

DC Forester
May 2007

National Capital SAF Annual Membership Meeting
Room 107 A USDA Whitten Building
May 10, 2007

In accordance with Article 11 of our NCSAF bylaws, the 2007 business meeting for NCSAF was officially held on May 10, 2007. The Chair's report to you this month is the following minutes from that meeting:

Quorum reached 15 members attending.

1. **Call To Order at 1:10 pm: Wilhelmina Bratton, NCSAF chair**
2. **Policy Committee Report: Rick Cooksey, NCSAF policy committee chair**
Committee objective stated and explained the committee structure and their charter.
Work being done:
 - A. National SAF policy committee created a position statement on timber harvesting on public lands.
 - B. Enhance the work of the National SAF policy office.
 - C. Impact on outreach to Capital Hill staff on forestry issues. Landowner tour planned for August.
3. **Council Rep Report: Mary Coulombe, District VII council representative**
Membership categories and name change of SAF being considered by Council.
 - A. Charlene Nelson research was referenced and how this study information moved the Council to address these issues. Membership has been a driver in this regard as well.
 - B. Mary is on a sub-committee of Council looking at membership categories. They are also looking at voting privileges.
 - C. Looking at professional forester status and how we define ourselves vs members that are professionals but have a different natural resource emphasis.
 - D. Electronic voting has been instituted. State chapters may use this system as well.
 - E. Council will be working toward a decision on whether these issues will be brought to a referendum at their June 9th and 10th meeting.
 - F. District Fellows Committee appointees from NCSAF are Daina Apple and Al Sample.
 - G. National Student group will nominate the student council rep from District VII (Alleghany will do this) as we have no student group in NCSAF.
4. **Chair Elect Report: Eric Norland, chair elect, NCSAF**
 - A. Eric addressed the membership survey called for by the Executive

- Committee. Will be done in the “phonathon” model.
 - B. Web Site- Tim Resch will discuss later on the agenda
 - C. Science Day- update from Denise Ingram and Eric’s meetings with Bill Boyer. How to be addressed is being discussed.
 - D. Coordinate meetings, luncheons and forums with the SWCS. June 26th Tour of Agriculture Station in Beltsville is an example, and will be sent out in our next communication notice.
 - E. Suggestion on survey-perhaps consider a mailed survey as well as the “phonathon” approach. Committee will discuss.
5. **Treasurer’s Report: Doug Powell, treasurer, NCSAF**
- A. Treasurer’s report is now published in the DC Forester.
 - B. See attached hard copy report
 - C. Executive committee worked up annual budget and we are in line with that approved budget.

As you may have noticed, we have begun to publish regular treasurer’s reports in the *DC Forester* newsletter to an attempt to keep the membership better informed about NCSAF’s excellent financial condition. We have a balance in all of our accounts of \$27,883. Much of this wealth is due to funds we received from the national office for hosting the SAF convention in 2000. We have invested in certificates of deposit that have been earning a nice rate of interest for us. These mature this July, and we will probably be rolling them over to new CDs with an even higher rate of return.

Another part of these funds come from a Foresters’ Fund grant for a Congressional briefing that is planned for this fall. We also had a very successful auction fund raiser in January, which netted over \$2,100. Mainly due to this, our income has exceeded expenditures by over \$2,800 already this year. We collect quite a bit of money from our luncheon programs, but that is generally offset when we pay for the meals and service we receive. One of our big expense items is the annual holiday party, but we pay those bills in December.

The executive committee develops a budget every January, and we make adjustments to it during the course of the year as we monitor our income and expenses. So far we are doing well with all of our budget line items. As always, I am available to answer any questions or concerns that you may have regarding our financial situation or transactions.

