

Secretary:**Tyler Bradford**

My name is Tyler Bradford. I am a young professional forester with the USDA Forest Service and part of the Central Hardwoods research unit out of Columbia, MO, under the supervision of John Kabrick and Dan Dey. My primary responsibility is leading a seasonal crew to collect data for a variety of short- and long-term forestry studies on the Sinkin Experimental Forest (near Salem, MO) which provides insight into answering forest management questions specific to our state, as well as across the larger Midwest. Prior to working with the Forest Service, I spent 2.5 years with MDC, working as a resource technician at Eminence, a Forester Assistant at Sedalia, and more recently as a Forester on state & private lands out of Clinton, MO. Before that, I graduated from Missouri State University with a Master of Natural & Applied Science in Forestry and GIS. My passions include incorporating GIS and remote sensing into forest research and management to help answer research questions relevant to Missouri natural resource professionals, practitioners, and landowners.

I am interested in the position of Secretary. I believe that organization skills are integral to this position and that the Secretary must be able to record meeting minutes quickly and concisely. The Secretary works in a supportive role to the Chair and other ranking elects and is crucial to the day-to-day logistics that ensure smooth operation. I believe my current role of Treasurer with the MNRC Planning Committee has provided background experience working as part of a non-profit organization in a supportive role. I have been a member of MOSAF for several years, but I believe that this position will help me give back to the society from which I benefited. SAF provides a number of opportunities to network, as well as to learn how forestry is being practiced on a local and national level. Eventually, I hope to get involved with recruitment efforts in the hope of engaging and encouraging students to join SAF for these very reasons. I hope you will consider me for MOSAF Secretary this coming year. Thank you.