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## ATTENTION MEMBERS!!!

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### *No More Replacement Refs*

A well-trained group of students from Michigan Tech went to the SAF convention in Spokane, Washington ready for the annual Student Quiz Bowl. After a dominating victory in the first round the Michigan Tech team faced Minnesota in Round 2. At the end of regulation it was all tied up - the round went into a one-question, sudden-death overtime: Name the term that describes a region or land area drained by a single stream, river, or drainage network. The Michigan Tech answer: drainage basin. The officials huddled to determine if the answer is correct; it wasn't what they expected. The ruling on the field, INCORRECT, and Minnesota steals the victory based on bad officiating. The officials' correct answer was "watershed." Unfortunately, the poorly trained officials did not know the entire definition of watershed. The Dictionary of Forestry, online at the SAF website, lists drainage basin as a synonym for watershed. Once again, Midwesterners are subjected to bad officiating in the State of Washington. 🌱

Blair Orr  
Professor of Forestry, Michigan Tech  
Owner, Green Bay Packers

## *Fall Conference Recap*

This fall's meeting was held at Treetops Resort in Gaylord, MI. There were 11 speakers talking about the topic of "Forest Parcelization in Michigan: Implications and Challenges". This was a very interesting topic as the issues resulting from parcelization often create challenges when managing Michigan's natural resources. I would like to thank all those who attended, there were approximately 60 people in attendance.

I would like to thank all of the presenters for their interesting and informative presentations. A copy of all of these presentations will be posted to the Michigan SAF webpage thanks to Bill Cook. I would like to thank those who helped make this conference successful. Lee Mueller, Georgia Peterson, Doug Lee, and Bill Cook were all instrumental in planning and organizing the conference.

The banquet and raffle were a great success. Bill Rockwell, President of the National SAF, provided a special presentation about the day to day challenges/changes that SAF faces and how we as members and professionals can "get on the bus" and help make a difference. There were over 18 companies/individuals who sponsored the event by making donations to the "Forester's Education Raffle", and as always Craig Kasmer provided an entertaining awards ceremony honoring all the many accomplishments by members of the Michigan SAF. 🌿

Chad Fate  
LP Chapter Chair

### *Have something to share?*

*The Michigan Forester* is published three times per year. Your articles, ideas, suggestions, photos, etc., are always welcome. Please submit your information to Tori Irving at [toriiirving@gmail.com](mailto:toriiirving@gmail.com). Tori can also be contacted at 906-458-1210 or 906-341-8463.

## *Obituary*

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### *Robert S. Manthy*

Robert S. Manthy, age 73, of Lansing, MI, passed away November 11, 2012. He was born April 4, 1939, in Chicago, IL. He is survived by his wife, Carol A. Manthy; son, Robert S. Manthy, Jr.; daughter, Jill Manthy Langosch; and 8 grandchildren, Vincent, Jillian, Blue, Samuel, Mary, Roxanne, Catherine and James.

Dr. Manthy was Professor Emeritus upon his retirement from Michigan State University in 1997. He received his Bachelor's degree in forestry and Master's and Ph.D. in forest economics from Michigan State University. The late Dr. Lee M. James guided his graduate studies. After a short stint as an economist with the U.S. Forest Service's Northeastern Forest Experiment Station in Upper Darby, PA, he returned to his alma mater. He joined the Department of Forestry in 1966 as an assistant professor and achieved the rank of professor in 1975.

He was an accomplished, energetic teacher and researcher. His teaching and research focused on forest economics and natural resource policy. An important thrust of his research was on economic scarcity of natural resources; his quantitative research in this area contributed to the national debate on our ability to use technology and substitution to overcome scarcity. He was a sought-after speaker for national events focused on forest policy. He was also a founder of Greentree Consultants, a successful consulting firm. Many of his graduate students went on to leadership roles within the U.S. Forest Service and elsewhere.

