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SPRING CONFERENCE: MARCH 31, APRIL 1 ST. IGNACE, MI

The central location and lower meeting costs for the Spring MSAF conference should entice many members to come out and participate if they haven't recently. If that doesn't do it the broad spectrum of topics lined up by the UP chapter should do the trick. There will be something for everyone at this spring's meeting.

March 31st will offer a couple of discussions on forest health and maple decline, two discussions on timber sale access issues and then a technology update. That evening the group will gather for a social hour, a banquet meal by the Village Inn of St. Ignace, the Forester's Fund Raffle, and award presentations.

April 1st the group will listen to an update about timber assessments for an ethanol facility in the EUP, carbon markets, and then move on to LIDAR and finally to wrap up the morning a presentation, Compass Consulting from the Nature Conservancy will join us.

As we have done in the past, Friday, April 1st will wrap up around Noon to allow most everyone the opportunity to travel home and make it in time for the dinner bell.

Please plan on joining us for the Spring Conference and watch your mail for your registration form. Deadline to register will be March 17th so don't wait!

Rooms have been blocked at the Quality Inn of St. Ignace for \$65 per night but the block is limited so please call ahead and reserve your spot. 906-643-9700 for reservations.

Registration forms and contact information about the Spring Conference can also be found at the MSAF website:

www.michigansaf.org

View the Calendar and the appropriate date for the relevant information.

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SPRING CONFERENCE
ST. IGNACE, MI

Who's Who in 2011

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CFE Coordinator: Vacant



Calendar of Upcoming Events

Forestry Conference—Michigan's Assets - TENTATIVE

16 March, Lansing, Radisson

A high profile conference assembling legislators, NGOs, agencies, industry, and others

Contact: Amy Trotter (MUCC) at atrotter@mucc.org

MSAF Spring Conference

31 March & 1 April, St. Ignace, Little Bear Arena

Contact: Terry Manty at terrymanty@grossmanforestry.com

Sustainable Forestry Conference

Michigan Forest Products Council

14 April, Florence (WI), Downtown on Central

Cost: \$30, pre-registration required

Contact: Bill Cook at cookwi@msu.edu or Corrin Seaman at corrin.seaman@ces.uwex.edu

Michigan Forest Association Board Meeting

13 May, Trout Lake, Wegwas Lodge

Contact: Bill Botti at miforest@acd.net

19th Annual NE Wisconsin / UP Loggers Conference

Michigan Forest Products Council

23 May, Bark River, Island Resort & Casino

More information to come.

Welcome 2011! The year has been declared by the United Nations as the “Year of the International Forest”. What an opportunity to promote the forestry profession on all levels by getting involved and widening people’s perspectives, whether at the workplace or through other activities.

And of course through your local MSAF chapter! We are looking for members to become the State Society Vice Chair, LP Chapter Vice Chair, UP Chapter Vice Chair in the next round of elections. There is a need to fill the MSAF Education Fund (Forester’s Fund) Chair which Tom Seablom has done a great job at in the past few years. Also needed is someone to become the Continuing Forestry Education Coordinator, which Debra Huff has done such a great job at.

We have a new State Secretary, Jason Darling and we thank Martha Sjogren for her many years of record keeping. Laurie Marzolo has agreed to fill the Science and Technology Team Leader, which I vacated. Georgia Peterson has stepped up to be the LP Secretary/Treasurer when Doug Lee became the LP Chapter Chair for this year.

SAF Districts V and IX are planning a regional leadership academy tentatively set for the first part of June. It would start Friday afternoon and end by Sunday afternoon. Bernie Hubbard is assisting with the planning efforts. The goal is to have it somewhat centrally located (NE Missouri, central Illinois...) and have participants only pay for their transportation costs, the rest to be covered by sponsorships and/or the SAF Education Fund. This is a great opportunity to improve leadership skills and network with other foresters, even learn more about the SAF organization. Any member can attend, but attendance is limited, so contact Bernie at forestmeister@sbcglobal.net if you are interested.

At the Jan 28th strategy planning meeting, the executive committee discussed re-aligning some of the duties and sharing a few tasks across teams’ responsibilities. A proposed “Outreach Team” was introduced that would coordinate and organize the spring and fall meetings each year. The goal is to streamline some functions, not reinvent the wheel each year, and also assist with publications like the conference brochures, the Auto Tour pamphlets and updates to the Green Book.

We also discussed some of the opportunities for public outreach that are tentatively planned by other groups or ourselves such as:

- * Forestlands Conference in March
- * Michigan Forest Management Guidelines publication (green book)
- * Promoting the U.P. auto tour
- * Sponsor a teacher at Trees for Tomorrow workshop
- * Host a “Ties to the Land”/ Family Forest Succession workshop
- * Promoting ‘Management of Forests’ by billboard advertising

The new year promises new occasions to promote our forestry profession along with its challenges. Do not be afraid to help out in any way, it takes all of us foresters together to be recognized for what we do so well! See you at the Spring Conference!

