FROM THE CHAIR - J.R. “Red” Anderson

The “Healthy Forest Restoration Act” is currently being considered by the congress. It is a bill that would enable federal land managers more quickly respond to forests being impacted by insects or disease with silvicultural treatments. The bill has passed the house and is currently ready for consideration by the entire senate. The enacted legislation would help the managers on the Daniel Boone National Forest and Cherokee National Forest to avoid some of the waste and destruction witnessed over the last four years due to southern pine beetle infestation.

I was notified by the SAF national office when the bill was still under consideration by the House Agriculture Committee. I was informed that committee members were needing to hear professional opinions on the proposed legislation. I immediately passed the e-mail message on to everyone on the KTSAF executive committee for action, and acted myself. The KTSAF Public Affairs Committee chairman, Matt Bennett, called on every Tennessee Congressman on the House Committee. I called those that have districts in or adjacent to Cherokee National Forest lands. Some of the rest of you participated in giving not just a professional response, but a SAF response.

I was particularly surprised when I saw the committee vote. One of the congressmen I least expected to vote the bill out of committee, voted for it. Subsequently, the bill was easily passed by the entire house.

Recently, a similar situation occurred on the Senate side of the legislature. I was likewise advised by the national SAF office of the upcoming senate committee vote and acted likewise. The Healthy Forest Restoration Act is now out of committee there and ready for a full Senate vote.

Many years ago, while I was still working in the Southwestern Region of the US Forest Service, I overheard Larry Doyle mention the effectiveness of the KTSAF chairman to influence decision making. He was speaking in reference to his participation as KTSAF chair in one of the initial efforts to close the USFS Lab in Sewanee. I didn’t fully understand what I was hearing until I participated in the passing of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act. And now, when I hear someone say, “Why join the SAF, what good does it do for me?” I respond more directly than ever.

I enjoy relating my experience with the Health Forest Restoration Act to professionals that have let their SAF membership lapse, or the young professionals that have recently begun their careers. Without a well funded professional staff in Washington that keeps abreast of national issues, that keeps the state societies informed, the legislators would not make as well informed decisions as they do. It takes a strong membership to afford our good
national staff. Michael Goergeon is providing sound leadership to the staff at the National Office. I depend on the Staff in Washington to keep me informed of opportunities to speak for the KTSAF.

I hear the metaphor “preaching to the choir” frequently. Many of you are in the metaphorical SAF choir. But for those of you who are in the pews, and sometimes wondering whether to return next week or not, I urge you to think on the positive side. We do get many, frequent benefits for our membership in a national professional organization, including the Journal of Forestry, the Forestry Source, and opportunities to meet with professionals in our two-state area from all forestry-related sectors of the economy.

The summer meeting was well attended and very informative. We were given a good introduction to the Pickett State Forest, Pickett State Park and Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, to begin the meeting. We then were provided a tour of the Priority Number 1 area for the Tennessee Forest Legacy Program in fiscal year 2003, the Jim Creek area, also known as the Northern Cumberlands Forest Legacy Area. We had a great walk through the woods, visited with Sergeant Alvin C. York’s home and son, and went caving. We ended the day with a fine meal at the state forest work center. I thank the Middle Tennessee SAF Chapter, and especially Tennessee State Forester Steve Scott and his staff for hosting such a fine meeting.

Our winter meeting is being hosted by the Western Kentucky Chapter. As always, I look forward to visiting western Kentucky, and hope to see many of you there.

Rick Wilcox is accepting a nomination from KTSAF to run for the District IX SAF Council seat. Rick has been very active with KTSAF, and is an energetic promoter of the Society. He will be a good representative for the Council. Please be sure and vote when the opportunity arises.

I encourage all of you to visit our KTSAF web page to see the notes of our summer business meeting, and information provided by all the chapters throughout KTSAF.

COMMENTS FROM YOUR HSD CHAIR .......Gary Schneider

Serving as the national chair of the House of Society Delegates (HSD) this year has been exciting. As I have mentioned before, it is my belief that it is through the HSD network that our membership can most directly communicate their collective concerns and ideas to Council. I have attended the SAF Council meetings, informing them of what our members across the country consider important to both their forestry profession and our national society. I assure you that our Council representatives are interested in our opinions, and take our input seriously.

