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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER - Tammy Cushing

It's that time of year again! The leaves have come out and with that comes the bustle of activity common to the end of the school year and the start of summer. With the end of the spring comes the delinquent member list from the National SAF office. Each spring chapter chairs receive a list of members who are not current with their dues. Maybe some of you reading this are on that list. If you are, please know that on June 1st you will be dropped from the SAF membership list. If this is something you intend to happen, please send me an email and let me know why (tamara.cushing@uky.edu). What is SAF not doing to keep you engaged? In many of the SAF chapters I've belonged to (5 since 1994!), I've heard people state that this or that was missing in the chapter. The best way to affect change is to be part of it! I would encourage you to contact your chapter chair and find out what you can do to become more active in your chapter. Each chapter struggles to find people willing to serve on committees or as officers. This is true at all levels of SAF. I attended the Leadership Academy last month in Maryland. SAF members from all over the country were in attendance and we all had the same problem, how do we get more people involved? Studies have shown that if you are involved you will continue to be a member. How can you be more involved? Maybe when I call to ask you to fill a vacancy on a committee, you will consider saying yes. Maybe you will call ME and volunteer in some capacity (859-257-2149 is my office). What change can you help affect within Kentucky-Tennessee SAF or your local chapter? In your chapter who has talents and abilities that you have not utilized? Strong chapters usually produce the most benefits for their members. If we want to be heard on policy issues, we have to have members. If you ask your neighbors, they have all heard of Sierra Club. How many have heard of SAF? Numbers. We need numbers to be heard.

The members of the Southeast Tennessee SAF chapter are planning the summer meeting for KT SAF. I hope many of you will be able to attend this meeting. My goal for this year is to have a strong unit with many involved members. Will you help me achieve this goal?

SAF COUNCIL REP - DISTRICT 9 - Roger Dale Weaver

The March SAF Council met at Bethesda on March 8 & 9. Our new President, Tommy Thompson called the meeting to order. Here are some highlights from this meeting:

Sale of the National Headquarters - Due diligence continues smoothly on the sale of the property to Nations Academy. Many of the details are still confidential due to the process, but all is going well and the Council and Staff are anticipating final closure on this deal soon. A report by John Moser, chair of the Relocation Task Force was made to Council. Several key decisions were offered and approved by Council to guide the committee. First, the direction to purchase instead of lease was proposed. Primarily due to control of the resource and the possibility for value appreciation, Council approved this direction. Secondly, the Task Force recommended that the location be centered on the Washington, D.C. area. Several factors contributed to this direction; the intent of the original donation was to have a presence in the DC area, the headquarters of many peer groups are housed here, a

policy office would have to be located here anyway, the DC area is in close proximity to many of the SAF members, and staff disruptions would be held to a minimum. After discussing these points and understanding the importance to move swiftly on these main decisions, Council approved this direction. The Task Force is now hiring a local realtor group to put together packages to consider.

National Communications Award - Council approved the adoption of the Communications Award as a National Award by changing the By-laws. It was also approved that the award be named the W.D. Hagenstein Award in honor of W.D. Hagenstein who has been one of the most prominent foresters in educating the public and legislators for many decades.

2008 Referendum Vote for Membership Changes — Council approved to add a referendum to the 2008 Voting Packet laying out the new recommended changes to the Membership Categories. Since this is a constitutional change, 2/3 of the membership must vote in approval for this change. This will simplify the membership categories and open up voting rights for all members.

Membership Survey and Strategic Planning — a large portion of the meeting lead us through a process to integrate the results of the membership survey with a strategic plan. An effort will be made this year to incorporate those changes and improvements offered by members through the survey into a working strategic plan. Look for a better process in strategic planning and implementation coming out in the months ahead.

Revisions to the By-Laws of State Societies — look for the revisions that will need to be added to every state society's by-laws. These will be the minimum necessary to allow for electronic voting, the unit forest policy process, renaming the vice-chair to chair-elect, and some compliance language.

Leadership Academy — the Leadership Academy will be held in 2008, April 26-29 at the Bolger Center for Leadership Development in Potomac, Maryland. This is a very worthwhile educational event for all up-and-coming leaders as well as seasoned ones as well. Let's try to get members to attend this function. Please send me your ideas on what you would like to see with the Leadership Academy's in the future. Should they be national or regional? How often should they be held? Should we try to hold regional ones with one national advanced academy? Give me your ideas.

