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## **A Word (or two) from the State Chair, Ernie Houghton**

You may have noticed a couple of new things about the *Michigan Forester*. For the first time our newsletter is being included as an insert to the *Forestry Source*. This change saves the MSAF some of the expense of printing and mailing the newsletter. Thanks go to Bill Hasse, *Michigan Forester* business manager, and editor Georgia Peterson for seeing this through.

Starting with this issue the *Michigan Forester* also has a new editor, Brenda Owen. When you get a chance to meet Brenda feel free to suggest topics for future issues. Many thanks go to our outgoing editor, Georgia Peterson, for editing numerous great issues of the *Michigan Forester*.

As I worked my way through another Michigan winter I have noticed it is a little harder to get through the woods on snowshoes than in years past. This is curious because upon close examination I find no change to the snowshoes.

The arrival of spring means change for Michigan's forests; the same is true for the Michigan SAF. The state society is seeking volunteers to fill important roles. Both the Upper and Lower Peninsula chapters will be looking to fill leadership roles in 2009. Our thanks go to Ms Maria Janowiak, who has agreed to take the Upper Peninsula Chapter 2008 vice-chair position.

To get your name on this year's ballot contact the state society secretary, Martha Sjogren.

The state society will also need to fill the policy chair position. The policy chair tracks relevant forest policy issues and takes a leadership role in developing new position statements recommended by the executive team, makes recommendations on the disposition of existing state society positions, and organizes a summer policy work session. Our thanks go to Bill Rockwell, the state society's longtime policy chair, who has taken on the role of chair of the Forest Science & Technology Board.

Remember to visit our Web site for new additions and updates on activities of both the state and national societies. Recently the draft report of the membership deer survey was added to the site.

Jeff Holt, chair of the Kentucky-Tennessee Society, recently wrote in the KTSAF newsletter of a successful state meeting held in Jackson, Tennessee. Today, the people of Jackson are struggling to recover from a devastating early February storm. In January our state society lost a good friend and longtime member, Mike Lanasa. His insight and energy will be missed by the MSAF.  
Ernie Houghton  
2008 Chair

### WANTED....

Pictures of anything forestry related happening in Michigan that you'd like to share. A conference, a field trip, an award being given, a cool looking tree....send it to me! Email: bowen@up.net

**Deadline for the next  
issue is June 27, 2008!**

## RECRUIT A COLLEAGUE

MSAF needs all members to start some smooth talking and get our membership numbers rising. Any forester can benefit from the contact with an active MSAF member and just might welcome an opportunity to hang out with the group!

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## A Good Laugh.....

We could all use a good story and I'd like to hear your best ones. Send me your funniest forestry episodes about your job, your colleagues, your boss, or a friend that will go mostly nameless. We'll make it a monthly column and I'll start us off next issue with a good one.....

Brenda, Editor

### HOW TO SUBMIT ARTICLES TO THE MICHIGAN FORESTER NEWS- LETTER

Everyone is welcome to submit articles, photos, ideas or suggestions! Articles should be submitted via e-mail. Articles should be MS Word documents or compatible format. **All materials for publication should be submitted to:**

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# SPRING MEETING

The Northern Hardwood Resource:  
*Where we've come from and where  
we're headed.*

April 23rd and 24th in Marquette, MI  
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DID YOU ATTEND?  
(if not, you should have!)

If you missed this one please plan on attending the **Fall meeting** set in Lansing at the Kellogg Center. More information to follow in our August Issue!

## Sponsor a Student!

At the executive team meeting in January it was agreed that sponsorship of students is a great way to get their involvement in SAF.

What an excellent way to generate new members and provide students with some excellent networking opportunities.

Interested? Get your company to send in a sponsorship as well. Here's what needs to be done and it's just \$35!

Linda Nagel and Larry Leefers are collecting the names of sponsors and students at their respective schools. Once the national office has the students names they may apply for SAF membership.

Members who sponsor a student will send a check for \$35 for each student sponsored to Jack Pilon, state treasurer. National bills the state society for the memberships. To ensure the state society does not end up paying for the membership fees, sponsors should confirm with the schools that payment has been made to the state treasurer. Students names should not be sent to the national office until payment is confirmed.

Let's get it rolling, send in your sponsorship today!

## QUOTES & NOTES

BRENDA OWEN

## EDITOR'S CORNER

As the new editor of your Michigan Forester, I will first and most importantly thank Georgia Peterson for her years of diligence to this task. Michigan SAF would never be what it is without the volunteerism of people such as Georgia.

