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Serving the Needs of Forestry Professionals

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Society of American Foresters – Growing Better All the Time

Founded in 1900, the Society of American Foresters (SAF) represents more than 15,000 forestry professionals working in private industry, as consultants, in colleges and universities, local, state and federal government, and as students. SAF is one of the largest scientific and educational organizations in the United States and around the world. SAF members provide credible science and professional management of forest resources, conduct targeted research, and create relevant policies to ensure our forests are growing better all the time. They sustain and protect a variety of forest uses and attributes, such as aesthetic values, air and water quality, biodiversity, recreation, timber production, and wildlife habitat.

Mission Statement

- **Advance the science, education, technology, and practice of forestry**
- **Enhance the competency of members**
- **Establish professional excellence**
- **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**

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A Message

From the President and Executive Vice-President



John P. McMahon, CF



Michael T. Goergen, Jr.

The Society of American Foresters had an exemplary year in 2007. As always, the breadth and quality of programs and activities offered and conducted nationwide by our organization make us proud to be members. SAF continues to make advances in forest policy, media outreach, new products and services, increasing member benefits, providing member education, and more. Natural resource professionals and key Congress members regard SAF as a leader in providing credible, balanced input to the development of public policy.

New Products

SAF published a comprehensive, peer-reviewed report on the status of America's forestland. This 68-page report outlines the latest facts and figures in easy to read graphs, charts, tables, and supporting commentary. The State of America's Forests is the most definitive, one-source compilation of credible forestry facts. It is peer-reviewed by academia, non-governmental organizations, and the USDA Forest Service and features more than 50 sources. It is available, at no cost, on the SAF website, in print, and through a PowerPoint presentation.

Online Voting System for 2007 Elections

SAF moved from paper ballots to an online voting system. In addition, to national elections and referendums, this system can also accommodate local elections for state societies, divisions, and chapters. The online system offers several security functions that prevents members from voting multiple times, featuring a unique web link for each member.

Membership Survey

As part of its overall organizational assessment, SAF conducted research which included in-depth interviews and focus groups of SAF stakeholders including leaders, members, nonmembers, staff, and students to determine their perception of SAF's products and services, and, to identify their current and future professional needs. This qualitative research was initiated to prepare for the comprehensive, quantitative needs assessment for SAF to use in evaluating its overall products and services.

The survey results will be used by SAF's staff and leaders to better understand and make key management decisions about products and services and the overall environment of the association.

Convention

The convention in Portland, Oregon, was an outstanding success. SAF's local volunteers, National Convention Program Committee, and staff organized an impressive program attended by nearly 2,000 people, including 566 students, and 98 exhibitors. The "call for presenters" process solicited diverse speakers specializing in silviculture, conservation education, consulting forestry, communications, sustainability and more.

National Committees

SAF's 16 national committees catalyzed activities in such areas as accreditation, credentialing, communications, ethics, forest policy, and world forestry.

State Societies, Divisions, and Chapters

The heart of SAF is comprised of its state societies, multistate societies, divisions, chapters, and working groups. As participants in diverse annual meetings, field trips, and leadership training programs across the country, we were especially pleased to find that SAF units are vigorously enhancing the profession of forestry, contributing to public understanding of sustainable forest management, and responding to state and regional policy issues.

National Office Staff

SAF welcomed several new additions to the staff this year: a new Policy Director, Michael Mortimer; Carlton Gleed, Convention Director; and Brittany Brumby, Executive Assistant.

Sale of SAF Property

SAF and Renewable Natural Resources Foundation (RNRF) have signed a Joint Cooperation Agreement. This agreement protects SAF's interests as we sell the property. A Letter of Intent has been negotiated between SAF and RNRF with the purchaser that describes the offer and how the purchase of the property will proceed. The Council approved the sale but needs to approve the final purchase agreement. They are currently developing a relocation plan that provides an appropriate quality presence for SAF as a professional society, maintains and/or improves accessibility, and minimizes turnover and disruption of services to SAF members. In relocating the headquarters, we hope to accomplish long-term financial security for SAF by limiting investment and relocation expenses in a new site, enabling increased investment and growth in SAF funds, and utilizing the majority of SAF's annual income to accomplish its mission.