It is at the annual SAF convention that all HSD delegates (state society chairs or alternates) gather for two days of deliberations. Concerns voiced by members of local chapters and state SAF societies throughout the year are formally recognized and thoroughly discussed. These discussions result in recommendations that are then sent to Council for subsequent action. For example, the 2002 HSD meeting at the SAF national convention in Winston Salem, resulted in recommendations for Council consideration related to (a) the importance of continuing the Leadership Academy, (b) the need for SAF to develop a focused national communication plan that gets us back to emphasizing basic forestry principles, and (c) reexamining how an individual without a professional degree from an SAF-accredited curriculum may still qualify to take the CF examination. Council action: the 2004 Leadership Academy will be conducted, a communication plan targeted to important stakeholders is being drafted, and requirements for CF exam eligibility are being reexamined. These are just three examples of several HSD recommendations from this meeting that have been acted upon thus far by Council.

The annual convention this year is at Buffalo, New York, and the agenda for the HSD meeting is being developed. Some items that may come to the HSD floor, as the result of input from across our professional membership this year, include: importance of setting strategic goals for SAF (at all levels), enhancing diversity within SAF, HSD charter amendments related to election of officers, and continuing to improve and strengthen the Certified Forester Program. This listing illustrates what topics our SAF members consider at this time as important to them and our profession.
Have you passed your ideas and thoughts onto your chapter/state/council representative? Surely such continued input will result in a stronger and more vibrant national organization. SAF: growing better all the time!

**KTS AF SUMMER MEETING REPORT**

Over 50 foresters attended the summer meeting, hosted by the Middle Tennessee Chapter on Pickett State Forest and Park. Our own SAF fellow Dr. Glen Smalley led off the program describing the site classification system he pioneered while at the former USDA Forest Service Silvicultural Laboratory at Sewanee. He is under contract to classify the entire Tennessee state forest system to enable foresters to develop compartment planning primarily based on soils and not vegetation.

Chris Ellis, the TDA, Forestry Division forester at Pickett, highlighted the history of land use prior and after State ownership, emphasized the recent reduction of the shortleaf pine component due to the southern pine beetle, Civilian Conservation Corps construction of buildings and trails and proposed OHV regulations.

Lunch at the Sergeant Alvin York gristmill, was followed by a tour of his home led by his son Andy emphasizing his father’s strong religious faith, work to help local Tennesseans in raising money for high school construction (York Institute) as well as his sharp shooting ability of hitting coins in the air with a 22 rifle.

Chris Bullington, Northeastern Middle Tennessee Manager of the Tennessee Nature Conservancy (TNC), was introduced following a talk by Paul Ensminger of TDA, Forestry Division Forestry Legacy Program (FLP) Manager. The Jim Creek Tract currently owned by TNC (and a FLP candidate) was the site of Paul’s discussion of the nomination process and the land management requirements for FLP in the state. Chris explained the partnership of good forest management and the hydrology of cave and sink hole formation common to the Cumberland Plateau and Middle Tennessee and Kentucky during two cave visits on the Jim Creek tract. Together with Heather Garland, TNC’s cave specialist, Indiana bat management, cave conservation, insects and crustaceans and water drainage patterns through caves were discussed.

Settling the Upper Cumberlands through salt making, timber cutting and mining was the focus of the talk of Tom Des Jean of Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area. This presentation highlighted the evening program following an excellent dinner of grilled chicken, cobbler, potato salad and baked beans prepared by the Upper Cumberland District of the TDA Forestry Division. Guy Huenecke of Barna Log Systems, one of the leading log home manufacturers since the 1980s, talked about engineering the design and manufacture of log homes for the meeting’s final event on Friday morning.

Jeff Thompson reports that we spent $1359.57 (postage, snacks, meals, etc.) to hold the event, while raising $1236 in registration fees.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

The **Southeast Tennessee SAF Chapter** will meet at 8am on August 19, 2003 at Studer Management Services. The topic is the Economics of Logging. During the meeting we will visit Studer's four logging crews in the area and discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each. Lunch will be provided. The SMS office is located near the junction of Hwy 8 and Hwy 111 between Cagle and Spencer. After arriving at the intersection travel west on Hwy 8 for 1.9 miles, turn left on the SVC road (0.25 miles), bear left at Y, you will see the office and shop soon after (0.25 miles).