Joyce Angel-Ling
State Society Chair, 2011-2013

WE WANT YOU!!



There's no doubt about it, we need more volunteers and we need them in a lot of places within the State Society right NOW.

We currently have openings for the following positions and are looking for active members of MSAF to step up and volunteer. Even if you've held a position previously there is no reason why you can't consider another position!

Vacancies:

UP Vice Chair, 2011 and 2012

2 year position that moves to Chair in 2013
Interested? Contact Terry Manty

LP Vice Chair, 2011

1 year position that moves to Chair in 2012
Interested? Contact Doug Lee

Forestry Education Fund, beginning 2011

Minimum of 1 year, can continue at length
Interested? Contact Tom Seablom or Joyce Angel-Ling

CFE Coordinator, beginning 2011

Minimum of 1 year, can continue at length
Interested? Contact Deb Huff or Joyce Angel-Ling

SEE PAGE 2 FOR CONTACT INFORMATION

2011 SPRING SAF CONFERENCE

A meeting hosted by

The Michigan Society of American
Foresters

March 31st and April 1st
2011

Little Bear Arena, St Ignace, MI

Contact for registration questions:

John Hamel (906-942-7855)

Contact for program questions:

Terry Manty (906-293-8707)

NOMINATIONS NEEDED!!

Awards chairman Craig Kasmer needs your nominations for the Fall Conference Award ceremony.

We are looking for nominations for :

- * Forester of the Year 2011
(age 36 and over)
- * Young Forester of the Year 2011
(age 35 and under)
- * Retired Forester of the Year
(must be RETired, not just tired)
- * SAF Fellow (see national website for beginning instructions)

Email Craig Kasmer at :
kasmerc@michigan.gov or call 989-348-2537
to nominate an MSAF member

Membership Summary for 2010

(Submitted by Amy Douglass, Membership Chair)

We are starting the year with 415 members. While we purged 35 members last year, we are not too far off where we started in 2010 (421 members). However, we still need to try to gain, not lose, membership.

Student membership has been climbing over the last several years. In 2008 we had 31 members. Currently we have 72! These students account for 17% of our membership. Five years ago students comprised 6% of our membership. In 1995 we saw a similar ratio of student members, but our total membership was 650. It's great to see the student number rise, but we need to be able to keep them as members when they graduate.

Let's make it a goal to try to recruit new members. I'm sure each of us knows someone who is not currently a member. Invite them to a meeting or share your magazines. Let them know how you benefit from being a member and how membership can benefit them also. Remember, the national office can work out payment plans if needed.

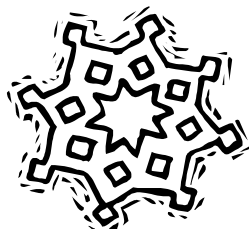
Please welcome our new, transferred and reinstated members for 2010:

Andrew O. Finley
Matt J. Manders
James B. Wieferich
Anna Nahuel Hess
Chelsea M. Murawski
Jill Smith
Keri Deneau
Patricia Rose Butler
Lars A. Brudvig
Lucas E. Berger
Brock R. VanOss
Robert C. Makowski
Paul Howard Gerhart
Sarah J. Sterling
Karlis J. Lazda
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Marc A. Richards
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John Paul Moses
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Gretchen L. Tolksdorf
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Dalia Abbas
Shivan . G.C.
Andrea Liberatore
Michael Robert Warburton
Marcella A. Campione
Andrew Babcock
Heather Marie Surface
Sara Rose Tanis
Trevor L D Roberts
Matthew R. Magruder
Molly V. Rooney
Gabriel Thoumi
Michelle E. Latsch

Let us remember our deceased members with fondness:

Aurelio Marzolo
William F. Spinner
Martin K. Nelson
Richard R. Erickson
Eino N. Sainio



MSAF Fall Conference November 4th & 5th, 2010

The Lower Peninsula Chapter hosted the Fall Conference and the group gathered in Grayling to hear more about “Considerations and Innovations for Managing Michigan’s Lowland Forests”. The conference was jointly hosted with the Michigan Chapter of the Association of Consulting Foresters and saw higher than usual numbers in attendance. Approximately 130 participated in Thursday’s all day sessions and 110 joined together for the buffet meal.

As entertaining as always, the Foresters Fund Raffle provided comic relief and generated necessary funds. Many thanks to Tom Seablom for his efforts! (Tom would like to step down—see page 4 for details)

Lower Peninsula Chair Pete Squibb and Secretary/Treasurer Doug Lee planned out a field tour the second day that involved a demonstration of a new Ponsse Corporation processor by James Charlier. Despite the cold rainy day about 40-50 people join in for the group tour and demonstration.



Pete Squibb (right), 2010 Lower Peninsula Chapter Chair prepares to introduce Dr. Rod Chimner from Michigan Technological University to the group. Dr. Chimner spoke on the “Ecological Effects Associated with Lowland Timber Harvests”.