6. **Secretary’s Report: Donna Gehlhaart, secretary, NCSAF**
- A. Notes will be posted on the web, as well as the DC Forester from the annual meeting.
7. **Tellers and Auditors Committee Report: John Witherspoon, Chairs, teller & auditors committees**
- A. Two separate committees with two separate objectives
 - B. Explained duties and roles
 - C. Jim Culbert audits the Tellers committee
 - D. John will be retiring so we will need a new chair for these two committees in 2008.
8. **Phonathon and Website: Tim Resch, chair, webmaster committee & phonoathon**
- A. Phonathon effort successful
 - B. Tim explained the operation and content of the NCSAF website.
9. **Membership Committee Report: Jim Culbert, chair, membership committee**
- A. Explained function and objectives of the committee.
 - B. 295 members in NCSAF

295 is goal for 2007 but we have 21 who have not yet renewed.

We will have to strategize and work on this.

C. NCSAF volunteers at Phonation contacted 284 members who indicated they would renew

10. **Fundraising Committee: Eric Norland for Laura Schweitzer, chair, fundraising**

A. A Summer fundraising event will be planned. Details to follow

11. **Science and Technology Report: Denise Ingram, science & technology coordinator, not present- No report**

12. **Work Day Group:** We would like to give **Dick Fitzgerald, Wild Acres liaison** recognition for his work done two weeks ago at Wild Acres.

13. **Motion to adjourn at 1:50pm**

-motion approved

Wilhelmina B. Bratton
NCSAF Chair

Treasurer's Report

Current Balance:

Certificates of Deposit	\$16,078.68
Cash	\$100.00
Checking	<u>\$11,717.38</u>
Total	\$27,896.06

	<i>4/12 to 5/10</i>	<i>Year-to-Date</i>
Amount received:		
Auction Income	\$375.00	\$2,184.95
Dues Disbursement	--	\$1,257.50
Interest & Dividends	--	\$202.89
Luncheon Receipts	\$459.00	\$3,014.00
Raffles	--	<u>\$191.00</u>
Total	\$834.00	\$6,850.34
Amount expended:		
Awards-Recognition	--	\$122.00
Foresters' Fund	--	\$500.00
HSD Assessment	\$145.04	\$145.04
Luncheon meals	\$446.00	\$2,933.31
Mailing	\$39.00	\$42.57
Miscellaneous expenses	--	\$64.22
Web site	--	<u>\$138.80</u>
Total	\$630.04	\$3,945.94
Net increase (decrease):	\$203.96	\$2,904.40

We have now received the final pledge from our January auction. The House of Society Delegates assessment is an annual charge by the national SAF to provide support to the HSD. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Treasurer Doug Powell at dougpowell@fs.fed.us.

Doug Powell
Treasurer

NCSAF Membership Update – May 2007

As of the end of April 2007, NCSAF had a total of 295 members, which is equal to our membership goal for 2007. However, also as of the end of April, 21 NCSAF members have not yet renewed their memberships for 2007. This is an improvement over the 41 members who had not yet renewed as of the end of February. We attribute this improvement to the personal contacts made by NCSAF Executive Committee members.

The Phonathon was held on April 17, April 25, and May 1 at the national office. Nineteen NCSAF members participated in the calls made on these three nights. Of the SAF members contacted, initial results indicate that 284 would renew their SAF memberships. As of May 7th SAF still has 1,666 members who have not renewed. Our sincere thanks are extended to all those who participated in the Phonathon, and especially to Tim Resch for organizing our participation.

The following NCSAF membership changes occurred in April.

New

Timothy A. Dabney, USDA Forest Service

Reinstated

Keith W. Cline, USDA Forest Service

Jeffrey W. Hayward, Rainforest Alliance

Resigned

Harold E. Burghart

Transferred In

Abigail R. Kimbell, USDA Forest Service – from Missoula Chapter

Andrew C. Mason, CF, USDA Forest Service – from Cook Inlet Chapter

Gabriel F. Tucker, CF, U.S. Peace Corps – from Washington State Society

Transferred Out

Peter H. Jipp – to no state society

Donna V. Lamb – to Nevada Chapter

Richard J. Pfilf – to Nevada Chapter

Jim Culbert
Membership Committee Chair

Phonathon Participants Reach Out to SAF Members to Renew Membership

Society of American foresters express appreciation for the NCSAF phonathon participants, who over the course of three nights contacted lapsed SAF members urging them to remain members and listening to members choosing not to renew. That information is vital to SAF in remaining responsive to membership needs and expectations.