The Michigan Forester has entered a new realm of "delivery" as an insert into the *Forestry Source*. This process eliminates much wrangling by Wild Bill Hasse during the printing process and eventually will become a more financially responsible method of shipment.

These two changes created a delay in your normal delivery schedule of the newsletter but thus we are on track again. We will be printing 3 issues in 2008 and every year hereafter it will be quarterly publication.

A bit of myself to offer; until the arrival of my son 10 years ago I was a very active MSAF member making UP chapter chair and Young Forester of the year. But alas, priorities shift when children arrive and I stepped away for some time. It feels extraordinarily good to be back amongst some of the best friends and colleagues I have encountered in life. I promise to serve you well and look forward to seeing many new faces and shaking hands with the many I have not in 10 years.

Send me your pictures, ideas, articles, notes, notices, and funny stories. We want it all for the newsletter!

## LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD FORESTERS

As winter receded, I was reminded of the things that spring brings to northern Michigan: the red maples' bud swell and turn a deep crimson red, migrant bird species return and I remember how difficult identifying warblers really is, opening day of trout season (and my annual donation of blood to thousands of mosquitoes and black flies) and the spring SAF Conference. No seriously, warmer weather and longer days truly make me look forward to the spring conference. It is a time to be around fellow foresters, a time to network and touch-base with friends, former classmates and co-workers and find out first hand how the forecast of forestry in Michigan looks.

As the Awards Chair for the Michigan Chapter of the SAF, the spring conference reminds me that it is also time to think about who will be recognized by their peers as the **Young Forester, Forester and Retired Forester of the Year**. As in years' past, to nominate someone for these awards, all one needs to do is contact me either by phone or email (see below) and I can help you with your nomination(s). To nominate the Young or Retired Forest of the Year, one simply needs to throw their name my way and send along a short paragraph on the person's background and why this person qualifies for such a distinct honor.

As for the Forester of the Year Award, at the time of printing, we (Executive Committee) were still working on the policy on what requirements are needed to nominate an individual for Forester of the Year. Regardless, a "blurb" telling a little about the nominee and why they should be recognized is needed and very helpful.

Also, there are a bevy of awards/recognitions at the national level that can be awarded to Michigan SAF Members. I won't take the time to list them all but you can find out more at the SAF website. Go to [www.safnet.org](http://www.safnet.org) then on the left side tool bar, click About SAF and scroll down and click on the National Awards toolbar. You will then go to the page where the descriptions and nominating criteria can be found for each of the National Awards.

If you have any questions or need clarification on the awards, I can be reached at the Michigan Forest Visitor Center at Hartwick Pines State Park, (989) 348-2537. Also, my email address is [kasmerc@michigan.gov](mailto:kasmerc@michigan.gov).

Thanks for your help, see you in the spring,  
Craig Kasmer  
Michigan SAF Awards Chair

## Michigan State University Forestry Club

A brief update for the Michigan Forester.

The Michigan State University Forestry Club is undertaking a maple syrup project this spring that will teach club members the ways of syrup making and benefit the many that have a "sweet-tooth". Other activities that the club has planned for its' roughly 15 members and department, is an annual Shindig party to enhance the bonds among students, faculty, staff and alumni. A successful fundraiser that the club has pursued is a "Feed-A-Forester" lunch that occurs once every month. The lunch features homemade soups, chilies, deserts and other dishes that the club members have made. In order to eat at the event a five dollar donation is requested. This monthly affair has generated a lot of enthusiasm for the club as well as strengthening the camaraderie of the entire forestry department. This year there will be eight graduating senior members and the club wishes them well on their futures in forestry.

Nicholas Bolton, Forestry Club President

### Membership Activity

#### New Members:

Upper Peninsula Chapter  
Trevor Hahka, Atlantic Mine  
Chad Jacobsen, Chassell  
MSU Student Chapter  
Benjamin Stein

#### Transfers in:

Upper Peninsula Chapter  
Tara Bal, Laurium  
Robert Rathburg, Hancock

#### *In Memorium*

Deceased member  
Mike Lanasa,  
Upper Peninsula Chapter  
38 years of active membership  
Fellow in 2000



# CFE and Certified Forester Program



## Frequently Asked Questions about the Changes in the Continuing Forestry Education program and the Certified Forester Program

### **Has the SAF changed the way that Continuing Education credits are assigned?**

Yes, the SAF has really tightened up on these credits. There are new requirements for the providers of training, as well as the CFE Coordinator, and on you – the attendee. Now, the provider must apply for credits ahead of time and report attendance back to the national office. The CFE Coordinator is required to provide new forms to providers, may no longer evaluate courses offered by their employer or organization, and must attend annual training. You, as an attendee, will receive a certificate of attendance at approved courses/workshops, and may update your training records online at [www.safnet.org](http://www.safnet.org)

### **Who is the CFE Coordinator for the State of Michigan? For the National Office?**

Michigan's CFE Coordinator is Debra Huff ([huffd@mi.gov](mailto:huffd@mi.gov)) and the National Office contact for CFE is Louise Murgia ([murgial@safnet.org](mailto:murgial@safnet.org)) or Pat Cillay ([cillayp@safnet.org](mailto:cillayp@safnet.org)).

