



DC Forester
May 2006

May is upon us bringing with it rainy weather, blooming trees, and lots of activity within NCSAF. This year's Phonathon is officially behind us. A great many thanks to all those who helped man the phones. As my thoughts turn toward membership issues, I find myself thinking of the many conversations I and others have had about the benefits of SAF membership.

I value the opportunities for career and leadership development. I also value the connections I make with others in the forestry profession. I could go on; however, I will instead ask you to think about what you get out of being a member of SAF. Now, think about people you know who might also benefit but are not members. Why not give them a call and talk with them about what you get out of SAF and how they might also benefit from membership in SAF?

If, when you think of the benefits of membership, the list seems a bit on the slim side, perhaps look at ways to increase the value of your membership. Get more involved in NCSAF, volunteer for activities that assist National SAF, plan on attending the Convention in October, jump on the SAF website and check out all the incredible resources they have available to members – the list goes on. Bottom line, your membership is a tremendous asset to you when you make the most of it.

Laura Schweitzer
NCSAF Chair

SAF has launched the “**The Roots of Forestry™**,” an online, searchable archive of more than 11,750 articles. The archive features all five of SAF’s journals—*Journal of Forestry*, *Forest Science*, and the *Northern, Southern, and Western Journals of Applied Forestry*— from 1902 to 1999. For more information, see <http://www.safnet.org/periodicals/roots.cfm>



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REMINDER - PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN TIME

Wild Acres Cleanup Day at SAF headquarters in Bethesda.

Saturday, May 20th, 9:00am to 1:00pm.

Bring general hand tools for working in planting beds, for pruning, limbing, and raking. Wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts, and work gloves.

Bring your own water.

SAF will provide lunch.

The cleanup day will happen rain or shine.

Call Dick Fitzgerald (202-205-1753) or John Witherspoon (202-205-1609) with any questions.

All NCSAF members and guests are welcome.

Phonathon Participants Touch Many Members

Phonathon successful and SAF grateful to NCSAF

Annually NCSAF assists the national office of SAF in contacting members and former members who have failed to renew their SAF membership. Lapsed members had already received three subscription notices, an email if available and, for some State Societies such as NCSAF, a telephone checkup from a member of their Society. The phonathon is a great opportunity to help our professional Society and at the same time gives us an opportunity to think through why we belong to and support SAF. Sixteen people volunteered, some working more than one night. In addition, four SAF staff, Claire Dougherty, Charlene Schildwachter, Carol McKernon, Michael Goergen, SAF Executive Vice-President and CEO, participated in all three nights of effort.

In a break with past practice where the focus was on direct contact, voice mail messages were left urging lapsed members to renew online, mail in their invoice or call SAF Headquarters to renew by telephone. Volunteers attempted to also probe resigning volunteers to categorize reasons as a feedback to SAF on membership services.

Charlene Schildwachter, new Senior Director, Marketing & Membership, starting in March of this year welcomed volunteers and expressed SAF appreciation for NCSAF support to SAF headquarters. The Phonathon effort is an important aspect in the drive for retention and increase of SAF membership.

The national office provided light snacks and beverages and also provided give-a-ways for volunteers and nice prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place volunteers.

We had 2,006 delinquent members (some of them students, and we don't contact students because they're so hard to locate). SAF printed 1,231 Phonathon forms.

Of these:

Messages left 688

Not yet called: 143

No answer: 133

A definite "No" response: 76 - we have marked them in the database now as "resigned" so we don't contact them again.

Bad phone numbers: 68

Credit card payments: 38 (and I've brought in 2 more since then)

Invoices sent: 78

"Payment in the mail": 7

Noted Carol McKernon, SAF Member Services Manager, "The Phonathon is probably one of the most important things we do here for membership retention."

Tim Resch
Phonathon Chair

NCSAF Membership Update

As of the end of April 2006, NCSAF had 303 members, which is equal to our 303 membership goal for 2006. The purge of the membership for non renewal will occur at the end of June. The Phonathon is still going on, with one more night scheduled for our NCSAF volunteers to make calls.

The following NCSAF membership changes occurred in April. A big welcome to our reinstatement and transferred in members.

Reinstated

Sara Gann – graduate student in forestry

Transferred In

James A. Caplan – from Umpqua Chapter, OR

Kent P. Connaughton – from Sacramento-Tahoe Chapter, CA

Resigned

Robert D. Day, Jr.

Paul F. Schulze

George F. Taylor II

Jim Culbert
Membership Committee Chair

2006 NCSAF Calendar of Events

Date	Description	Contact
May 20	Wild Acres Cleanup	Dick Fitzgerald
June 8	Executive Committee Conference Call	Laura Schweitzer
June 15	DC Forester deadline	Jennifer Plyler
July 6	Executive Committee Mtg. – Location TBA, 11:30 – 1 PM	Laura Schweitzer
August 10	Executive Committee Conference Call	Laura Schweitzer
Sept 7	Executive Committee Mtg. – Location TBA, 11:30 – 1 PM	Laura Schweitzer
October	Octoberfest	Meredith Webster
October 5	Executive Committee Conference Call	Laura Schweitzer
October 25-29	National SAF Convention in Pittsburgh, PA	Terry Clark clarkt@safnet.org
November 9	Executive Committee Mtg. – Location TBA, 11:30 – 1 PM	Laura Schweitzer
December	Holiday Party	TBD
December 5	Executive Committee Conference Call	Laura Schweitzer

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