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 e-mail 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. 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 2,203 members who had not renewed at the end of March and, as of May 7. As a result of the phonathon, the number had been reduced to 1666. One interesting side note is that in contrast to 3-5 years ago when we frequently received busy numbers through the night, we were now more easily able to contact or leave a voice message. This is attributed to the movement of households from dial-up internet to cable, DHL, wireless or satellite internet. Noted Carol McKernon, SAF member services manager, "The Phonathon is probably one of the most important things we do here for membership retention."

Update on the NCSAF Website:

NCSAF's Web site is now updated and richer in content. The new location is <http://www.ncsaf.org>. Already on the site are 1) contact information for the 2007 leadership team; 2) meeting and program schedules; 3) reports from programs; 4) committee charters; 5) past 12 issues of the NCSAF *DC Forester*; 6) SAF membership application; and 7) a growing set of useful links and references. Constructive comments and suggestions are always welcome to web master, Tim Resch at tresch@att.net. The ink never dries on a web site.

Tim Resch
NCSAF Webmaster

NCSAF and SAF History are Interwoven

Now available on the NCSAF web is a scanned copy of the classic 1990 publication *Capital Forestry: History of the National Capital Society of American Foresters* (http://www.ncsaf.org/Docs/Capital_Forestry.pdf) by Arthur V. Smyth. NCSAF is presently looking for a volunteer to act as our historian and archivist. A draft position description is at http://www.ncsaf.org/Docs/Charters/Historian_Charter.doc. Is it time to write the next one or two chapters?

On a related note, recall that *The Greatest Good: 100 Years of Forestry in America, 2nd Edition* by Char Miller and Rebecca Staebler remains available at the SAF store, the Forest History Society and other locations. Published in commemoration of the 2005 USDA Forest Service Centennial, this

hardcover edition of *The Greatest Good* features new photos, a fresh introduction by then Forest Service Chief Dale N. Bosworth, revised and updated chapter information, and appendices offering new information on Forest Service programs. The associated 3-disc DVD video is also available for purchase and also on streaming video or podcast courtesy of the Southern Regional Extension Forestry office at <http://www.sref.info>.

Tim Resch

10,000 Searchable Forestry Images now Available On-line

The Forest History Society and the US Forest Service Eastern Region (Region 9) are excited to announce the culmination of a collaborative project to digitize, catalog, and make available online a rich assortment of more than 6,000 Forest Service photographs - the largest number of searchable historic Forest Service images on the Web. The Eastern Region Historical Photograph Collection has been incorporated into the Forest History Society's existing online (<http://fhsnb.oit.duke.edu/dbtw-wpd/textbase/WebQuery.htm>) image database, bringing its total number of searchable images up to more than 10,000. The eastern region's images date from the 1880s through the 1970s, and document land and resource management activities in the national forests, primarily in the Midwest. The original prints and negatives have been transferred to the National Archives & Records Administration Great Lakes Regional Archives in Chicago.

Tim Resch

The Society of American Foresters Invites You! *National Convention to be Held October 23-27, 2007*

Nestled among rolling rivers, mountain ranges, and some of the most spectacular forests is Portland, Oregon – site of the 2007 SAF National Convention. Experience all the Pacific Northwest has to offer and find out why we believe the world's most productive forests are the backyards to those who call this area "home." We invite you attend this world-class conference October 23-27, 2007 and to join in discussions on Sustaining America's Forests and discovering sustainability in action! For more information, see <http://www.safconvention.org/natcon-07/>

Local Students Planning Lots of Fun and Camaraderie at the SAF National Convention *By Jenny Wren*

The Oregon and Washington State Societies have taken on the responsibility for organizing the 2007 National SAF Convention in Portland. Student and faculty representatives from Oregon State University, Green River Community College, University of Washington, Central Oregon Community College and Mount Hood Community College chapters are meeting regularly to plan student activities for the event. Involvement by all Pacific Northwest schools with forestry-related degree programs will ensure that the convention experience appeals to a wide range of students with diverse needs.