The **East Tennessee SAF Chapter** is planning to present a day-long workshop on Non-timber revenue sources. The workshop is currently scheduled for Friday October 10, 2003 with plans for it to be held in the Wartburg, Tennessee area. Likely topics may include hunting and other recreational leases, oil and gas leasing (how they work and how to work with them), off road vehicle use permits, rock harvesting, apiaries, and other sources. If you would like to receive more information about this workshop, have a topic and/or presenter to recommend, or would like to receive
The registration brochure (once we have it finalized), please e-mail Jeff Holt at JHoltOR@hotmail.com.

The fall meeting of the East Kentucky SAF Chapter will be Friday, November 7th, at 9:30am at the Baldrock Conservation and Training Center on KY 192 about 9 miles west of I-75 (exit 38 interchange). Hosted by the staff of the Daniel Boone National Forest. Topics: (1) Southern Pine Beetle damage to the Daniel Boone National Forest and Southeast Kentucky; (2) Fuels buildup from Southern Pine Beetle damage; (3) How the problem is being addressed in the revised "Forest Plan"; (4) How are future forest health catastrophes being addressed in the "Forest Plan."

Afternoon Field Trip: Fuel accumulation; Fuel reduction through prescribed burning Fuel reduction by mechanical means. Costs: $8.00 per person for drinks and a prepared box lunch. Any extra money will be donated to the Chapter treasury and eventually to the KTSAF education fund.

The 2003 Society of American Foresters' National Convention will be held in Buffalo, New York, October 25-29. The convention will offer approximately 80 concurrent science sessions. You can now access an online version of the meeting's science program at http://www.safnet.org.

Master Logger Course PCA Training Center, Counce, TN. Every other Thursday for 10 weeks starting September 4, 2003. Contact Tennessee Forestry Association - 615-883-3832


Timber tax workshop Comprehensive, 5 hours CFE, category 1. $100 registration. Knoxville, Holiday Inn Cedar Bluff, Sept. 30. Nashville, Ellington Ctr. Auditorium, Oct 1. Jackson, Doubletree (former Garden Plaza), Oct 2. Contact: Larry Tankersley, 865-974 7977, 865-974 4714 (Fax), ltanker1@utk.edu

KT-SAF Winter Meeting will be on January 21,22,23, 2004 at Lake Barkley State Resort Park near Cadiz, Ky. The topic is Communications in Natural Resource Management. It is being hosted by the West Kentucky Chapter.

KTSAF INPUT NEEDED THIS FALL FOR TENNESSEE DIVISION OF FORESTRY

Before adjourning late this spring, the Tennessee Legislature passed House Joint Resolution 189 directing the Tennessee Forestry Commission to evaluate the Southern Forest Resource Assessment relative to forest resource issues in Tennessee. The Resolution charged the Forestry Commission to develop a report that recommends adjustments and/or initiatives in policies and programs of the Division of Forestry, as well as legislation that may be appropriate to address such issues. It further directs the Commission to provide opportunities for public participation and to incorporate input from such organizations actively involved in forest resource management issues in Tennessee and to seek assistance from State and Federal government agencies involved in forest resource programs.

The report is due to the Governor & legislative committees at the end of January 2004. In order to achieve this serious charge, Forestry Commission Chairman George McGrath charged Commission member and professional forester Mike Black with the responsibility of chairing a SFRA study committee of the Commission. Preliminary plans are to hold public input sessions in Knoxville, Nashville and Jackson on the evenings of October 7, 14 & 21. State Forester Steve Scott has asked Kay Fermann ,TDF assistant Urban Forester, to act as principle staff or this important task.

KTSAF members are encouraged to participate and will soon be able to keep abreast of plans by checking the TDF website www.state.tn.us/agriculture/forestry/tfc/index.html. SFRA reports are available via www.srs.fs.usda.gov/sustain/

TDF NEEDS HELP TO CONTINUE RELEAF PROGRAM

TDF [Tennessee Department of Agriculture Division of Forestry] is soliciting support to continue the ReLeaf Program. It was started in 1990 with goals of planting 1,000,000 seedlings by 4th graders before the year 2000. That
goal wasn't reached but the program has planted close to a million seedlings now. We have definitely touched many school children and many teachers and moms and dads.

