



National Capital Society of American Foresters



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Although my tenure of service as the District VII council representative is just beginning, I believe that one of the most pleasurable things that a council member gets to do is to participate in the Fellows recognition process. As SAF President Bernie Hubbard stated in his “*From the Leadership*” column in the current [August 2009] issue of *The Forestry Source*, “attaining the status of SAF Fellow is the highest honor that SAF bestows upon professional members.” Consequently, having the opportunity to congratulate a new SAF Fellow is certainly a highly rewarding experience!!



This was certainly the situation at the July NCSAF Luncheon meeting, at which **Denise Ingram** was recognized as a newly elected SAF Fellow before a large gathering of SAF colleagues.

To be honored as a Fellow, a member must demonstrate strong, continuing commitment to the society through direct SAF involvement and exemplary action, sustained leadership, and advancement of the forestry profession. Denise has certainly met those high standards for

continuing commitment to SAF through her involvement at the national level as the Chair of the Forest Science and Technology Board (FSTB) in 1999-2000, a position which also serves as a non-voting participant on council, and her participation as an attendee, speaker, or officer at 12 national SAF conventions, as well as her involvement in the SAF National Convention Planning Committee for the 2000 national convention held in Washington, DC. Along with this, she has served at the state/multi-state and chapter levels by holding positions as NCSAF Science and Technology coordinator, liaison to the Washington Academy of Science, involvement in the Academy’s Capitol Science Fair, and serving as newsletter editor for the Technology Assessment and Future Analysis Working Group. As well as participating in nine national Phone-a-thon membership drives!

Denise’s exemplary professional actions, sustained leadership, and advancement of the forestry profession are demonstrated through her many accomplishments in various professional positions, both in the US and internationally, including her current position as a policy analyst for the USDA

Forest Service R&D Policy Analysis staff. Some highlights include her coordination of multi-stakeholder efforts of the US forest community participation and exhibit in the 2003 World Forestry Congress in Quebec Canada, her numerous contributions to the development of sustainable forestry criteria and indicators for US forestry, and numerous research and technology transfer journal articles, papers, and technical reports.

All of which is to say, Denise has clearly demonstrated an outstanding level of professional achievement, dedication and sustained contribution to the Society which exemplifies those who are elected as SAF Fellows!!

Congratulations again to Denise on receiving this professional honor and recognition, and special thanks also to the NCSAF [Nominating and Professional Recognition](#) Committee Co-Chairs, Andrea Bedell-Loucks and Nadine Block, for their role in putting together Denise's Fellow nomination paperwork, and to the members of the District VII Fellows Committee, who spend numerous hours "behind the scenes" evaluating nominations to ensure they meet the high standards established by the Society for election to Fellow.

Kenneth Jolly
District VII Council Representative

We Need You

It is that time of year again when the National Capitol Society of American Foresters is looking for interested candidates to fill leadership positions on the executive committee. This is your opportunity to serve your local chapter and to interact with some very talented and dedicated people. Please take a look in your email box and read the latest request from Terri Bates concerning NCSAF Executive Committee Nominations and consider applying for a position. It takes all of us to make this noble, professional organization remain a success into the future. We need your ideas, your suggestions and a little of your valuable time. If you have any questions at all about serving in one of the many roles on the executive committee, please contact me on 202-912-7203 or at home on 703-534-6425 or by email on elynn-burkett@blm.gov.

You are also welcome to contact the upcoming chair, Michael Mortimer on 703-538-3762 or mortimer@vt.edu. Nomination packages are due at the end of this month so you have a little less than 2 weeks to submit your name. If you haven't already served your local chapter, it's time. Please consider stepping forward to make the NCSAF grow and be the best that it can be for 2010.

E.Lynn Burkett
Chair

September NCSAF Luncheon and Program

*Paul Winistorfer, Dean of the College of Natural Resources,
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University*

Date: September 8, 2009
Time: 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM
Location: Lincoln Room (Executive Dining Room), 3rd floor Whitten Building - USDA
1400 Independence Avenue SW.
Washington, DC (Nearest the Smithsonian Metro Exit)
Format: Buffet lunch fee of \$17.00 payable to the NCSAF treasurer
(Salad bar available at reduced cost)

About the Speaker.... Virginia Tech named Paul Winistorfer as new dean of the College of Natural Resources. Winistorfer, who currently heads the college's Department of Wood Science and Forest Products, assumed the duties of dean on Aug. 1, when Mike Kelly stepped down after serving the college with great distinction as dean for the past five years.