Per his wish cremation has taken place and no service will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Sparrow Hospice ([www.sparrow.org/Hospice](http://www.sparrow.org/Hospice)).

## *Elections & Opportunities*

“Thriving Forests, Essential Resources and Strong Community,” is what has been revealed as the essence of SAF's values. It is being fledged out as the fundamental guidance that will direct our future plans and actions. This concept with other key sentences were shared at the National Convention in Spokane, Washington and at the State Society's Fall Conference. Think it over for awhile. The phrase encompasses the variety of goals that foresters strive to accomplish, all the diversity within our profession, collaboration with other resource professionals and the various partnerships and friendships we build along the way.

Some positions will see new faces at the new year, along with a new chair (ballots were not finalized at this time), Chad Fate is going to manage the Forester Education raffle. Some other folks are moving to State positions as long as they can find someone to take their

Chapter position, or vice versa. It's great to see members get involved and I encourage everyone else to step into the available positions. You can always assist with specific activities as they come up, help plan the next conference or initiate something yourself and others will help with the event. We are fortunate to have such a good diverse group of foresters that contribute so much more than just their time.

My two year term as Chair is coming to a close, naturally I'm wondering where did the time go? It has been fun and challenging at the same time. Most of all, I want to thank those of you that have helped the Society (and me) with their time and knowledge. You have made my job much easier because of your dedication. Happy Hunting, Happy Holidays too! 🌿

Submitted by Joyce Angel  
State Chair, 2011-2012

## *New state initiative offers private forest landowners assistance, information in managing their lands*

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and local conservation districts have partnered on a new initiative – the Forestry Assistance Program – designed to increase active management of non-industrial private forest lands (private forestland owned by individuals).

The goal of this collaboration – bringing together landowners, conservation districts and private forestry consultants – is to boost the sustainable management of Michigan's private forest lands. Such collaboration will naturally help to foster the growth of the timber products industry in Michigan.

“Michigan is rich in forest resources managed by private ownership,” said Jamie Clover Adams, MDARD director. “This partnership will further cultivate the relationships between state government, conservation districts, private landowners and private consulting foresters in the management of these untapped lands to increase the growth of timber products.”

There are currently 11 million acres of non-industrial private forest land in Michigan. A survey (conducted by Michigan State University) of those private forest landowners concluded that only 20 percent of that 11 million acre resource is currently being actively managed for specific forestry outcomes.

Thirteen local conservation district foresters in 31 counties will provide on-site technical assistance to assess forest land quality and potential. Next, the foresters will work with landowners to identify their forest objectives for their land. Working through an established local network of private consultants, agency staff, industry representatives, timber buyers and conservation organizations, the conservation district foresters and landowners will plan a course of action to best meet those objectives. (Continued on page 5, *State Initiative*)

## *SAF's Role in Policy Formulation and a Summary of the SAF Policy Process*

The SAF national office established a formal natural resource policy program in 1971. Subsequent appointment of a full-time policy director reflected the profession's commitment to actively participate in developing policies regarding the country's renewable natural resources. According to Bylaw II-C, a forestry issue is "a matter relating to forestry, the resolution of which is of public importance." The forest policy department at the national office works closely with members in the formulation of both national and local position statements and in other resource policy activities regarding forestry issues.

SAF does not make natural resource policy. Instead, the Society participates in the political and administrative processes that generate policy by presenting our views to policymakers. These views — SAF position statements — are developed using a position taking process that is detailed in the SAF Bylaws.

SAF influences policy through the consistent development of high quality, science based positions on issues affecting renewable natural resources and their management. SAF's position is the professional view.

National Positions provide society with the professional view on a specific natural resource issue, and must be approved by at least two-thirds of the SAF Council (normally for a five-year period). Currently, there are 19 National Position Statements covering topics such as biodiversity, clearcutting, fire, roads and private forest management.