### **Where can I get information about becoming a Certified Forester, or maintaining my Certified Forester status?**

There is extensive information about the Certified Forester program at <http://www.certifiedforester.org>

### **How do I take the Certified Forester exam?**

First you must apply to the Certified Forester program then take the required exam. Once approved, an individual has one-year to pass the exam. Extensions may be granted.. The exam is administered through Schroeder Measurement Technologies Inc. (SMT) at hundreds of testing centers throughout the US. To locate a testing center near you, visit SMT's ( <http://www.smttest.com/>) and click on "find a testing center" under quick links. They will schedule individuals at their testing sites at a time that is convenient for the you. There is no limit on the number of times an exam may be taken. There is a fee to take the exam.

### **How does SAF manage the Certified Forester and the Continuing Forestry Education programs?**

The Certification Review Board (CRB) oversees and audits Certified Forester program implementation, evaluates and periodically reviews program processes and procedures, and makes recommendations as needed to the SAF Council on program guidelines and standards. The CRB investigates questionable compliance and other concerns regarding certification and recertification and serves as the initial appellate body on eligibility decisions. Except for revocation for non-payment of fees (upon which SAF staff may act), only the Board may revoke or suspend certification once granted. The Board consists of eight Certified Forester volunteers representing a diversity of forest resources employers and geographic regions, and one public member.

### **How do I maintain my Certified Forester Status?**

To maintain the CF certification, an individual must:

- continue to comply with the CF Standards of Professional Practice;
- accumulate 60 continuing forestry education (CFE) contact hours over a three year period
- pay applicable renewal and recertification fees.

Editor's Note: The above was excerpted from a detailed document with many more questions answered. The document in its entirety can be viewed online at the MSAF website: [www.michigansaf.org](http://www.michigansaf.org)

Thanks go out to Debra Huff, Michigan's CFE Coordinator for submitting this information to us for print.

# Council Update

## By: Greg Russell, CF

### Council Member, District 5

Council met on March 8 & 9, 2008 in Bethesda, MD. Key SAF staff and all council members were present for the meeting.

President Thompson gave an update on the council subcommittees and their assigned members, which are as follows: *Executive Committee* – Pres. T. Thompson, V.P. B. Hubbard, Past Pres. J. McMahon, Dist 10 councilmember J. Roberson, Dist 2 councilmember J. Lydick, Dist 11 councilmember J. Davis, and E.V.P. M. Goergen; *Finance & Investment* -- J. Roberson, R. Dziengeleski (Dist 6), C. Seeley (Dist 2), and M. Goergen; *Strategic Action*: R. Weaver (Dist 9), R. Brevig (Dist 4), J. Davis, b. Hubbard & M. Goergen; *Cultural Diversity*: K. David (Dist 1), J. Lydick, Joann Cox (Dist 8); *Student Governance*: J. Roberson, R. Brevig, K. David, S. Purviss (Student Rep.); *Membership*: M. Coulombe (Dist 7), G. Russell (Dist 5), R. Dziengeleski, J. Roberson. National Standing Committees & Task Forces and their members can be found on the SAF website.

Council reviewed and approved actions taken by the Executive Committee and E.V.P. since the last council meeting. These actions consisted of 7 letters written to members of Congress and the Senate, as well as a joint letter to the Office of Government Ethics. Three of the letters concerned the lack of inclusion of forest biomass in the legal definitions of renewable biomass in the Energy independence and Security Act of 2007. Other letters covered SAF's response to the BLM's Western Oregon Plan Revision, the Forest Landscape Restoration Act, and climate change legislation. The letter to the Gov't Ethics Office was to gain support for gov't employees to be allowed to fully participate in Professional Societies. This letter was signed by SAF and 12 other natural resource professional societies. Conflicting interpretations of the current law make it difficult for many Federal Agency personnel to fully participate in organizations such as SAF. Efforts are under way by SAF and others to get legislation passed that would de-criminalize violations of this act for those participating in their professional societies.

