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40 YEARS IN SAF

That deserves front page treatment every time. Congratulations gentlemen!
Recipients of the SAF 40 year pins in order from left to right . . .
Dean Reid, Mike Mang, Dan Farnsworth, Bernie Hubbard, and Glenn Moll
March 2009, Spring MSAF Meeting, Sault Sainte Marie, MI



FALL CONFERENCE SCHEDULED

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Oak Management
October 20th & 21st, 2009
Ramada Inn, Grayling

Watch for details in the next issue due out in September. The Lower Peninsula Chapter is preparing for the fall meeting already and hopes to see more and more people in attendance. Participate in a quality program and earn your CFE credits. It's also a great way to network, catch-up with old friends, socialize, and hopefully walk away with a door prize or two or three depending on how your luck runs!

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From the Editor

At the Spring meeting it was decided to conserve finances and we will be publishing this edition of the *Forester* and one more in September then not again until January of 2010 so figure this in when you have a submission.

I have learned a valuable lesson in this issue. Never plan a June publication. All the work for it takes place in May, peak garden preparation time. For many of you that don't know I highly favor horticulture (but don't tell the trees.)

I hope to see many of you at the Fall meeting in Grayling! Brenda

EUP Citizen Advisory Council UPDATE

At the spring meeting in Sault Ste. Marie I requested that my seat on the Eastern Upper Peninsula Citizen Advisor Council to MDNR be filled by another MSAF member. Do to the lengthy monthly meetings I have been unable to attend more than about one meeting every other month and I do feel that MSAF needs a steady representative on that Council. Unfortunately it has become apparent that the selection committee that MDNR uses to place people on this Council and it's western counterpart will not specifically appoint a member from one group to replace someone of that same group. They will fill the vacancies as they deem most appropriate regardless of group representation.

MSAF must have a voice on the Council in both locations as often as possible. I will continue to be at as many meetings as possible during the remaining 3 years of my 4 year appointed term and in the event I must be absent at a crucial meeting I will call in a few favors of fellow MSAF members to sit in as a visitor.

We are fortunate to have other MSAF members on the Council representing other groups. As a whole we make up a wide base of natural resource professionals.

Please see page 7 for information regarding the most recent issue that both Councils have before them for consideration.

Brenda Owen, MSAF Rep. for EUP-CAC



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NATIONAL CONVENTION
September 30 through
October 4th, 2009
Orlando, Florida
Walt Disney World Resort

Watch your mail for more information or visit the SAF website at www.safnet.org

Upper Peninsula Chapter News
Maria Janowiak, UP Chapter Chair

Thank you to everyone who helped make the spring meeting a success! This year's meeting was held in Sault Ste. Marie, MI earlier this year and was hosted jointly by Michigan SAF and the Canadian Institute of Forestry Central Ontario Section. Over 100 people attended to listen to nearly 20 speakers present both US and Canadian perspectives on the topic "Today's Forests – Tomorrow's Markets".

I'd like to express my thanks to the meeting presenters, all of the attendees, and those individuals that worked to make the meeting run smoothly. Al Cameron, Jeff Fera, and Tom Noland represented CIF on the planning committee and were a great help. Tom Seablom and John Hamel provided valuable insights on how to make a successful SAF meeting. Les Homan worked twice as hard on the planning committee as a member of both SAF and CIF as well as being the one to champion the idea of a joint meeting. Thanks also to Mike Elenz and Jeff Fera for organizing the raffle, Bill Cook for posting the presentations (visit the MSAF website to see them!), and everyone else who pitched in.

We also had a number of excellent sponsors including: Natural Resources Canada, St. Mary's Paper, Holli Forest Products, and Plum Creek, so please remember to thank those companies if you have the chance.

In other chapter news, we continue to be represented on the Eastern and Western UP Citizens Advisory Councils for MDNR by Brenda Owen and Jim Schmierer, respectively.

The UP Chapter is also planning to have a social activity this summer, so stay tuned for details.

**SPRING CONFERENCE
PHOTO RECAP**



Glenn Moll (standing)
and Tom Seablom



Left to right: UP Chapter Chair Maria Janowiak, Bill Hasse, and Linda Nagel



Interested audience members await the next presentation.

Council Report

Submitted by: Greg Russell, CF

Dist. 5 Council Representative

SAF Council met in Bloomington, MN on Feb. 21 & 22. Council and I wish to thank Rebecca Barnard and Lance Sorensen for attending a portion of the meeting. We appreciate it when local members attend and provide first hand input.

Council received updates from our Executive Vice President on a number of issues including: 1) member services delivery; 2) property update [see December Forestry Source]; 3) membership reports; 4) database & technology; 5) finance. Overall SAF is in pretty good shape due to changes in our investment schemes over the past 5 years. Although we anticipate a deficit, we will be on reasonably sound footing financially. Membership renewals are well ahead of the average over the past 5 years (10,000+ renewals to date). With recent turnover in personnel we have had some glitches in delivering services, such as membership reports and invoices. Staff members are diligently working out these difficulties. A new communications system will be installed in the next month or two that will make it easier for staff to do their work. Along with this upgrade our database system will be upgraded. This upgrade will enable SAF to provide better service to the membership, such as webpage hosting & support and standardization of State Society web pages, real-time membership reports, one stop membership renewals & receipts, online registration for state/chapter meetings; conference calling for state & chapter use, webinars, etc. Though this was not included in our annual budget, Council overwhelmingly approved this improvement.

