Chairman’s Corner  
By Christopher Reeves

Last month I had the honor to represent you in my position as Chair of the Kentucky/Tennessee state society at the Society of American Foresters National Convention in Spokane, WA. The biggest reason that we use your local dues to send the Chair to the national convention is so that we have a voice in SAF’s House of Society Delegates (HSD). This governing body is made up of the state society chairs that give important guidance to the SAF Council. HSD is not just a rubber stamp for the Council and national office holders. The biggest change in membership in the history of SAF (tiered dues structure) was started after HSD rejected a flat dues increase in 2008 proposed by the Council. HSD is the closest to the grassroots level that our national officers can get.

Two important issues that came up during discussions at HSD were the removal of the term “forester” from strategic plan development and the expiration of the silviculture policy statement. Louisiana SAF brought to the attention of HSD that forester had been replaced with natural resource professional manager in most of the strategic plan. After some contentious debate that echoes what has been debated in SAF for the last decade, a motion was made for Council to consider reintroducing forester as specific language into the strategic plan along with natural resource professional manager. The motion was voted upon and passed by about 2/3 of the voting members in favor and 1/3 voting against.

I abstained from voting. Surveys and my personal one-on-one discussions with our KTSAF membership are split about 50/50 about this very issue. Some members have strong feelings that all documents and planning should only use the word forester. Others members want to be more inclusive and include all natural resource managers in our society’s future. I fall into the category of being inclusive of both of these categories. I see that the term forester is important to our history and our profession but I see the challenges that our students and future colleagues face.

KTSAF Election Results

2012 election results have been completed and certified by the Ad Hoc Tellers Committee. John Perry has been elected Chair-elect and Bernie Anderson has won election for Secretary for the 2013 term. As per our traditional roll up leadership positions, your leadership in 2013 will be as follows:

- **Chair** – Tim Phelps
- **Chair-elect** – John Perry
- **Treasurer** – Greg Bailey
- **Secretary** – Bernie Anderson

We thank those who volunteered to run for these positions and we know that the winners will do an excellent job as our leaders!

**Good luck!**

The (New and Hopefully Improved) Quiz Bowl at KTSAF January 2013 Meeting  
By Doug McLaren

Annually the students from Sewanee, the University of Tennessee and the University of Kentucky compete in the traditional “Quiz Bowl” to see who takes home the bragging rights concerning forestry academic knowledge and a few pieces of SAF trivial knowledge.

It has always been the intent and desire of both the “coordinators” of the quiz bowl as well as the general membership to have everyone involved. Hopefully we can oblige everyone this year by having everyone involved as well as determining a winning school.

To help make everyone feel vested in the quiz bowl we would like to have each of the schools send us three (3) questions – any forestry-related subject content. At least one from each school will appear on the quiz.
Greetings District IX SAF Leaders
By Dave Walters

Thanks for you service to SAF and thanks for sharing your passion for forestry and SAF with me over the last three years. I’ve been honored to serve as your Council Representative and am most thankful for your support electing me Vice President. I pledge to keep you posted as best I can and consult you when decisions are being made. Greg Hoss of Missouri will be your new Council Representative beginning in January. Please invite him to your SAF meetings and share your concerns with him.

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The three most important issues Council has moved and deserve your consideration and discussion include planned giving, brand promise and strategic plans:

SAF’s Planned Giving and 1900 Founders’ Circle program was announced which provides opportunities for members to join a group of individuals who have committed $1900 over four years to significantly build the corpus of the SDAF Forester’s Fund and secure the future of the forestry profession. For more information: https://www.safnet.org/about/giving.cfm

SAF’s Brand Promise, our Hedgehog philosophy, was approved by Council at the Spokane convention. The brand provides compelling answers to three simple questions: Who are you? What do you do? Why does it matter? I think this philosophy accentuates our mission and should provide us a lens to view ongoing activities and new opportunities. By putting ourselves on a pedestal and declaring ourselves responsible for evolving forest management, we have the responsibility to do everything possible to set the standard in forest management. I think each chapter and each SAF society should answer the question “What can we do to set the standard in forest management?”

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‘For the greatest good.
For the greatest number.
For the long run.’

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Quiz Bowl continued...

We also hear the comment from year to year from the professional foresters in the audience saying, “Boy I have some good questions I would like to ask those students!” Again, here is your opportunity to contribute. Send us your questions – not sure how many we can post to the quiz but we will do our best. Questions should be in multiple choice format and include at least three incorrect answers (as well as the correct answer) – please submit by December 12, 2012.