We need SAF members and others who have experienced the ReLeaf program to submit stories and comments for use in soliciting partners to keep this excellent program moving.

Right now we are looking for funding sources to support ReLeaf Tennessee for 2005-2007. Your testimonies about your involvement in the program and the responses you have gotten from students, teachers, parents and others can help us convince the powers that be that this is indeed a program worthy of continuation.

Please let us hear from you by September 1. Briefly describe how the program is conducted in your county. Give us your thoughts on why you are involved as county contact for the program, why you believe ReLeaf Tennessee is worthwhile, what benefits the state and sponsoring organizations derive from the program, what benefits the teachers, students, parents and communities derive from the program, and what improvements can be implemented to make it more successful. Also, if you are the storytelling type, send us your stories about your experiences as county contact for ReLeaf Tennessee. Send your responses to Ginger Brown, 4345 Hwy. 47 East, White Bluff, TN 37187 or email it to her at vbrown475@aol.com.

You make ReLeaf Tennessee possible. We appreciate your continued support.

Dave Walters

CLOSED TRAVERSE

Richard Lee (Dick) Cottrell died on Thursday, May 22, 2003. He was a graduate of Purdue University and worked with the US Forest Service on the Cherokee NF in Erwin, TN, and in the regional office in Atlanta before joining TVA as an outdoor recreation planner at the Land Between the Lakes. He was a planning consultant specializing in designing campgrounds and recreational areas in the 1970s and 1980s.

Mr. Cottrell was named as outstanding outdoor professional in 1977 by the NRPA Society; was author of a college textbook, “Planning Parks for People”; and was a 50-year member of SAF.

Thomas C. Croker, 91, died April 26. Croker graduated from North Carolina State University in the institution’s first class of forestry graduates and then went on to complete coursework at the University of Oklahoma’s Washington College of Statistics and Journalism. As a researcher for the USDA Forest Service for 45 years, Croker held several positions within the agency before retiring as research project manager for the Forest Service’s Southern Forest Experiment Station. He was the recipient of numerous awards. In 1997, the Governor of Alabama issued a proclamation recognizing his work that state. Following his retirement, Croker became a forestry consultant and an author. He was inducted into the Alabama Foresters’ Hall of Fame by the Alabama SAF and an honorary, lifetime member of the Alabama Forestry Council. Elected SAF Fellow in 1979, Croker joined SAF in 1936. Mr. Croker moved to the Greenville, TN, area after he retired. The April 2003 memberships records indicated he had been a SAF member for 69 years making him the senior member of the KTSAF.

NEWS

Daniel Boone National Forest

Red Anderson reports that George Bain has accepted the Deputy Forest Supervisor position on the Daniel Boone NF with an effective date of June 15.
Daniel Boone National Forest Task Force

The KTSAF Daniel Boone National Forest Task Force has been at work analyzing the current DBNF Draft EIS and Plan. The task force has met formally with the planning team of the DBNF and has developed a set of concerns relative to the draft. A four page executive summary was produced and was submitted electronically to all KTSAF members in hopes that members would respond and submit individual comments to the plan. The task force will also submit a full comment on the draft near the end of the comment period. The executive summary has also been placed on the KTSAF web site under Current Issues/National Forest Planning. Scroll down to KTSAF and National SAF Input.

Jeffrey W. Stringer

Draft EIS and Proposed Management Plan for the Cherokee National Forest

A letter on behalf of members of KTSAF was developed in response to the proposed management plan for the Cherokee National Forest and was mailed on June 30th. That letter is posted on the KTSAF website. A few highlights from the letter are listed below.

- The KTSAF interest with the Cherokee National Forest is to maintain healthy forests. We believe the best way to accomplish that objective is for a broader diversity of age class distributions from early to mid to late successional areas and species.

- KTSAF was not supportive of any of the presented alternatives in the draft document. Each alternative could be summarized as “dominant use with side effects” without the multiple use concepts as mandated by federal law.

- The document seems to have a bias against production of wood products.

- The limited area allocated to early successional habitat is out-of-balance for the long-term health of the forest.

- We are not in favor of setting aside additional land in wilderness or roadless areas. The Great Smoky Mts. National Park that bisects the Cherokee is presently being managed for old growth characteristics.