Group Certification Process — SAF has been approached by a coalition of Maine parties who want to push forward the SAF Certified Forest Management System. So, a pilot project will be started in Maine to determine if there is enough energy to carry this forward and to answer the many questions involving certification. The CFMS Task Group and the representatives from Maine will develop a discussion paper to stimulate debate and to see if there is enough traction to continue. The test project will begin this summer.

Thanks for letting me serve. As always, I'm available for comment, suggestions, problems, and concerns. Roger Dale Weaver, Wood Fiber Analyst, Glatfelter Woodlands, PO Box 2500, Chillicothe, OH 45601; Roger.Weaver@glatfelter.com; Phone: 740-772-0865; Mobile: 740-649-4069; Fax: 740-772-3670

UPCOMING MEETINGS

KTSAF Summer 2008 Meeting

The KTSAF Summer Meeting will be hosted by the Southeastern TN SAF Chapter. Dates are June 11-13. Details in the attachment to this newsletter.

Tree Farm Inspector's Training at KTSAF Summer Meeting

A Tree Farm Inspector's Training in conjunction with the SAF summer meeting in June. Details are in the attachment on the KTSAF Summer meeting.

East Tennessee SAF Chapter

The East Tennessee SAF Chapter continues to meet at 7AM on the first Wednesday of each month. The location of the breakfast meeting is now at the Shoney's in **Oak Ridge**. It is located on Illinois Avenue

Cogongrass Workshop in Nashville on July 22

A Cogongrass Workshop will be held on Tuesday, July 22, 2008, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at the Ed Jones Auditorium on the Ellington Agricultural Center campus in Nashville. The Tennessee Exotic Pest Plant Council is organizing the workshop. Dr. Dave Moorhead of the University of Georgia Warnell School of Forest Resources will be conducting the training. For more information about the training, call or email Anni Self at Anni.Self@state.tn.us or 615-837-5313 by July 1 to register.

Cogongrass is widely considered to be the worst invasive plant threat in the Southeastern U.S. It invades forests, pastureland, and rights of way. It is highly flammable, a highway hazard, and destroys wildlife habitat and recreational value of land. Eradication can be costly, up to \$200 per acre.

On April 15, 2008, the USDA confirmed the first infestation of cogongrass in Tennessee.

FORESTER REGISTRATION IN TENNESSEE - Dave Walters

During the winter K-T SAF meeting, members accepted and voted to support the proposal for registration of foresters in Tennessee. The committee that analyzed options and generated the proposal was thanked and disbanded. In February, a small group of KT SAF members met and committed to keep the proposal moving. The group felt that strong support from forest landowners and a thorough process of vetting must occur before any legislation was introduced. They also decided that the Forestry Commission, under its charge to "Recommend to the General Assembly legislation to protect, conserve and develop the forest resources of the state" would be the most appropriate body to gather public comments and introduce legislation establishing a formal Registration of Foresters.

On April 8, Dr. Gary Schneider, Credentialing Committee member, presented the proposal to the Forestry Commission. After some discussion, the Forestry Commission adopted (with no dissenting votes) a motion to "...accept the recommendation of the Tennessee SAF for registration of foresters and accept the responsibility to further refine the proposal toward legislation". Commission Chairman Bill Williams asked Candace Dinwiddie to circulate the proposal and gather input from Tennessee Forestry Association members. He also appointed himself, Jimmy Reeves and John Ross to be the committee to receive comments on behalf of the Commission.

Since that time John Ross has been seeking and receiving comments on the proposal. John has received feedback from a variety of landowners, foresters and others interested in forestry including many of the boards of forestry in the South.

The Forestry Commission will meet in August and likely discuss comments they have received and identify their next steps.

SAF members are encouraged to contact John Ross jnojross@bellsouth.net with their comments about forester registration. Members who belong to TFA are highly encouraged to contact Candace

and the TFA board members to express their concerns/ support: P.O. Box 290693, Nashville, Tennessee 37229; 615-883-3832; Fax: 615-883-0515; info@tnforestry.com .

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Kentucky's Forests, 2004

The USDA Forest Service Forest Inventory and Analysis program has published Kentucky's Forests, 2004. The publication represents the most recent comprehensive assessment of the forest resources of Kentucky. Compiled by authors from the Southern Research Station, the report can be found on the web here: http://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/pubs/rb/rb_srs129.pdf Contact Christopher M. Oswalt at 865-862-2000 for further information.