Just to get things off the ground, here is a question that appeared on one of the previous national SAF Quiz Bowl events. Do you happen to know the answer?

What is Phyllotaxy?

Maybe it is not one of those words that we would use when meeting with some of our woodland clients but it sure makes for good discussion around the quiz bowl water cooler. See you all at the KTS AF meeting in Jackson, TN in late January. Hopefully everyone will want to participate in the student/professional Quiz Bowl. Remember to send those questions to test your professional and student peers on forestry topics.

Please send questions and answers to dmclaren@uky.edu
Chairman’s Corner continued…

I also see that more and more forestry management decisions are being made by individuals that are not what you and I call traditional foresters. I think these new forest land managers should be SAF members so we can continue to have influence on future land management decisions and not get left behind. But, I was sent to HSD as a representative of our KTSAF members and I know that my views do not match all members. At the time of the vote I thought it was best to not vote and accurately represent our diverse membership viewpoint.

The other issue that was brought up was the expiration of the silvicultural policy position statement. Louisiana SAF also brought this issue to the HSD members and asked that it be reinstated because silviculture is the backbone of everything that we do in forestry. Dr. Robert Malmshemer, Chair of the SAF Committee on Forest Policy, discussed that the policy position statement was allowed to expire because silviculture is mentioned in several other forest policy statements, strategic planning documents, and our general Forest Policy Principles. The expired silvicultural policy statement was originally developed to support President Bush’s Health Forest Restoration Act. Robert recommended that HSD should take no action because policy statements are only developed in response to pressing issues and silviculture is so important to forestry that a policy statement is not necessary. All HSD members agreed with the Policy Committee and chose to make no recommendation to the SAF Council regarding this issue. I agreed wholeheartedly with this action. Silviculture is so important in everything that we do that it does not need a policy statement. Silviculture is already emphasized in so many other areas within SAF’s structure.

The other three days of the convention consisted of attending large plenary speeches and smaller breakout sessions. I attended a wide range of topics from Off-road Highway Vehicle management, western silvicultural systems, forest certification, and building collaborative relationships. Along with the wealth of networking opportunities, these breakout sessions are the most useful part of the convention. I would encourage anyone who has not been to a convention to attempt to attend at least one convention in their lifetime. The national convention comes closest to Kentucky and Tennessee than it has in the last few years in 2013. The next convention will take place in October 2013 in Charleston, SC.

This is my last Chairman’s Corner article for this newsletter since I will be stepping down as your Chair after the winter meeting to be held January in Jackson, TN. Your new Chair for the next year will be Tim Phelps. Tim will definitely continue the upward trajectory of our society. I think KTSAF has had a good year. The website has been updated and is more functional. KTSAF continues to contradict the national trend in declining membership and continues to hold strong with membership levels. We will continue to target student membership and retention of those student members when they move into permanent jobs.

Thank you for letting me serve as your Chair and I hope to see you in Jackson!

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Tennessee Forest Health Highlights - 2012
By Heather Slayton

Forest Influences
Emerald ash borer: This spring Delta-21, funded through USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, and other TN Dept. of Ag/ Regulatory Services installed a total of 3158 emerald ash borer detection traps across the entire state of Tennessee. Immediately inspectors and contractors began reporting confirmed catches. To date, 18 counties have been quarantined: Loudon, Blount, Sevier, Knox, Grainger, and Claiborne were quarantined in 2011; Hancock, Hawkins, Hamblen, Anderson, Roane, Smith, Jefferson, Campbell, Union, Greene, Cocke, and Monroe were added in 2012. The extent of tree mortality has not been quantified in the new counties as of yet. The University of Tennessee is working to test bio-controls.

Thousand cankers disease and the walnut twig beetle: 58 walnut twig beetle traps were installed statewide by Dept. of Agriculture, Regulatory Services. This number does not include traps installed by research institutions or other agencies. TCD trapping is still in the research and detection phase as Regulatory Services and the University of Tennessee work to understand and track the beetle and the disease. No change in the 2011 county quarantine (six quarantine counties plus ten buffer counties).
Greetings continued…

**SAF’s Strategic Plan** was edited this summer and drew some passionate comments at HSD in Spokane. The language changes, specifically the shift from “foresters” to “natural resource professionals” in our first priority was a concern expressed and I think important for our membership to be discussing. Council accepted the recommendations of the Task Force on Accreditation of Terrestrial Ecosystem Management curriculums this summer. We chose to begin the development of accreditation standards of universities who graduate students with degrees in Natural Resource management. In so doing, we felt the need to not only plan to invite these graduates to participate in SAF, but to fully welcome them. This follows the Broad vs. Elite discussions in the Forestry Source. To facilitate this change we added **Key Strategic Goal #1** to SAF’s Strategic Plan.