Council was also agreed to cancel the 2009 SAF Leadership Academy, as pre-registration numbers were well below what was needed to conduct the event. Council approved a plan to offer portions of the Academy at this year's National Convention, in conjunction with the HSD meeting. Other portions of the Academy will be offered via web-based opportunities, and participants will fill out a task book to track their progress toward earning a leadership certificate.

Council approved a position statement on International Trade in Forest Products, and began discussing the need to develop a position statement on "Highgrading". As a result of those discussions, the Forest Science & Technology Board and the Committee on Forest Policy have been charged to look into existing literature & science, and current position statements, to determine if a position statement is appropriate.

The "Trees are the Answer" campaign was presented by past president Tom Thompson (for those that attended the recent MN SAF meeting you have seen the new bumper stickers related to this campaign). The campaign is an effort to re-connect the urban population with forestry and forests. Watch for more on this in future issues of the Forestry Source and the SAF Journals and promotional materials.

Lastly we had a good discussion on membership issues, particularly member retention. I have been tapped to serve as the Chair of the Council's Membership Subcommittee. The subcommittee will focus on ways to improve member retention, and to address issues that relate to "value" of SAF membership. In addition to these duties, I will also serve a one-year term on the Subcommittee on Cultural Diversity. This should keep me plenty busy over the remainder of my term as your District Representative. If you have any ideas related to these, or any other SAF issues, please contact me at the5russells@earthlink.net.

I would encourage all of you to consider nominating a deserving co-worker or colleague for one of the many SAF Awards (either national or local). We have many deserving members in MI SAF, and we continually fail to give the appropriate recognition they deserve. Finally, I would also encourage you to step up and take on a leadership role in your state society or chapter. There are currently several vacant leadership positions that are not very time-consuming or difficult. Contact myself, or our current state chair, Larry Leefers, for information on serving SAF.

Until next time, go recruit a colleague to join SAF so we can do good work for our profession.

Deadline for the next issue is
August 1, 2009!



MORE SPRING CONFERENCE PHOTOS

Above is Joyce Angel-Ling and another conference attendee review valuable information provided by the many quality presenters.

Below Maria Janowiak takes the opportunity to network during the social hour.



NOMINATIONS NEEDED

With summer now upon us it's hard to focus on the need to get nominations in for the FALL CONFERENCE in Grayling but time is of the essence, it'll be 4 short months from the time you read this until we regroup in Grayling.

Craig Kasmer, our awards chair, needs nominations for:

- * FORESTER of the Year
- * YOUNG FORESTER of the Year
- * RETIRED FORESTER of the Year

Also needed are the names persons worthy of CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION. The Fall Conference is when Craig will also be handing out SAF pins to mark your milestone years in SAF.

To nominate someone, a short paragraph explaining why you think the person is worthy of the award should be sent to Craig Kasmer: kasmerc@michigan.gov.

Craig will guide you from there with any other information he may need regarding a nominee.



Michigan Society of American Foresters

Year 2009 Budget Status Report

		Cash brought forward from previous year	\$ 2,589.88
Revenue	Expected 2009 Revenue	Revenue Received as of May 4, 2009	
State Society			
Membership Dues	\$ 3,500.00	\$	2,295.00
Interest	\$ 30.00	\$	7.56
Spring Meeting Proceeds	\$ 1,350.00	Approx. \$3400	
Fall Meeting Proceeds	\$ 1,350.00	\$	-
MI Forester Ads		\$	255.00
Michigan Forester Acct Balance transferred		\$	493.74
Fund Balance	\$ 720.00		
Contributions		\$	-
Total	\$ 6,950.00		

Expenses	Budgeted for 2009	Funds Disbursed as of May 4, 2009	
State Society			
HSD	\$ 240.00	\$	-
Chapter Dues	\$ 510.00	\$	-
Michigan Forester	\$ 1,200.00	\$	1,426.00
Society Administration	\$ 150.00	\$	180.00
MI Forester Editor Honorarium	\$ 200.00	\$	-
MI Forester Bus Mgr Honorarium	\$ 200.00	\$	-
Secretary Honorarium	\$ 200.00	\$	-
Treasurer Honorarium	\$ 200.00	\$	-
MTU & MSU Students to attend Nat'l Meeting	\$ 1,000.00	\$	-
Misc in-state travel expenses	\$ 200.00	\$	-
Michigan Bird Council Travel Support	\$ -	\$	-
National Meetings Attendance	\$ 1,500.00	\$	-
Donation to national raffle	\$ 150.00	\$	-
Leadership Academy (chair-elect) cancelled	\$ 1,500.00	\$	-
Awards	\$ 200.00	\$	6.00
Policy and Legislative Event		\$	-
Misc		\$	-
Total	\$ 7,450.00	\$	1,612.00

Total Michigan SAF cash as of:	May 4, 2009	\$ 4,029.18
Total Michigan SAF Education Fund cash as of:	May 4, 2009	\$ 4,960.34

**Michigan Society of
American Foresters
has cash assets
only.**

Prepared by: John Pilon, Treasurer

(The following was excerpted from a complete document submitted by the Michigan Association of Conservation Districts for approval from the Western and Eastern Upper Peninsula Citizen Advisory Councils. No material was altered in any way. Portions of the five page document were removed to fit in the allowed space.)