Clatterbuck named Forest Landowner's Association's Extension Forester of the Year

The Forest Landowners Association's Extension Forester of the Year for 2008 is UT Extension professor Wayne Clatterbuck . The organization is comprised of forest landowners in 17 southern states. The purpose of this award is to recognize an extension forester for exceptional contributions to forest landowner education, issues, and services. The Extension Forester of the Year Award allows the Forest Landowners Association to single out one individual among that group who has made great strides in the advancement of forest landowner education and outreach. Dr. Wayne K. Clatterbuck is a Professor in Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. His responsibilities are in forest management education and include assistance to the county extension network in forestry, coordinator of the Tennessee Master Logger Program, forest landowner education, urban forestry, and continuing education for forestry professionals. He has been with the university since 1995. Dr. Clatterbuck earned a B.S. in Forestry with a minor in soils from the University of Kentucky in 1978. Subsequently, he received a M.S. in Forestry in 1980 and a Ph.D. in Forestry with minors in Soils and Botany from the Mississippi State University in 1985. In addition to his extension responsibilities, Clatterbuck teaches the undergraduate silviculture course each fall and a graduate class on Forest Growth and Development biennially. His primary research interest is in forest stand dynamics focusing on the ecological changes in species composition, stand structure and development during forest succession and following forest disturbance.

CLOSED TRAVERSE

Victor A. Rudis, age 57 of Knoxville, Tennessee, passed away on November 15, 2007, in his home after a long illness. Born in Boston, MA, he earned a BS in Biology from Boston College, a MS in Ecology from Rutgers University and a MS in Forestry from the University of Wisconsin. For the past 27 years he was a Research Forester with the USDA Forest Service, Southern Research Station, Forest Inventory and Analysis Unit. At the beginning of his career, he was one of the pioneers in efforts to incorporate and study the non-forest issues in forest resource assessments across the southern United States. His accomplishments are far-reaching and have included substantial contributions in the areas of landscape ecology, fragmentation, invasive species, and human impacts on forest systems. He was a member of the Society of American Foresters, the Ecological Society of America, The Nature Conservancy, the Sierra Club and Sigma XI Scientific Research Society. He was a former member and President of the Mississippi Native Plant Society. His special interests were gardening and landscaping, especially with native plants and photography.

Mr. Rudis is survived by his loving wife of 31 years, Mary R. (DeRonde) Rudis and their two sons, Jeffrey D. Rudis and Jonathan F. Rudis, and a brother Steven Rudis of Boston, MA.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to American Cancer Society, 871 Weisgarber Road, Knoxville, TN 37909 or to the Nature Conservancy, Attn: Treasury, 4245 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 100, Arlington, VA 22203.

From: Knoxville News Sentinel, November 17, 2007

Charles O. Baird Jr., of Sewanee, Tennessee, died on Friday, April 4, 2008, at the age of 85 following a brief illness.

Dr. Baird was a professor of Forestry at the University of the South for 32 years during which time he helped develop the Natural Resources major, which has proven to be one of the strongest majors in the college. A native of Knoxville, he graduated from Knoxville High School and the University of Tennessee. Subsequently, Dr. Baird earned master and doctoral degrees from Yale and Duke Universities, respectively. During World War II, he served as an officer in the Army Corps of Engineers in the Philippine Islands. Dr. Baird played tennis in his eighties and was an avid outdoorsman. He was an Eagle Scout and strongly believed in the values it represented.

He is survived by his wife, Joan Fitzwater Baird; a son, Charles Bruce Baird and wife, Sandy; two daughters, Elizabeth Thoni and husband, Joe and Julia Denegre and husband, Stan; and eight grandchildren.

A memorial service will take place on Saturday, May 17, 2008, at 2 p.m. at Otey Memorial Church in Sewanee, with burial following in the University Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Snowden Building Renovation Fund c/o the University of the South, 735 University Ave., University Relations, Sewanee, TN 37383.

From: Chattanooga Free Press, April 9, 2008

DEADLINES FOR UPCOMING KTSFAF NEWSLETTERS

The KTSFAF newsletter is an outlet for any member who has information, ideas or opinions of interest to the forestry community in Kentucky and Tennessee. Input by email is preferred, but FAX or USPS work also. MY USPS address is below and my other contacts are: nrandjr@comcast.net; 865-577-6356; 865-974-4714 (FAX) .

About two weeks before each KTSFAF newsletter is to be compiled and distributed, I send out an email requesting input. This email goes to present and past KTSFAF officers, committee chairs and chapter officers. The email requesting input for this newsletter only made it to some of those for whom it was intended. In an effort to avoid this in the future, I will be sending out the request using two different email systems. Also, here are the dates that items need to be submitted for the next three KTSFAF Newsletters. August 1, 2008 for August, November 3, 2008 for November and February 2, 2009 for February. Please put them on your calendar and send me input even if you do not receive a request for input. John Rennie, Editor

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