**Vision**

The Society of American Foresters is the organization that represents forestry professionals, providing leadership to ensure that all members of the profession achieve excellence in sustainable forestry and natural resource management.

**Mission**

The mission of the Society of American Foresters is to:

1. Advance the science, education, technology, and practice of forestry
2. Enhance the competency of its members
3. Establish professional excellence, and
4. Use the knowledge, skills, and conservation ethic of the profession to ensure the continued health and use of forest ecosystems and the present and future availability of forest resources to benefit society.

**Core Values**

- Forests are a fundamental source of global health and human welfare.
- Forests must be sustained through simultaneously meeting environmental, economic, and community aspirations and needs.
- Forest natural resource professionals are dedicated to sound forest management and conservation.
- Forest natural resource professionals serve landowners and society by providing sound knowledge and professional management skills.
- Forest natural resource professionals believe the scientific process, continuing research, and coordination with community traditions and knowledge lead to best land management decisions and sustainability of our forests.

**Key Strategic Goals**

1) Recruit forest natural resource professionals to become members in SAF to recognize rewarding opportunities that meet our mission and provide a broader membership base to pursue those opportunities.
2) Engage in cooperative efforts to achieve sustainable forestry and natural resource management.
3) Provide and promote superior educational materials, meaningful experiences, and credentialing resources to help members achieve greater professional competence and competitiveness in the marketplace.
4) Advocate forest and natural resource policies at the national, state, and local levels that use forest and natural resource science to enhance the health and use of forest ecosystems to benefit society.
5) Increase coordination and relationships with state societies, working groups, and partners and allies that will help SAF fulfill its mission.
6) Assess the activities, programs, and operations of SAF and strive for continuous improvement in all facets of our organization.
7) Diversify and increase revenue to meet future operational and capital needs.

**Strategic Goal #1:** Recruit forest natural resource professionals to become members in SAF to recognize rewarding opportunities that meet our mission and provide a broader membership base to pursue those opportunities.
Greetings continued...

Outcomes:

- Members speak of pride in their profession and SAF as an organization and how their role contributes to its success.
- A diversity of members become more involved and engaged in SAF, holding offices and committee positions at all levels of the organization.
- Membership is more meaningful to employers, the public, and other professionals.
- SAF is a more vibrant organization with much higher visibility in all communities: local units, regional units, legislative units, and the general public.

Actions:

1) Develop an action plan that maintains our core values and to formally recognize as peers natural resource professionals for membership.
2) Delineate specific tactics for the state and multistate societies and national office to address and expand membership recruitment to welcome foresters and natural resource professionals and to retain existing members.
3) Establish a forum for dialogue on the broadening of membership issue so that members will have a chance to articulate opinions/views on this change effort.
4) Meet with forest natural resource program deans/department chairs and jointly develop strategies for introducing students and faculty to the benefits of SAF membership.
5) Discuss with employers, clients, and partners, the benefits, value, and opportunities SAF membership and programs provide to enhancing the services and expertise of forest natural resource professionals bring to their work.
6) Encourage and engage the National Student Congress in developing strategies to introduce students to the benefits of SAF membership, participate in their local student chapters, and attend Leadership Academy workshops.
7) Leverage the TEM Task Force report and engage in dialogue with employers of natural resource professionals to better understand their needs and how their employees’ skills and interests fit into the overall SAF mission.

Success Indicators:

- SAF broadens the membership to forest natural resource professionals while protecting the rich history of our forestry foundation and begins to build new traditions as SAF membership increases.

Thanks for your commitment to our profession. Ask a colleague to join today!

Dave

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KTSAF Award Nominations

Deadline to nominate is December 1st.

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Award Application and other information can be found at:
www.ktsaf.org/drupal1/Awards

KTSAF AWARDS
Outstanding Member Service Award (35 years and under)
Outstanding Member Service Award (over 35 years)
Outstanding Service Award to a Technician
Herman Baggenstoss Forestry Recognition Award

In Memory

Wilbur Joseph Hitchcock
Health continued...