Outstanding issues concerning the sale and relocation are:

- Negotiations with condo holders
- Negotiations with tenants
- Negotiations with the County for a new Special Exception for the private school
- Negotiations with the neighborhood
- A signed purchase agreement

Membership

SAF continuously works to recruit new members as well as retain members. We have created several new member benefits, including affinity programs like GEICO insurance policies and Enterprise Rent-A-Car discounts for our members. SAF membership at the end of 2007 was 14,796. We will continue to promote SAF membership and mission in our sustained efforts of bringing in new members. Additionally, a new membership brochure was created to reflect current member rates and benefits of becoming a SAF member.

Forest Policy

SAF strongly promoted the profession by providing several new position statements, comments, testimony, letters addressed to Capitol Hill and the Administration on the latest issues including forest restoration, appropriations, NEPA reform, federal tax issues, the Healthy Forests Reserve Program, and the Bureau of Land Management's Western Oregon Plan Revision. SAF also helped lead coalitions to address forestry issues in the 2007 Farm Bill and in renewable energy and climate change legislation. SAF members with practical on-the-ground experience testified in several Senate and House committee hearings regarding issues such as the federal budget and wildfire. SAF has been involved with groups representing natural resources, agriculture, and other sectors to advocate forestry and its role in climate change mitigation and as a valuable feedstock for renewable energy.

Finance

SAF finances are currently under audit with the 2006 revenue of over \$450,000. This is great progress from last year's net revenue of \$488,000. Member dues made up 40 percent of SAF's income, the balance came from programs and grants. Annual giving contributions were more than \$110,000.

FS&TB and Working Groups

It is important to expand the scope of the Forest Science and Technology Board to ensure that it includes more than just the basic disciplines. The Board was expanded to include regional representatives to build connections with local units. 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.

Student Representation on Council

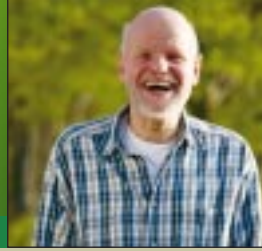
A student representative was welcomed to SAF Council to provide insight and address concerns of SAF student members. The new non-voting Council member is a direct result from a recommendation from the Volunteer Organizational Structure Task Force. In addition, Council members were actively involved in the formation of a new student structure which will allow student members to have more participation at all levels of the Society.

We have much more to accomplish, but if 2007 is any indication of what we can expect, the combined efforts of our members will ensure continued success in 2008.



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Media – A Public Voice for Professional Forestry

SAF's vibrant and integrated public relations program reaches national and regional media outlets with relevant and credible forestry information. Here are just a few examples of SAF's outreach at the national level:

Congressional Testimony

John Helms, SAF Past-President, spoke September 24 to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on "The Effects of Climate Change on Wildfire." He spoke again April 26 at the Select Committee on Energy Dependence and Global Warming about "Forests and Climate Change."

Peter Daugherty, spoke about "Wildfire Management" at the House Resources Committee Wildfire Management June 17.

SAF's EVP **Michael Goergen** testified at the House Resources Committee May 1 for "The Role of Forests in Climate Change."

SAF President **John McMahon** spoke April 19 about "Forest Health on Public and Private Forestlands, Forest Research and Inventory, and Family Forest Management" for the House Appropriations Committee on FY 2008 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Budget.

State of America's Forests

The State of America's Forests, published by SAF, outlines the latest facts and figures concerning our nation's forests. Here are a few examples of the information found in the report:

- For the past 100 years, the amount of forestland in the United States has remained relatively stable at around 755 million acres.
- The percentage of US forestland benefiting from some type of conservation initiative is double when compared to the world's average.
- National forests alone host an estimated 137 million visits per year and 97 percent of Americans are involved in at least one outdoor recreation activity.
- The US continues to be one of the world's largest consumers of forest products. Per capita consumption of timber products in the US has remained constant between the years of 1965 and 2005, with per capita consumption of timber products wavering between 60-83 cubic feet for each person.
- An estimated 53 percent of American's drinking water originates on forestland.
- Currently, the volume of annual net timber growth is 36 percent higher than the volume of annual timber removals.
- Twenty five percent of US private forestlands are certified; 51 percent are SFI certified, 21 percent FSC certified, and 28 percent Tree Farm certified.





