and the many job tasks we are (individually and collectively) charged with. Our souls simply were not meant to run at the speed of the world. Only One was created to do that. The pace Mike and Kristen have sparked can be sustained...and I look to do just that: maintain.

It is with both appreciation towards the past two years of MoSAF's efforts to increase diversity (several field days included non-traditional groups attending) AND my personal draw to adjust the pace at which we, as a society, move. "Slow is smooth...and smooth is fast". One of the Navy Seals mantras that resonate with me. If elected, my singular focus will be simply on connection. Connection to the resource and technical advancements most certainly. But an increasing emphasis on connection to each other, in authentic and meaningful ways....think "mutual aid and protection", but for/with each other.

Graduated third in my class with a Forest Management degree in 1994 (there were exactly 3 of us that semester). 2.78 gpa. Diverse 30-year career path includes forestry research, state and private MDC work, agroforestry, western wild-fire suppression (sawyer) and utility forestry. I'm 52, married, 2 teenage daughters and can grow an impressive beard...but never had "good hair", and am still insecure about that fact.

If you don't vote for me...vote for Eric. He too is a "righteous dude" (Ferris Buellers Day Off circa 1986)