The main topics of discussion among the Student Activities Planning Committee members are the National Student Assembly (NSA) meeting, Quiz Bowl, icebreaker and technical track topics

relevant to students. This student group is committed to providing opportunities for student members of SAF to socialize with other students as well as networking with established professionals. Judd Lehman, chair of Oregon State University Student Chapter and chair of SAF National Student Assembly, states “Being the host school comes with multiple responsibilities, including providing student activities in a way that offers each student attendee a positive professional experience that will serve as the foundation for their lifelong association with SAF.” The committee is working toward concluding the majority of the planning by June, before summer break.

The student committee has accomplished a great deal so far by expanding the successes of past conventions. In previous years, scheduling of the NSA meeting has conflicted with technical workshops, so the planning group has prioritized scheduling of all student events with as few overlaps as possible. A survey regarding the NSA will be circulated via list serve among chairs and advisors. The committee strongly urges student chapters to provide feedback related to the structure and purpose of the NSA so this year’s assembly can be organized accordingly.

The committee recognized the cost concerns of students traveling to the national convention and worked to provide field tours at rock-bottom prices and accommodations at reduced rates to students. The committee will also provide guidance and information about low-cost restaurants and transportation for the Portland area.

All the students involved in the planning committee are very excited to see the SAF 2007 National Convention bring young foresters together and encourage the development of camaraderie and professionalism that so many of our retiring members enjoy. OSU, GRCC, UW, MHCC and COCC are looking forward to meeting their peers in Portland and challenging students from across the country to participate in the “Stumptown Stumble.” Stay tuned!

Jenny Wren is chair of the Green River Community College Student Chapter. She can be reached at wrenbright@hotmail.com.



Students from Oregon State University, Green River Community College, Central Oregon Community College, University of Washington and Mount Hood Community College met in April to plan student activities at the National Convention this fall. Joined by advisors Chuck Lorenz, Dick Hopkins, and David Zahler.

Photo courtesy of Jeremy Badger

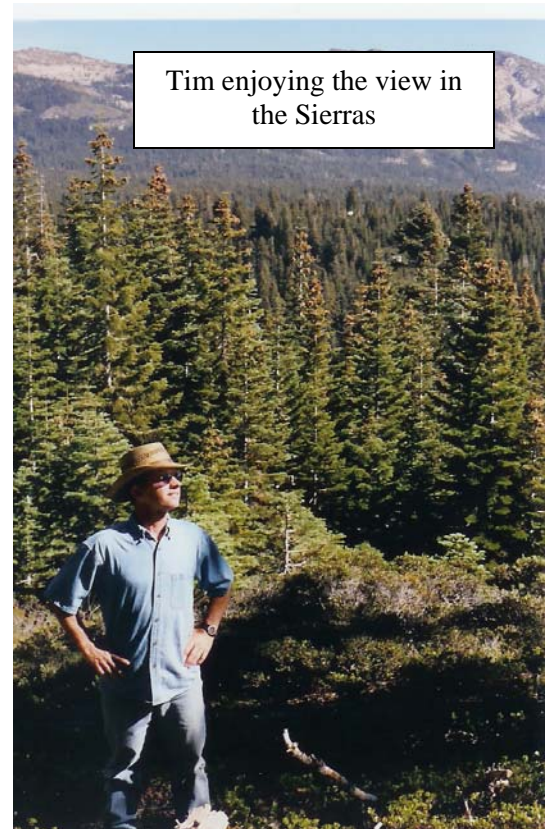
Meet the Newest NCSAF Member Tim Dabney

Tim grew up in Mississippi. At 16 years of age, he set his goals on being a forester in the Sierra Nevada. Well, that was back in 1974. He started working as a co-op student with the Forest Service in 1978. Upon his receipt of a B.S. in Forestry from Mississippi State in 1981, he continued his quest as a permanent employee of the Forest Service. Tim worked in Arkansas, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas working as an inventory forester and silviculturist along with a little sale prep and admin and fire fighting around the country.