Paul Winistorfer came to College of Natural Resources in 2001 from the Forest Products Center at the University of Tennessee to head up the wood science and forest products department. He moved the department forward through the creation of Wood Week at Virginia Tech and by co-leading a biomaterials faculty recruitment initiative with other departments and colleges on campus. He focused new hires in strategic areas, as well as guided curriculum reform.

Winistorfer provided vision and leadership on the department's \$20 million development initiative for new infrastructure as well as a statewide educational project to link the department to community colleges and higher education centers in the state for the benefit of workforce and economic development, and to create an educational pathway from high schools, through community colleges, and on to Virginia Tech.

In outlining his vision for the college during his candidacy presentation, Winistorfer stressed that "the college must create its own future. We are home to integrated natural resources research on campus and in the commonwealth. Sustaining and utilizing our natural resources is of paramount importance to the commonwealth and the planet overall. We will continue to be internationally known as one of the finest programs with one of the very best faculty."

He went on to note that "because we are in a unique position being so close to Washington D.C., where the federal natural resources agencies and most of the non-profit groups are headquartered, I envision strategically increasing our presence and programs at our National Capital Region campus. I plan to work cooperatively with all agencies and constituent groups in the commonwealth on behalf of our interests in natural resources. Virginia is uniquely positioned nationwide in the fabric of natural resources issues, and we can and will continue to be leaders."

Winistorfer is the author of more than 40 refereed publications, 20 other articles, 11 proceedings, and 13 abstracts and posters, and has made 65 professional presentations. He has held numerous offices and committee appointments with his professional organizations, in addition to international experiences in Ireland, Chile, England, and Australia.

NCSAF Membership Update – August 2009

ALERT: NCSAF MEMBERS CHANGING THEIR ADDRESS FOR SAF IN MD AND VA

Several times recently, members of NCSAF who have requested that SAF headquarters change their address on SAF's member database to an address in Maryland or Virginia have been automatically transferred out of NCSAF and transferred into either Allegheny SAF if their new address is in Maryland or Appalachian SAF if their new address is in Virginia. Because both Allegheny and Appalachian SAF have divisions, and Appalachian SAF also has chapters, it's possible that this involuntary transfer from NCSAF will add division and even chapter dues to your state society and national dues. It is also possible that you will be removed from the NCSAF e-mail distribution list and will not receive future notifications of NCSAF luncheons, volunteer opportunities, and other NCSAF notices.

If you wish to change your address, notify Christopher Whited, SAF senior director for Marketing and Membership (whitedc@safnet.org) or Corey Hughley, membership services/database manager (hughleyc@safnet.org) and clearly state that you want to continue to be a member of NCSAF.

The following NCSAF membership changes occurred in May-July:

Transfer In

Paul F. Ries – Forest Service, from Wasatch Front Chapter of Intermountain SAF
Weihsuan Xu – Texas A&M University, from Brazos/Trinity Chapter of Texas SAF

Transfer Out

Owen T. Burney – to Oregon State University Student Chapter of Oregon SAF

Loren B. Ford
Membership Committee Chair

New Member Profile: Paul Ries

Please join me in welcoming new NCSAF member Paul Ries, director of the Cooperative Forestry Staff, State & Private Forestry, in Forest Service headquarters. Paul was named director in November 2008, and assumed his new duties in February. In this role he provides leadership and guidance for agency programs that provide technical, financial, and educational assistance to non-industrial private forest landowners and to communities, including the Forest Stewardship Program,



the Forest Legacy Program, and Urban & Community Forestry activities. Implementation of forestry programs authorized in the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act, including cooperation with other USDA agencies and partnerships with many stakeholders in conservation of private lands, are important parts of Paul's portfolio.

Paul spent his formative years in California, alternating between greater Los Angeles and the mountains outside of Yosemite National Park near the Sierra National Forest. He attended Colorado State University, graduating with a degree in forest biology (ecology) with a minor in psychology.