- We question the 120,000+ acres set aside in riparian areas with little or no management.

- In our view, the draft plan is not truly multiple-use. Many of the prescriptions described seemed mutually exclusive to other, dominant use with side effects. It is evident to us that sections were written and compiled by authors with little consideration to the forest as a whole or how they fit with other management scenarios. If the management plan is to represent multiple-use values without exclusivity, more coordination between disciplines is recommended.

Thanks to Bob Ploetz, Tom Cunningham, Bobby Larkey, Glen Smalley and Mark Young for their efforts in reviewing the draft document and providing comments for the letter. Remember that the comment period for the Daniel Boone National Forest draft plan are due August 14. We encourage you to write a letter with your thoughts on their proposed plan. A few talking points developed by the KTSAF Daniel Boone planning team are posted on the KTSAF website (follow this link).

Wayne Clatterbuck

The University of Tennessee
We had two new faculty start this fall. Dr. Jennifer Franklin, Forest Biology and Tree Physiology, was employed July 1. Jennifer will develop a research and graduate program and will actively participate in the forestry program. Dr. Shiga Eda was hired as a Research Assistant Professor to participate in the Center for Wildlife Health. Dr. Eda is a molecular biologist and will be engaged on fundamental research on disease issues relevant to wildlife and livestock.

After a year of our Ph.D program in Natural Resources, we have 18 students enrolled. Six new Ph.D candidates are scheduled to begin this fall.

On July 23 the department hosted eleven forestry and wildlife leaders from China. These guests were interested in our work with black bears, forest health, wildland recreation, and wood products. The Visit was arranged by our collaborators with the Memphis Zoo who have recently opened the China exhibit which features two Giant Pandas and other wildlife species of China.

The Forest Service FIA unit in Knoxville is fully operational now. Approximately 32 professionals have been assigned to the unit. Currently, collaboration with USFS-FIA and UT-FWF includes research projects and USFS employees working on their Ph.D degree at UT.

George Hopper

**UT student serving as SAF policy intern**

Billy Ellison, a May graduate in forest resources management at the University of Tennessee, is currently an intern with the SAF policy department. The internship is for four months.

**CAMPAIGN STATEMENT OF RICHARD WILCOX**

Hello! My name is Richard Wilcox

This fall a new representative to the SAF Council from District IX will be selected during the National SAF elections. I am asking that you vote in the National elections and select me Richard Wilcox, as your council representative.

What will I do as a member of council? I will do everything I can to strengthen the Society as the organization that represents the Forestry Professionals in this country. I will do all that I can to strengthen the status of the Forestry professional within our communities. I will strive to represent the State Societies within District IX by attending the State Society meetings and discussing issues with the Foresters in attendance so that I can better understand the issues and present the issues to the full council.

Forest management has changed a great deal in the past 100 years. The Foresters that formed our society would be amazed at the complexity of forest management today. Foresters throughout the years have one thing in common “what we have now and what we will have in the future will never be the same as what we had in the past”. Man like any other animal is an integral part of the changing environment and has a significant effect on the environment. It is imperative that we manage our effect so that man and the environment have a future.

Forestry is the only natural resource profession that certifies both the professional education and the professional. It takes considerable effort to be certified. The Society must work to insure that the benefits of certification remain valuable enough that foresters and the public seek the Certified Forester logo. Foresters are one of the few natural resource professionals that know not only what ecological system is needed for plants and animals they also know how to achieve the ecological system desired. There should be a significant increase in the demand for foresters in the near future. The Society must continue to strengthen and streamline the certification process while strengthening the demand for Certified Foresters in every natural resource sector. As Council Representative I will strive to use your concerns and recommendations to improve the Societies effectiveness in maintaining the highest professional standards.
possible, improve the Societies input in public policy decisions, and improve the Societies effort to inform the general public of the seriousness of sound natural resource management on a national, state and local scale. I seek Council office to represent your ideas and needs for improvement of the Society and the Forestry Profession. I intend to visit each State Society once a year if invited. Personal discussion of Society affairs will improve my ability to represent you.

Please cast your ballot for Richard Wilcox in the up coming national SAF elections.