And then one day in 1992, Tim was transferred to the Eldorado National Forester as the district silviculturist. The Sierras were everything that he had imagined, and more! He went on to be forest timber management officer and silviculturist. After spending some time as a district ranger and seeing just about every mountain and stream in the Sierras, Tim set his sights on the other coast. He is a recent addition to the National Forest System land's Stewardship Contracting Coordinator in Washington, DC.

When Tim is not at work, he is usually out on some fun-loving adventure. His latest interest is spending time with life underwater. Scuba diving has opened lots of doors for exploring the world. One of his most special places to dive is in the "cenotes" (underground fresh water rivers) in the Yucatan Peninsula.

Just in a few months on the east coast, he has already discovered a lot of new and fun places. Tim looks forward to making more friends and sharing more adventures. Visit him at tdabney@fs.fed.us or 202.205.0855 or just stop by his cube on the third floor of the Yates Building when you're in the Washington Office.



Tim enjoying the view in the Sierras



Here you can see Tim along an underground cave, complete with a limestone column where humans once lived, that is now a flowing river to the Caribbean.

**US Forest Service Cooperative Forestry Presents
An Ecosystem Services Seminar Series Presentation**

ECOSYSTEM SERVICES MARKETS: THE TEXAS RESPONSE

**TOM BOGGUS
TEXAS FOREST SERVICE**



**Tuesday, May 22, 2007
9:00 - 10:00 AM
Yates Building, 2nd floor Training Room
1400 Independence Ave SW**

Associate Agency Director Tom Boggus will describe the Texas Forest Service's efforts to promote ecosystem services markets in Texas through the Ecosystem Services Pilot Program.

With U.S. Forest Service support, the Texas Forest Service seeks to assist forest owners in developing ecosystem services and bringing them to market.

The objective is to move beyond a single-asset approach, where cut timber is viewed as the only economic value of forests, to a multiple-asset approach that diversifies revenue streams and capitalizes on non-timber products and services such as carbon sequestration, water quality, and habitat values.

*All NCSAF members are welcome to attend
Please join us!
Light refreshments provided.*

2007 NCSAF Calendar of Events

Date	Description	Contact
June 7-8	Appalachian SAF, Virginia Division Meeting Fort A.P. Hill, VA	Anne Ulrey anne.j.ulrey@us.army.mil
June 7	SAF and Forestry in the U.S. John McMahon, president, SAF	Loren Ford
June 15	Deadline for <i>DC Forester</i>	Jennifer Plyler
June 21	Executive Committee Meeting	Wilhelmina Bratton
July 12	International Forestry Research Dr. Frances Seymour, Director-General, Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) *	Loren Ford
July 19	Executive Committee Meeting	Wilhelmina Bratton
August 9	Summer Intern Forum TBD*	Loren Ford
August 15	Deadline for <i>DC Forester</i>	Jennifer Plyler
August 16	Executive Committee Meeting	Wilhelmina Bratton
September 13	Forestry in 2007 Farm Bill Chairman Collin C. Peterson (D-MN) *	Loren Ford
September 17	Deadline for <i>DC Forester</i>	Jennifer Plyler
September 20	Executive Committee Meeting	Wilhelmina Bratton
October 11	Changing Role in Forestry Education & Extension Dr. Steven Daley-Laursen, Dean, College of Natural Resources, U. Idaho *	Loren Ford
October 15	Deadline for <i>DC Forester</i>	Jennifer Plyler
October 18	Executive Committee Meeting	Wilhelmina Bratton
October 22-27	SAF National Convention Portland, OR	http://www.safconvention.org/natcon-07/
November 8	Conservation Education Dr. Safiya Samman *	Loren Ford
November 15	Executive Committee Meeting	Wilhelmina Bratton

2007 NCSAF Calendar of Events (*continued*)

Date	Description	Contact
November 15	Deadline for <i>DC Forester</i>	Jennifer Plyler
December 6	Executive Committee Meeting	Wilhelmina Bratton
December 13	Holiday Party*	Wilhelmina Bratton
December 17	Deadline for <i>DC Forester</i>	Jennifer Plyler

**Tentative*

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