Michigan Association of Conservation Districts
Non-industrial Forestlands Program



This proposed program will address the 11 million acres (57%) of Michigan's forested resource owned by the non-industrial private landowners.

This proposed program was created by the Michigan Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) over the last two years using advice, expertise, and history from both past and current non-industrial forestland assistance and educational efforts.

The purpose of this program is to assist non-industrial private forestland owners with their personal land ownership goals and objectives. The main goal is to encourage active management of their forest resource while maintaining forest ecosystems, biological resources, sustainability and a supply of forest products for the future.

The main objective is to increase understanding of the benefits of actively managing their forestlands by developing long-term management plans that will ensure sustainability of social, economic, ecological, and environmental resources. Increased wildlife habitat, recreational values, timber production, fiber production, and protection of soil and water resources provide economic benefits to Michigan under this holistic approach.

Conservation Districts have been chosen as the preferred delivery system by non-industrial private forest landowners. The three most important reasons are:

- Perceived as unbiased and have a strong history of trust from non-industrial private landowners
- Statewide coverage: Conservation Districts currently cover the entire state
- Most cost-effective: Proven fact (1/3 to 1/2 less cost than State or Federal Agencies)

A District would employ at least one individual to promote/coordinate the program.

Because of Michigan's current economic situation, we are proposing at this time a pilot program.

The pilot program would consist of 10 individual program areas: 4 in the U.P.; and 6 in the L.P.

The 10 pilot programs would run for 3 years.

Editorial Note: The MACD will be requesting funding from Michigan Legislature to fund these 10 pilot programs. For more information on the position of the EUP and WUP CAC's see the MDNR website at www.michigan.gov/dnr and go to the Commissions, Boards, and Committees tab on the left side of the screen. Minutes, agendas, and members are listed for each Council group.

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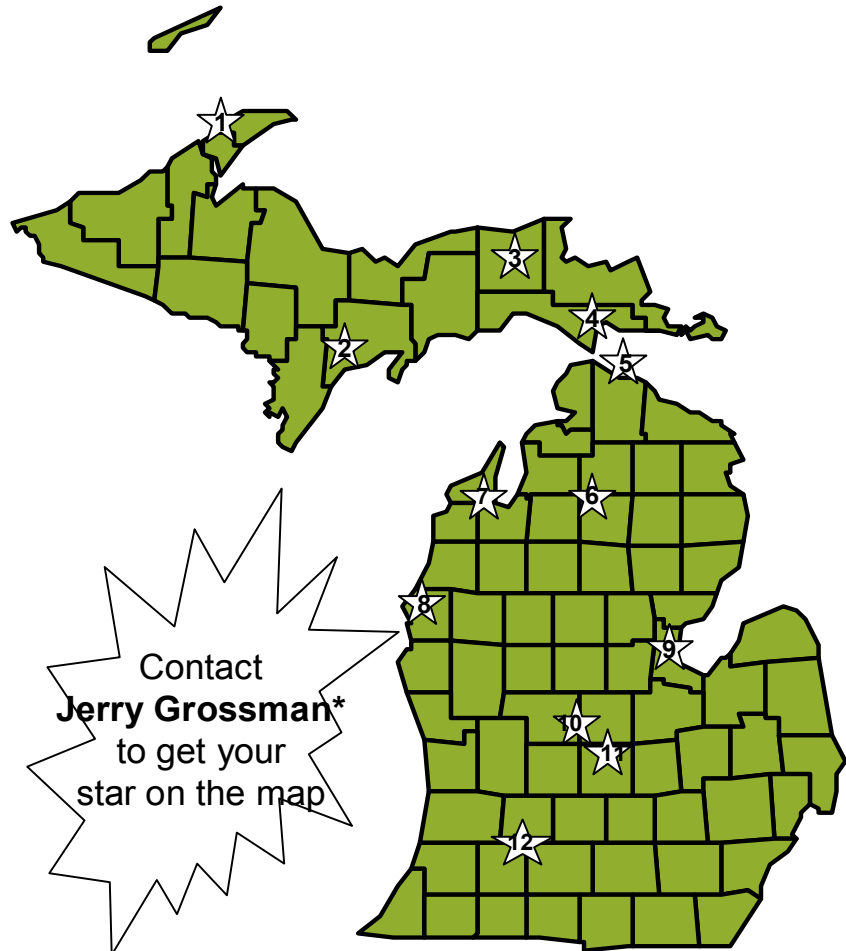
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