Paul's Forest Service career started from the ground up: as a 19-year-old seasonal employee he cleaned outhouses and cared for campgrounds. He also worked for a short while as a park ranger in Colorado. His permanent career began in Region 2, on the Rio Grande and Routt National Forests working in silviculture. After several years as an assistant ranger on the Routt National Forest, he served as Spearfish District Ranger on the Black Hills for seven years. He then moved to the Sawtooth National Recreation Area in Idaho where he was the area ranger for six years. He moved into the Intermountain Regional Office in Ogden UT to join the State & Private Staff and help merge the R-1 and R-4 S&PF organizations. He then spent two years on the R1/R4 National Fire Plan Team, serving the final year as Team Lead. He returned to S&PF as Deputy Director before becoming the director in 2007.

Paul's wife Linda also received a degree in forest biology and is a certified secondary science teacher. She recently retired from the Forest Service as the Region 4 conservation education program manager.

Paul and Linda have two sons – both in college, and both studying mechanical engineering. Their older son, Mike attends Montana State University in Bozeman, and their younger son, Jake, is in his third year at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Treasurer's Report 6/16//09 through 8/15/09

Because the *DC Forester* is not produced in July, this treasurer's report covers two months rather than the usual one month period. The major event during this period was the annual auction on June 25, in which NCSAF members raised a total of \$1,537. The \$25 miscellaneous was room rental for the auction. If you have any questions please contact Treasurer Dick Pardo at rpardo@mrisc.com or any member of the executive committee.

Current Balance		
Certificates of Deposit	\$14,238.26	
Cash	\$100.00	
Savings Account (CD)	\$1,643.14	
Checking Account	<u>\$5,907.38.</u>	
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$21,888.78</u>	
	<u>6/16/09 thru 8/15/09</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Amount Received		
Dues Disbursements	\$0.00	\$1,556.00
Luncheon Receipts	\$0.00	\$774.00
Raffles	\$0.00	\$0.00
Auction	\$1,537.00	\$1,537.00
Meeting Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00
Matured CD	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dividends	\$175.13	\$346.55
<u>Total income</u>	<u>\$1,712.13</u>	<u>\$4,213.55</u>
Amount Expended		
Awards-Recognition	\$00.00	\$100.00
Luncheon meals	\$0.00	\$949.62
Miscellaneous	\$25.00	\$104.99
HSD Assessment	\$0.00	\$0.00
Forest Forums Catering	\$0.00	\$0.00
Holiday Party Catering	\$0.00	\$0.00
D.C Forester	\$17.00	\$ 49.38
Website	\$0.00	\$166.80
Forestry On The Potomac grant	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$42.00</u>	<u>\$2,871.79</u>
<u>Net increase (decrease)</u>	<u>\$1,670.13</u>	<u>\$1,341.76</u>

**Richard Pardo
Treasurer**

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A BIG Thank You!\

Thank you to Bryan Petit and Loren Ford for arranging the July NCSAF Happy Hour and to everyone for coming by. I really appreciated the opportunity for “fellowship” with all of you and enjoyed seeing so many familiar faces. It was a pleasure to see colleagues, friends and other NCSAF members ... and there was good food, too!

Until the next one ...

C. Denise Ingram
SAF Fellow

2009 NCSAF Calendar of Events

Date	Description	Contact
September 8	NCSAF Luncheon Guest Speaker: Paul Winistoffer Dean, College of Natural Resources, Virginia Tech	Jon Menten
September 10	NCSAF executive committee meeting Executive dining room, USDA South Bldg	E.Lynn Burkett
September 14	<i>DC Forester</i> deadline	Jennifer Plyler
October 8	NCSAF executive committee meeting Executive dining room, USDA South Bldg	E.Lynn Burkett
October 15	<i>DC Forester</i> deadline	Jennifer Plyler
November 12	NCSAF Luncheon Program Native American Heritage theme Speaker and Location TBD	Jon Menten
November 13	<i>DC Forester</i> deadline	Jennifer Plyler
December 10	NCSAF holiday party and tree lighting ceremony, Longworth Bldg.	E.Lynn Burkett
December 15	<i>DC Forester</i> deadline	Jennifer Plyler

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