Unit Positions are formulated by state societies, divisions, or chapters, and are adopted by at least two-thirds of the unit's executive committee. The national office reviews all draft position statements to ensure their consistency with national position statements and Forest Policy Principles. The Society's forest policy principles, approved by referendum, guide the positions the Society takes in contributing its professional knowledge to public deliberation on forestry issues. Currently, MSAF has no active Position Statements - one Statement on Non-Industrial Private Forests expired on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and another on Fire Management expired on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012. We also have an expired Statement on White Tailed Deer.

The expiration of these policies has not caused an uproar from our members, which leads me to ask: "Are they still needed"?

The Non-Industrial Private Forests Position states that the Michigan Society of American Foresters encourages the expansion of programs to help retain private forestlands and improve the management of these lands. To accomplish this, the ... organizations [in Michigan] should agree on a set of principles and goals for NIPF programs and their respective roles and responsibilities in implementing these agreements.


The Fire Management statement supports stable and adequate funding for wildfire suppression and ongoing training in fire management agencies and local fire departments. Programs that educate landowners and local governments of the danger of wildfire and methods for minimizing risk also are sorely needed, as are fuel reduction programs. Michigan SAF also supports the use of prescribed fire under proper weather and fuel conditions to achieve clearly defined land management objectives. .... A cadre of highly trained and experienced personnel is essential for proper implementation of prescribed fire, and Michigan SAF advocates recurring training of personnel in agencies and organizations doing prescribed burning.

On white tailed deer, the Michigan Society of American Foresters advocates the sustainable use and management of all Michigan forest resources for the good of society. To do this, white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) populations must be low enough to allow for the regeneration of forests and the development of desired plant communities and wildlife habitats.

Are the above expired Position Statements current forestry issues that require an MSAF position? If you have comments, opinions or concerns about renewing these policies or have ideas for any additional Position Statements, please contact me at [heyimd@michigan.gov](mailto:heyimd@michigan.gov) (517-335-3342).

Doug Heym  
MSAF Policy Chair

## ***Forester Safety and Logging Operations***

Safety in and around logging jobs can never be over emphasized within the forestry profession. Most of us, throughout our career, inspect timber sales on a regular basis. While accidents rarely happen most of us have had a close call or a “dent in the fender” to prove otherwise. Upon inspecting an active timber sale in late October, I found it odd to see a badly damaged log truck at a landing with a damaged radiator, cowling and broken windshield. With moose/vehicle accidents being a rarity in the Eastern UP, I had to ask the logging crew what had happened. The crew explained that the skidder operator was on the landing and while sorting out numerous species of product would move a few chains here and there to the respective piles. Little did the operator know that while he was unloading, a log truck had arrived on the job and parked approximately 100 feet behind him. With his fully loaded skidder the operator moved in reverse which only provided a clear view to the sides of his machine and not the log truck directly in harms way. The skidder operator explained that even once he had hit the log truck he was not aware of the problem and stated that if the vehicle would have been a pickup he would of likely went over the top of it. It goes without saying that we all need to be aware of our surroundings while on active timber sales and pick safe areas to park while doing sale inspections. When working near equipment never assume an operator knows you are present until you have made eye contact with them and keep a safe distance at all times. A few added steps of precaution can go along way in terms of forester safety in and around logging operations. Stay safe out there! 

Jason Caron  
Forester, MDNR

## ***Upcoming Events***

**Midwestern Foresters Conclave**  
*April 5-7, 2013*  
Michigan State University Campus

**Sustainable Forestry Conference**  
*April 11, 2013*  
Florence, WI

**Heating the Midwest with Renewable Biomass**  
*April 24-26, 2013*  
Carlton, MN  
Black Bear Casino & Resort

**Michigan Association of Timbermen Annual Convention**  
*April 26-27, 2013*  
Boyne Mountain Resort  
Boyne Falls, MI


**68th Annual Lake States Logging Congress & Equipment Expo**  
*September 5-7, 2013*  
UP State Fair Grounds  
Escanaba, MI

### ***State Initiative (Cont'd)***

Conservation districts will host workshops and field days to showcase forest management opportunities throughout Michigan. More information on the collaborative program can be found at [www.michigan.gov/forestryassistanceprogram](http://www.michigan.gov/forestryassistanceprogram). This website also includes contact information for local conservation district foresters available to help private landowners.

