

Michigan Society of American Foresters—the Spring Conference

“Forestry’s Future: People, Products, and Technology”

April 9-10, 2015

Ramada | 412 W Washington St | Marquette MI 49855

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Forestry is more than just cruising a stand of timber or loading wood onto a truck. There is a value chain from forestland to consumer purchase that makes the whole process sustainable. With rising costs, landowner changes, increased competition, environmental awareness and un-awareness, and market shifts in forest-derived products, the value chain has significantly changed over the years. What are some of the factors that have changed within the total chain? Are there any factors in this chain that foresters can control? How can technology help by creating greater efficiencies and synergies in forest management/operations? What forest management technology is on the market? Does it work? Is it cost-effective? What will the forest products landscape look like today and tomorrow? Do we have enough foresters, skilled trade workers, forest resources, and loggers to keep forestry and forest products systems healthy? We’ve invited people from all sectors of the forestry community to help answer these questions and we need you to help! Join us and learn what they have to say.

NAME _____ ORGANIZATION _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

FEE	SAF members	_____ \$125
	Students	_____ \$10
	Non-members	_____ \$135
	Additional banquet meals	_____ \$30

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

ADD \$15 for late/on-site registration (late registrations are those received after March 20th)

- A block of rooms is being held at the Ramada until March 18th, 2015. Call them directly at 906-228-6000 or 800-2-RAMADA (mention the SAF conference) to make your reservation with the group rate of \$75+tax for single occupancy.

- Registration includes breakfast both days, lunch both days, and the banquet dinner on Thursday (gluten-free & vegetarian options offered), refreshments, and coffee.

- Unfortunately we can’t offer refunds after March 20th.

Credit card registration payment? National SAF will have a link that we will send out soon. If you are considering being a vendor or sponsor, please see the vendor form (attached in emails).

Paying with a check? Mail this form and payment (written out to “Michigan SAF”) to:

Michigan SAF—C. Hohnholt
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Questions about registration or payments? Call Chris at 906-231-3321 or email him at cahohnho@mtu.edu

CFE credits will be available for the meeting.

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Conference Agenda (all times in EST)

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Preliminary Agenda Schedule and Topics*

Thursday, April 9th “Forestland Management Technology”	8:00 - 8:45am—Registration and Breakfast
	8:45 - 9:00 Welcome and Overview- Andy Van Dyke
	9:00 - 9:45 <i>GIS in Forestry</i> , Esri Forestry Group- Mark Books
	9:45 - 10:15 <i>Applications of Forest Technologies in the Field</i> - Brandon Bal, American Forest Management
	Break
	10:30 - 11:00 <i>Technologies in Smartphones and Tablets</i> - Donn Downey, Forest Metrix
	11:00 - 11:30 <i>Managing Forest Data</i> - Zack Parisa, SilviaTerra,
	11:30 - 12:00 <i>GPS Application Case Studies</i> - Mark Milligan, F4 Technologies
	12:00 - 12:45 Lunch
	<i>MI Biomaterials Initiative Update</i> – Mark Rudnicki
	<i>MI SAF Strategic Planning Update</i> – Georgia Peterson
	12:45 - 1:15 UP and LP Chapter Meetings –all are welcome to attend
	1:15 - 2:00 State Society Meeting – all are welcome to attend
	2:00 - 2:30 Remote Sensing Technologies and Forestry Implications
	Break
	2:45 - 3:10 <i>GIS Solutions</i> - TBD, Esri
	3:10 - 3:30 Forest Management Technology Presentations
	Break
	3:45 - 5:00 Panel Discussion: Forestry’s Future- Technology
	5:00 - 6:00 Social hour
6:00 - 9:00 Banquet and raffle	
Friday, April 10th “Forestry Future in Michigan”	7.30-8:00am —Breakfast
	8:00 - 10:00 – Forest Products Industry Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verso Corporation- Gordy Mouw • Northern Hardwoods- John Kantola • Biogenic Reagents- James Mennell • MI Logger Capacity Study- Karen Potter-Witter • More to come!
	Break
	10:25 – 12:00 - Panel Discussion: Future of Forest Industry- People and Products <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market Outlook • Biomaterial feasibilities • Logger Capacity • Transportation • Utilizing Technology • Other?
	12:00 – 2:00 – Break for a Working Lunch, Summary & Closing Statements

*Subject to change, speakers and topics are still in the confirmation process.