CAMPAIGN STATEMENT OF JOHN A. HELMS

Forestry in the US is changing rapidly. In particular, there is public debate on how both public and private forest lands should be managed. Other major issues include forest health, fuels and fire hazard, wildlife habitat, watershed management, fragmentation, declining land base, regulation, litigation, and certification. We have an unsustainable situation in which the US is harvesting less and importing more of its wood needs. To serve both society and our profession SAF must increase its involvement and effectiveness in addressing these issues, at all levels within the Society.

I am privileged to run for Vice President and am doing so because forestry in the US, and indeed worldwide, is at a threshold of opportunity and believe I can make a difference. Rapid change in public attitudes towards forest resources makes the potential role of SAF increasingly important. I want to help lead SAF’s effort in carrying out that role and build on momentum established by past Presidents and Councils. I want to strengthen SAF so it is fully recognized and respected for its mission to serve employers, the public, and to enhance professional forestry.

I bring seven professional years as a field forester; served 35 years as professor and researcher in Silviculture at the University of California; and for 5 years was head of UC’s Forestry Department. I served as member and chair of SAF’s Forest Science and Technology Board for seven years and am now completing my third year as member of Council. I am currently an officer in the International Union of Forest Research Organizations, and on the Board of Directors of the California Forest Products Commission.

We must recognize that the strength of SAF lies in the breadth of its membership. We cover diverse values from timber production to wilderness. We have a proud, 100-year history of managing this nation’s most valuable natural resource - its forests. We must capitalize on this strength and tradition as the critical base on which SAF can establish credibility on all forest resource issues.

SAF’s internal emphasis must enhance member enthusiasm, participation, collaboration, and professionalism -- especially of students and young professionals as these groups represent the future of our organization.

SAF’s external emphasis must focus on shared public values and the importance of management. We must provide employers, the public, and decision makers with science-based information and services aimed at balancing and sustaining the diverse potential uses and values from the forest.

I will listen to membership to set the agenda. I will heavily involve the considerable expertise of Council, HSD, FS&TB, and the Committee on Forest Policy. I will lead Council in guiding our national office to enhance its effectiveness. And I will be honored to serve as SAF’s spokesman and advocate.

I have a passion for forestry and am proud to be a member of SAF. These are exciting and challenging times for the profession. I believe I have the necessary leadership skills, experience, and vision for forestry and request your consideration for my candidacy.

Biographical and Professional Information

Current professional position: Professor Emeritus, Forestry, University of California, Berkeley (Retired 1994)
Previous work experience: Professor of Silviculture, University of California, Berkeley, 1964 – 1994. Chair, Department of Forestry 1989-1993; Forester, Tasmanian Forestry Commission, Australia, 1953-1959


Professional Development: Instructor and participant in numerous workshops, conferences, and national conventions including two sessions of the Leadership Academy. Registered Professional Forester, California.

SAF membership and activities: Year joined SAF: 1969

National offices and positions: Council Member (District III) 2001-2003; Chair, Forest Science and Technology Board (Two Terms) 1995-1998; Member, Forest Science and Technology Board 1991-1993; Program Chair, San Francisco National Convention 1991

Associate Editor Western Journal of Applied Forestry 1985-1992; Vice Chair and Chair, D2 Silviculture Working Group 1986-1990; Chair, Silviculture Instructors 1984-1989.


Chapter offices and positions: Active since 1969. Bay Area Chapter Vice Chair and Chair 1971-1972


Membership and affiliation in other professional associations and organizations, including honorary and academic societies: Member, Board of Directors, California Forest Products Commission 2003-2006. Deputy Coordinator, International Research Organization’s (IUFRO) Working Party on Forest Terminology since 2001. Member, Forest History Society. Member Xi Sigma Pi.


CAMPAIGN STATEMENT OF TIM KADEN

I am proud to be a forester and equally as proud to be a member of S.A.F. For the three plus decades of my professional career, I have been fortunate to have spent almost all of my time working in the field with private landowners, and rubbing elbows with other government, industrial and consulting foresters. Just as I am committed to practicing forestry with skill and integrity, I am equally committed to SAF - the organization representing our
profession in all spheres of influence. SAF has provided many of the opportunities for my individual growth and professional success.