“This program is different because it encourages landowners to first work with their local conservation district foresters to discuss and map out goals, and then bring in the private forest consultants for planning and work on the land,” said DNR Director Keith Creagh. “It’s an approach that addresses the information needs of the private landowners, supports the consulting forestry industry, and brings more product to market for the timber industry.”

“Conservation Districts stand ready to deliver this initiative,” said Art Pelon, Michigan Association of Conservation Districts President. “Districts are the trusted local resource for natural resource assistance and we are pleased to be partnering with MDARD and the DNR on this program to address the significant forest resource held by non-industrial private landowners in Michigan.”

For more information on other assistance and stewardship programs that private landowners can consider in managing their forests, visit the DNR website at [www.michigan.gov/privateforestland](http://www.michigan.gov/privateforestland). 

Rick Lucas  
CD Forester

## *MiSAF Members Receiving Membership Pins in 2012*

Submitted by Craig Kasmer, Awards Chair

Every Spring Conference and Fall Conference, Membership Recognition Pins are handed out at the evening banquet. Please take a moment to see if your name is on the list of pin recipients for this year. If it is, be sure to attend one (or why not both?) of the conferences this year; if you recognize a friend/colleague/neighbor etc. that is on the list, please let them know that they are on the pin recipient list.

### *10 Year Pin 2012 Recipients*

(Member Since 2002)

Ms. Allison L. Buell  
Mr. Randal D. Charles  
Mr. Anthony J. Dombrowski  
Mr. Chad Fate  
Mr. Paul A. Filary  
Mr. Adam L. Gahagan  
Ms. Karen M. Gardner  
Mr. Gavin Green  
Mr. Jason Hartman  
Mr. Chad Hiltunen  
Mr. James M. Malloy

Mr. Jason McClure  
Mr. Charles E. Michaels  
Dr. Georgia Peterson  
Ms. Marla J. Rader  
Mr. Paul Rentschler  
Mr. Nicholas A. Ronning  
Mr. Benjamin D. Rubin  
Dr. Andrew J. Storer  
Ms. Rachel A. Tarpey  
Mr. Gary L. Willis  
Mr. Joseph B. Wyderko

### *20 Year Pin 2012 Recipients*

(Member Since 1992)

Mr. Daniel J. Aiken  
Mr. Robert Gentry  
Mr. Marshall F. Gilbert  
Mr. Shawn P. Hagan  
Mr. Carl W. Heinowski  
Mr. David D. Neumann  
Ms. Kirsten A. Nielsen  
Mr. Todd Siegert  
Mr. Darrell A. Sillings  
Mr. Michael W. Touchinski

### *30 Year Pin 2012 Recipients*

(Member Since 1982)

Mr. Robert T. Aschbacher  
Ms. Debbie A. Begalle  
Mr. Dale E. Ekdom  
Mr. Laurence G. Heibel  
Mr. Mark P. Janke  
Dr. Daniel E. Keathley  
Mr. Peter H. Klink  
Mr. Rick Lucas  
Mr. Robert G. Lueckel  
Ms. Maureen H. McDonough  
Dr. Blair D. Orr

### *40 Year Pin 2012 Recipients*

(Member Since 1972)

Mr. Robert E. DeVillez  
Mr. Stephen Kelley  
Mr. Thomas L. Kelley  
Mr. William G. Rogers  
Mr. Allen D. Saberniak  
Mr. Kenneth W. Salo  
Mr. Donald W. Tracey

### *50 Year Pin 2012 Recipients*

(Member Since 1962)