Activities of the National Staff were also presented to Council. The major highlight of their activities is securing low cost liability insurance for SAF field trips and outdoor activities (quotes from carriers are still coming in). If your Society or Chapter is planning an outdoor field trip or other activity, be sure to contact the National Office to see if an insurance rider is needed or not. Some activities won't require a rider, and some will, SO CHECK FIRST! Chapters can check directly with the National Office, without going through the State Society Chair.

The annual Audit was also presented and accepted by Council. Financial Officer, Larry Burner needs the Tax ID # of the State Society & Chapters, so he can have a readily available list handy in case he needs to respond to inquiries concerning tax exempt issues from the IRS. **Please get those Tax ID #'s to Larry ASAP.** In other financial matters, the Forest Science & Technology Board is seeking contributions to the SAF Science Fund. This fund is used to provide technical & scientific programs and projects to all levels of SAF. It was noted that this fund raising effort could be in direct competition with the Foresters Fund. Many felt that since the purpose of each fund is independent of the other, that the conflict should be minimal. Allegheny SAF recently contributed \$1,000+ to the fund.

Council renewed 3 SAF Position Statements that were set to expire in 2008, and delayed action on one other. Position Statements that were renewed are related to: 1) Clear-cutting, 2) Protecting Endangered Species Habitat on Private Lands, and 3) Public Regulation of Private Forest Land. The decision on the Position Statement on Professionalism in Natural Resource Management agencies was delayed so it can be further reviewed. Nadine Block, Chair of the Committee on Forest Policy, also presented Council with two key policy issues that will be addressed this year: Climate Change and Wildfire Management. The Task Force on Climate Change presented their Draft Report to Council for discussion. The report examines the current literature & research as it relates to Forest Managements role in mitigating climate change and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The final report is expected to be available by late April. The FSTB and CFP anticipate that the report may result in four Position Statements covering: 1) market Based Carbon Trading Policies, 2) GHG Emissions, 3) Wildfire Mitigation, and 4) Biofuels. If you have ideas or concerns about any of the above, contact either Bill Rockwell or Nadine Block.

Council received a report from the Task force on Forest Technology School Accreditation. This action took place after I had left the meeting to catch my flight back to MN. The report was met with a general approval of their recommendations but report was not "accepted" as it was sent back to incorporate a report from Educational Policy Review Committee (EPRC) and a feed back report from the Deans of the schools.

Concerning membership issues, Council approved a status change to an annual award. The Outstanding communicator Award was added to the By-Laws, thus making it an Official annual Award, as opposed to its previous status as a discretionary award. The name of the Award was also changed to the W.D. Hagenstein Outstanding communicator Award in honor of Mr. Hagenstein, who has been an active promoter of SAF and Forestry for over seven decades.

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Council also *unanimously* recommends that SAF members approve as amendment to the SAF Constitution that would give all member categories full voting rights at all levels of SAF. In addition it would also reduce the number of member categories to the following: Professional, Conditional Professional, Associate, Technician, & Student. The change would also grant all member categories to serve as Officers at the State (Division) and Chapter Levels, reserving national level office and Fellow status for Professional Members only. Citizenship requirements would also be removed for all member categories. Look for the proposed amendment in SAF publications in the near future.

Revisions to the Minimum Standard By-Laws for state societies was also reviewed and accepted by Council. The changes mainly reflect to opportunity for electronic balloting in State Society & Chapter elections. These changes will need to be incorporated into your by-laws the next time other changes are made to them, or sooner if so desired. The complete Minimum Standards can now be viewed on the SAF website.

The Communication Committee has been tasked with developing a strategy & framework for cooperating with other stakeholders/natural resource organizations to get the word out on the importance of properly managing our forest resources. They will be looking outside the "box" to better communicate the importance of forestry to Americans and the world as a whole. The Membership committee will be working with the communications Committee to inform members of the results from the member survey as well as proposed actions in response to the findings of the survey.

Finally, Council was updated on the progress of two projects. The National Convention, set for Nov. 4-7, planning committee reported that the Reno program is coming together nicely. Over 250 abstracts have been submitted for the 220 presentation slots allotted for the convention program. The convention will be held in one location, thus reducing the need for commuting from various lodging establishments. Watch the Forestry Source & JOF for future updates and information. Secondly, the Leadership Academy is scheduled for April 26-29 in Potomac, MD. There are plenty of spots still open for this excellent training. The cost is very good, \$125 tuition, and room & meals for \$195 per night. If you have any inclination toward a leadership role in SAF or any other Volunteer Organization, I strongly encourage you to participate in this academy. Almost all of this years' council members have gone through the Academy in the past. President Thompson feels so strongly that leadership development is important that he re-vamped the Leadership Academy Committee into the SAF Leadership Development Committee. This 9-member committee will be guiding efforts to enhance & entice members to move into leadership roles within SAF.