Through my past SAF involvement in Division, Multi-State Societies, and more recently HSD and Council levels, I have witnessed dedicated, hard-working members and national staff manage current internal and external business while fine-tuning visions for the future of SAF. I have also seen how active membership can bring a unity of comradeship to the resolution of issues in an atmosphere of civil discourse. My exposure to SAF membership workings, from grassroots units to Wild Acres sessions has prepared and inspired me to continue service to our professional society. I ask for your vote in the upcoming election for Vice-President and offer a firm commitment to serve.

With the help and guidance of SAF Council and Staff, I believe I can be an effective messenger of SAF to all membership levels and to public and private audiences. As to projecting our strengths and improving our influences I believe we must:

Ž Strengthen and direct the delivery of our educational and leadership resources to the membership via all channels of communication; a well informed spokesperson is our best ambassador, in image and content.

Ž Maintain a professional demeanor in issue resolve with peer contacts and activist groups, with unbiased, sound science-based input in discussion; professional respect earned one issue at a time.

Ž Continue the flow of information to the public and into the legislative processes at all levels of government; we have a responsibility to help shape public attitudes.

Ž Address everyday internal and external issues (membership, diversity, leadership training; private property rights, healthy forest initiatives, sustainability) thoroughly through dialogue in HSD and Council; as a profession, our positions must be consistent with our mission and responsible to society.

Ž Never compromise the standards of excellence that identifies our membership for professional competency and ethical standards with our public; we will enlist and retain public respect by exercising our responsibilities to them and the resources we influence.

The public is progressively recognizing our commitment to applying the best forest management practices to the land. Our voices are being heard within the chambers at all levels of policy decision makers. I would be honored to help direct our continuing positive influence in forestry related issues through service as your Vice-President. I believe I have the background, experience, confidence, and knowledge to effectively represent our membership and SAF our professional society. If elected I would serve the SAF to the best of my ability under my personal criteria of ethical conduct and integrity.

**Biographical and Professional Information**

*Current professional position:* Land Use Planner, Delaware, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation, Dover. 1995-present.


*SAF membership and activities: Year joined SAF:* 1970
To My Fellow Foresters

As you may or may not know I have decided to run for the office of Vice-President of the Society of American Foresters this September. My campaign statement summarizes some of my thoughts on issues, a little of the vision I have for the profession and the importance of being proactive in processes involving forest resource decisions.

Over the last three years as District VII SAF Council representative, colleagues and professional contacts frequently approached me as to what I was going to do next when my term ended my Allegheny peers also began questioning my future service to SAF. They knew that in the three decades of my career, I have held elected SAF offices in my local Maryland/Delaware Division, our Allegheny five-state Society, chaired the House of Society Delegates and served as District VII Council Representative. I must confess, personally, I get a lot of pleasure out of being involved in the contacts and camaraderie of SAF. My passion for the profession and SAF, my personal and professional situation, and the sincere support of forestry friends and family has convinced me to offer my continued service to our profession.

The passion I share with all of you, in working with the forest resource and the satisfaction gained in continuing to learn and understanding some of the relationships is so valuable. There is nothing better than working with the forest; as a field forester I have enjoyed being part of the process that contributes to healthy forests, and the goods, and services provided to society.

The SAF has been a full partner in my career. The Society has given me the opportunity to listen and act on the challenges that we all face. I have always wanted to be part of the solutions. Over the last 103 years, SAF has and is the standard of excellence and professionalism. In these times of world turmoil and national debate on forest and
environment issues, we are repeatedly being asked to be part of the solution, to be the scientific, practical, educational and certification body to forward sound management on our nation’s forest. I realize that today’s issues of forest policy and management are complex and affect a multitude of other natural resources disciplines, but all of us must continue in our mission to represent the best that our scientific training, experience and judgment can offer.

I believe I am prepared for the rigorous demands this position requires; I am sympathetic with the membership’s sometime frustrations; I am open to all suggestions; and I have the support of my employer and my wife to pursue this passion of mine. Please vote this September, and if you feel I have represented what you believe the profession and SAF stands for, I would appreciate your vote and the opportunity to serve as a national officer of SAF.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

The deadline for the November KTSAF Newsletter will be November 3, 2003.

When you use an abbreviation for the Kentucky-Tennessee Society of American Foresters, please use KTSAF, not KT. KT is the Kentucky-Tennessee Forestry Company.