Southern pine beetle & other bark beetles: No reported outbreaks of southern pine beetle in 2012. Four counties were trapped this year with two traps each. Clerid populations are high and SPB populations are non-existent. Several occurrences of Ips, deodar or reproductive weevils, and black turpentine beetle have been reported but no major damage resulting.

Gypsy moth: 10 delimiting sites and 13,135 gypsy moth traps were installed in 2012. A total of 13 moths were trapped in Tennessee, mostly in high risk sites such as campgrounds and rest areas. Egg mass surveys will be conducted at these sites this winter and these sites will be delimited in 2013.

Hemlock woolly adelgid: The hemlock woolly adelgid continues to move west. To date, thirty five counties have confirmed infestations that vary from severe to single tree infestations. This year is the first year the Division of Forestry has allocated one full time forester to a single forest health issue, HWA. This forester is responsible for organizing HWA treatments on public lands as well as provides technical assistance to private landowners. The Tennessee Hemlock Conservation Partnership has been established to head up HWA treatments and halt further movement and tree mortality. The partnership consists of the Tennessee Division of Forestry, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, National Park Service, and The Nature Conservancy.

Storm Damage: Four tornados damaged 1998 acres of forested acres between February and March 2012. The damage was spread across six counties. Aerial detection flight was conducted on April 12. No reforestation plans are in place as natural regeneration and salvage operations are well underway.

Red cedar mortality: Extensive eastern red cedar mortality has been noted in Wilson, Davidson, and Rutherford counties. This mortality is occurring most often on cedar glades and shallow soils. Drought is the primary factor. Insect infestation such as bagworms has been noted as a secondary stressor. Aerial detection flight was conducted on August 1 to further assess the extent and damage. Within Cedars of Lebanon State Forest, we estimated 3,215 acres under high stress, 1,589 acres under low stress, and 3,283 acres with spotty areas of stress.

Fire: Wildfire occurrences as of the end of September 2012 total is 787 fires burning 6,634.2 acres. 212 fires burned 3,008 acres from arson, 292 fires burned 1288 acres from debris, and 283 fires burned 2,337 acres from other sources.

Sudden oak death: SOD surveys have been conducted in Tennessee since 2003 in watersheds containing several nurseries that may have received potentially infected plant stock. To date no infected sites have been identified by these surveys in Tennessee. Stream sampling will continue in Middle and East Tennessee.

Heat/Drought: Widespread drought was observed throughout west and middle Tennessee. Affected forest areas included single tree mortality to large acreage of stressed or dying trees. Cedars in the middle Tennessee area sustained significant damage or mortality. Secondary pest, disease, dieback, and decline have furthered forest stress.

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www.tn.gov/agriculture/forestry/foresthealth.shtml
www.protecttnforests.org

Phyllotaxy
The arrangement of leaves on a twig.
UK Students Attend National Convention

Finish 5th in Quiz Bow!

By Christopher Reeves

University of Kentucky forestry students Hannah Angel, Luke Biscan, Kristian Elswick, Logan Nutt, Nick Payne, and MacKenzie Schaeffer attended the Society of American Foresters National Convention in Spokane, Washington last month. The students participated in the opening reception for forestry students across the United States and the Society of American Foresters National Student Congress that represents student’s interests to national SAF leadership. Several students also participated in the career fair and some even interviewed for internships with the U.S. Forest Service. Students were encouraged to visit as many breakout sessions as possible to learn more about their particular interests within the field of forestry.

In the event that students, professors, and alumni are most interested; the University of Kentucky team did extremely well. Out of 28 teams, Kentucky finished tied for 5th in the national Quiz Bowl competition. For those unfamiliar with the format, teams of four students from each attending forestry school are matched in a single elimination bracket. Each quick recall match consists of only ten questions so students must be on their game the entire time and must be ready to answer immediately for fear of getting down by too many points at the beginning of matches. UK did not receive a bye the first round and had to face another school from the south, the Mississippi State University. UK beat MSU easily and moved on to face the University of Montana. Montana’s forestry department has an enrollment five times larger than UK and had more student attendees at the SAF national convention than UK has students in their entire forestry program. Even with those host school advantages, Kentucky was still able to pull out a narrow victory against Montana and move on to face the University of Minnesota in the Elite 8. Unfortunately, this is where the march to UK’s first Quiz Bowl championship ended. Kentucky narrowly lost to Minnesota in the last few questions. Even though the team did not make it to the championship or the final four, this team performed as well as any Kentucky team in the last seven years. Congratulations Hannah, Logan, Luke, and Nick!