If you have comments or concerns for Council to address, don't hesitate to contact me at [greg.russell@dnr.state.mn.us](mailto:greg.russell@dnr.state.mn.us) or by phone at 218-320-808-9522.

## MICHIGAN FORESTER TAKES THE LEAD

In the last several months our national office has chosen to switch the printing company that produces the many monthly and bi-monthly publications we all receive. Doing so has allowed state chapter publications such as our *Forester* newsletter to be printed and inserted in the *Forestry Source* monthly publication and mailed to all members.

What I was blissfully unaware of along with our executive team members is that we are the "eagle flight" for this process. No other state chapter has stepped forward prepared to venture down this path prior to us.

Needless to say it took some diligence to get the right person at our National office on the phone and in contact via email but I was fortunate to be connected with Bill Brumby, the Director of Advertising for our publications at the National office. Bill has been most helpful and interested in making this process possible. At one point I may have even had him truly interested in a summer vacation to the Upper Peninsula!

Hopefully, the *Forester* is blazing a path for other state chapters to reach out to its members as well. While it may take an issue or two to work some "kinks" I hope this issue has reached you appropriately but give us all a chance to make it even better over the next several issues.

Thanks go out to Kevin Huston at Gazette Printers in Indiana, Pennsylvania and of course to Bill Brumby at our National Office for all their help in letting us soar into the next phase of printing the *Michigan Forester*.

Brenda Owen, Editor

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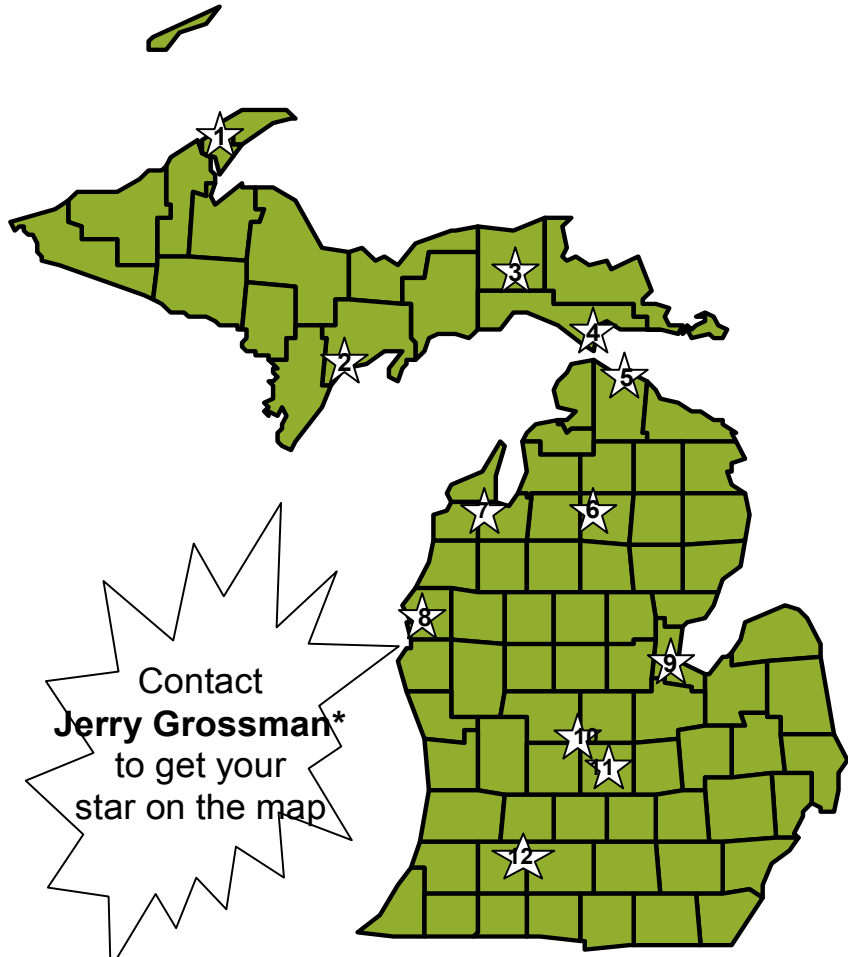
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