MSAF member Shawn Hagan took a few minutes to be recognized by the group and accepted a round of applause for being awarded the SAF Presidential Field Forestry Award for District V at the 2010 National SAF convention. Award recipients are identified as outstanding field foresters by Council members in their voting district. A tremendous congratulations go out to Shawn for being nominated and chosen to receive this award.

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Year 2010 Budget Status Report

Revenue	Expected 2010 Revenue	Revenue Received as of December 31, 2010
State Society		
Membership Dues	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,937.50
Interest	\$ 20.00	\$ 24.82
Spring Conference Proceeds	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,077.19
Fall Conference Proceeds	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,800.00
Michigan Forester Ads	\$ 200.00	\$ 972.50
Contributions/Reimbursements		\$ 46.00
PLT Honorarium	\$ 200.00	\$ 250.00
Total	\$ 5,420.00	\$ 8,108.01

Expenses	Budgeted for 2010	Funds Disbursed as of December 31, 2010
State Society		
HSD Dues	\$ 230.00	\$ 235.40
Upper & Lower Chapter Dues	\$ 500.00	\$ 438.00
Michigan Forester	\$ 1,284.00	\$ 1,085.32
Administration	\$ 200.00	\$ 138.39
State Chair		\$ -
Michigan Forester Editor Honorarium	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Michigan Forester Bus Mgr Honorarium	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Secretary Honorarium	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Treasurer Honorarium	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
MTU & MSU student national meeting attendance	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
National Conference attendance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 949.84
Leadership Academy (biennial)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
Awards	\$ 250.00	\$ 109.75
PLT Honorarium	\$ 200.00	\$ 250.00
Archives	\$ 200.00	\$ 143.09
Misc		\$ 46.00
Total	\$ 6,664.00	\$ 4,695.79

Total Michigan SAF cash as of:

December 31, 2010	\$ 9,019.73
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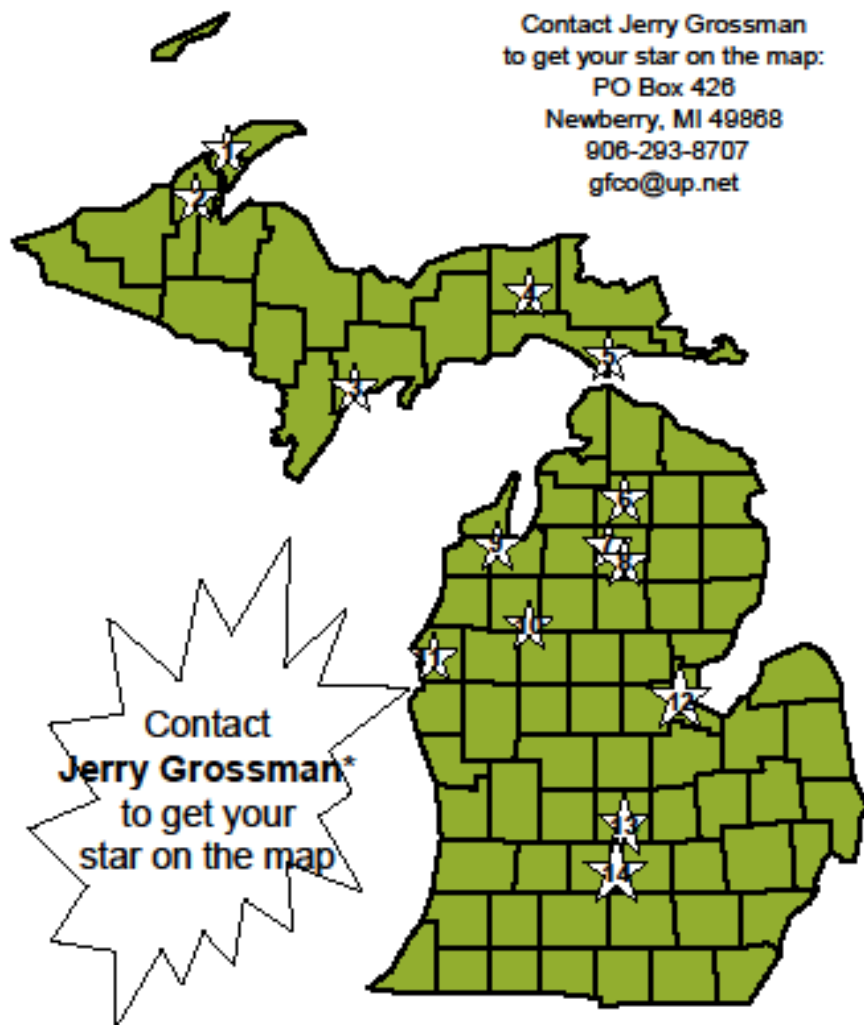
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American Foresters
has cash assets only.**

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* Estimate

Michigan's Forestry Consultants... The "stars" of Michigan's forests!

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