A field trip was taken on the last day in the region before returning to Lexington. The students along with Dr. Jeff Stringer and Christopher Reeves hiked the 3.5 mile Mineral Ridge National Recreation Trail near Couer d’Alene, Idaho. The trail meanders through a forest canopy composed of ponderosa pine and Douglas fir with 600 feet of elevation change. The last stop of the field tour brought the group to the Settlers Grove of Ancient Cedars near Murray, Idaho. After traveling on a five mile gravel road to a makeshift parking area and walking on a one mile trail gigantic western red cedars become prevalent.

Several single stem cedars were easily six feet in diameter! Several multi-stem trees had diameters greater than ten feet. It also began to snow and sleet as soon as the group reached the grove. This excursion was the highlight of the entire trip to the Spokane, Washington region and the Department of Forestry hopes to continue this tradition of sending students to the national convention. Next year the convention is in Charleston, South Carolina and because of the lower travel costs, UK hopes to send many more students than usual.

Important Dates:

- January 31 – Nominations for Fellows due to District Fellows Committee
- February 15 – Forester’s Fund Application Deadline
- February 28 – National Award Nominations Due
- March 15 – Applications for District Student Representative due to your Council Rep.
Newsworthy

National SAF Elections

Congratulations to our own Dave Walters! Dave will be the SAF Vice-President in 2013.

In addition to the office of vice-president, there will be three new representatives to the SAF Council:
J. Lopez (district 3)
Andy Hayes (district 6)
Greg Hoss (district 9).

US Endures Near-Record Wildfire Season

USA Today (November 12) - For only the third time on record, the total number of acres burned due to wildfires across the country so far this year has topped 9 million, according to data from the National Interagency Fire Center.

Randy Eardley, spokesman for the National Interagency Fire Center, said acres burned is only one way of measuring a wildfire season's ferocity. Tragically, wildfires have killed 13 firefighters and civilians to date this year. That exceeds the number of deaths in all of 2011, but is below the 10-year average of 18.

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See full details and how to download and submit an application on the SAF website. For assistance call (866) 897-8720, ext.110. Be sure to request special recruitment cards to pass out to potential members.

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Loblolly pine stands
Hickman County, KY

Morgan County, TN.

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Tennessee hardwood stand
Hickman County, KY.
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*Kentucky/Tennessee SAF Winter Meeting*

“Back to the Business of Forestry”

Special Feature  
Tour of the Casey Jones R.R. Museum

January 23 - 25, 2013  
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Agenda

Wednesday, Jan. 23
5:00 Registration begins
7:00 Executive committee meeting
("Trees" room)

Thursday, Jan. 24 (Continental Room)
6:30 Breakfast (at hotel) (6:30 - 7:45)
7:00 Registration
8:00 Welcome remarks
(silent auction begins in Ambassador room)
8:15 Pulp and Paper - where will the growth be?
David Helm, International Paper
9:00 Hardwoods - where will the growth be?
Mark Barford, NHLA
9:45 Break
10:00 Pine Sawtimber - where will the growth be?
Marshall Thomas, F&W
10:45 The Forest Certification Chain
Gary Boyd, Greener Options Inc.
11:30 Center for Forest and Wood Certification
Dr. Jeff Stringer, UK
12:00 Lunch (at hotel)
1:00 State of the Industry: logging, primary and secondary
Dr. Adam Taylor, UT
1:45 Tennessee BMP Compliance
Dr. Wayne Clatterbuck, UT
2:15 Break
2:30 Panel discussion on timber sale contracts
moderator - Jeff Holt, consultant

Thursday cont.
3:15 Quality Deer Management at Hobart Ames Plantation
Dr. Allan Houston, UT
4:00 Free time
4:30 Lounge opens
5:00 Quiz bowl and silent auction (cont.)
6:00 Silent auction ends
6:00 Banquet (at hotel)
6:45 Casey Jones R.R. Museum
(after dinner speaker) Norma Taylor
7:00 Awards Chris Reeves, UK

Friday, Jan. 25
7:00 Breakfast (at Casey Jones)
8:00 Tour of Casey Jones R.R. Museum
8:45 Return to motel and check out
9:30 Financial Analysis Review for Forest Management Decisions
Dr. Don Hodges, UT
10:30 Break
10:45 Business meeting Chris Reeves, UK
11:15 Adjourn

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Fee includes: 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner, breaks & museum tour
Next NEWSLETTER Deadline is
Friday
February 8, 2013

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