Mr. Walter F. Kuntze  
Mr. Jack Titus  
Mr. Russell J. Weisinger

### *60 Year Pin 2012 Recipients*

(Member Since 1952)

Dr. Burton V. Barnes  
Dr. Charles E. Olson

All transactions are linked to Ledger Sheet		<b>MICHIGAN SAF EDUCATION FUND ACCOUNT - 2012</b>				
CHECK NUMBER	2012	TRANSACTION	DESCRIPTION	SUBTRACTIONS	ADDITIONS	BALANCE
	1/24/12	James & Kaura Ferris Contribution	Contribution		\$ 100.00	\$ 5,443.04
1422	2/9/12	Michigan Outdoor Advertising	September - February rent	\$ 2,350.00		\$ 3,093.04
1426	3/8/12	Ryan Hauser-Jeryc	MSU Leadership Scholarship	\$ 250.00		\$ 2,843.04
1433	4/13/12	Printex, Inc	Green Book Printing	\$ 844.00		\$ 1,999.04
	4/24/12	Baumgarten Forest Products, Inc	Donation for Raffle Prize		\$ 25.00	\$ 2,024.04
1434	4/25/12	Tim Lawrence	MTU Leadership Scholarship	\$ 250.00		\$ 1,774.04
	5/24/12	Education Fund Raffle Sales	Spring Conference Ticket Sales		\$ 506.00	\$ 2,280.04
1443	6/29/12	UP Chapter SAF	Auto Tour	\$ 1,300.00		\$ 980.04
1455	10/26/12	Chad Fate	Funds to purchase raffle prizes	\$ 250.00		\$ 730.04
	10/29/12	Holli Forest Products	Donation for Raffle Prize		\$ 50.00	\$ 780.04
	10/29/12	Baumgarten Forest Products, Inc	Donation for Raffle Prize		\$ 25.00	\$ 805.04
	11/2/12	Education Fund Raffle Sales			\$ 660.00	\$ 1,465.04
1456	11/6/12	Chad Fate	Funds to purchase raffle prizes	\$ 48.57		\$ 1,416.47
	11/7/12	Jack Thomas	Purchased donated Ed Fund item		\$ 50.00	\$ 1,466.47
						\$ 1,466.47

## Michigan Society of American Foresters

### Year 2012 Budget Status Report

Revenue	Expected 2012 Revenue	Revenue Received as of November 8, 2012
<b>State Society</b>		
Membership Dues	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,510.00
Interest	\$ 70.00	\$ 38.03
Spring Conference Proceeds	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,560.00
Fall Conference Proceeds	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
Michigan Forester Ads	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,050.00
Reimbursements/Greenbook		\$ 1,688.00
PLT Honorarium	\$ 200.00	\$ 250.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 8,096.03</b>

Expenses	Budgeted for 2012	Funds Disbursed as of November 8, 2012
<b>State Society</b>		
HSD	\$ 230.00	\$ -
Chapter Dues	\$ 350.00	\$ -
Michigan Forester	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 646.98
Society Administration	\$ 130.00	\$ 305.29
State Chair	\$ 200.00	\$ 31.80
MI Forester Editor Honorarium	\$ 200.00	\$ -
MI Forester Bus Mgr Honorarium	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Secretary Honorarium	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Treasurer Honorarium	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Students to Nat'l Meeting	\$ 500.00	\$ -
National Meeting	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
Donation to Nat'l Raffle	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Leadership Academy		\$ -
Awards	\$ 200.00	\$ 36.00
PLT Honorarium	\$ 200.00	\$ 250.00
MSU Web Hosting	\$ 150.00	\$ 370.00
Greenbook Printing	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,376.00
Misc		\$ -
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 5,016.07</b>

Total Michigan SAF cash as of:	November 8, 2012	\$ 12,516.85
Total Education Fund cash as of:	November 8, 2012	\$ 1,466.47

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

**Prepared by: John Pilon, Treasurer**

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