Richard Louv

National Convention

Nearly 2,000 forestry and natural resources professionals from across the country came to Portland, Oregon to attend the 2007 SAF National Convention. Organized under the theme “SAF: Sustaining America’s Forests,” the convention’s events highlighted the economic, environmental, and social benefits provided by forests in the Pacific Northwest and participants were able to discover sustainability in action.

Featured Speakers

Keynote speaker, Richard Louv, author of *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder* and Children & Nature Network chairman, described the relationship between children and nature and how society is teaching young people to avoid direct experience with nature. To stimulate a *Leave No Child Inside* movement, he offered practical suggestions for action by parents, grandparents, government agencies, conservationists, urban planners, educators, and others concerned about the future of childhood and the earth itself.

The general sessions focused on the convention theme of *Sustaining America’s Forests*. The presentations examined topics such as *Globalization and Public Policy and Social Trends and Markets for Environmental Services*. The *Globalization and Public Policy* presentations featured such renowned researchers and officials as the Chief of the U.S. Forest Service Gail Kimbell, Hamish Kimmins of the University of British Columbia, and Chad Oliver of Yale University. Dave Cox of Mason, Bruce & Girard, Inc., Russel Hoeflich of The Nature Conservancy, Ricardo Bayon of Ecosystem Marketplace, William Hohenstein of the USDA Global Change Program Office, and Constance Best of the Pacific Forest Trust presented thought-provoking ideas about *Social Trends and Markets for Environmental Services*. A special presentation by Mark Rey, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, highlighted what the Farm Bill could mean to conservation and protecting our natural resources. Topics included overviews of the myriad ecosystem services provided by U.S. forests, the development of strategies to protect the natural processes providing those services, and the challenges associated with quantifying and educating the public.

Science and Technical Program

The convention’s science program offered attendees more than 130 hours of concurrent scientific and technical sessions on a vast array of subjects, including certification, biomass, GIS, invasive species, forest health, land-use planning, and more. Led by more than 275 speakers from every aspect of the profession, these sessions included not only cutting-edge information from the latest field studies and research, but tips for the practical application of this research as well as insights from experienced practitioners. The science program also included representatives of the industry’s top technology providers showcasing the latest advances in forestry-related technologies and practical answers to user inquiries.

Job Fair

This year’s Job Fair offered job-seekers inroads with 19 participating companies, including ACRT, Inc., Bartlett Tree Experts, Colorado State Forest Service, Mason, Bruce & Girard, Inc., Rayonier Northwest Forest Resources, Oregon Department of Forestry, Weyerhaeuser, USDA Forest Service, and Bureau of Land Management.

Breakfast Roundtables

Convention attendees who participated in the Breakfast Roundtables learned from peers, discussed their perspectives, and shared their personal experiences on particular forestry-related subjects. Roundtable topics included the forest products industry, certification and auditing, state forestry, the Bureau of Land Management, state forestry, consulting forestry, the USDA Forest Service, and more.

Sponsored Technology Tracks

As a special component of the meeting's scientific and technical sessions, convention organizers included a series of sponsored technology sessions where attendees could learn about cutting-edge, proprietary technologies.

Networking

It's no secret that SAF's National Convention—the year's largest gathering of forest practitioners in North America—is the year's best forestry networking opportunity. Whether it was during the alumni socials, the Open House and Reception at the World Forestry Center, or in the convention's bustling Exhibit Hall, the convention gave attendees ample opportunity to discover new contacts and reconnect with peers.

Exhibit Hall and Poster Session

Attendees visiting the the Exhibit Hall networked with friends and colleagues while perusing the booths of 98 exhibitors offering the latest in forestry-related products, services, and technologies. The icebreaker featured 165 posters showcasing the wide variety of research in the forestry profession.

SAF Publications and Newspapers – Leading Research and News for Natural Resources Professionals

SAF continues to serve the forestry profession as the leading source of information on natural resource research, policy, technology, and technique. We produce five periodicals: *Journal of Forestry*; *Forest Science*; and *Western, Northern, and Southern Journals of Applied Forestry*. We also produce a bi-monthly e-newsletter, *The E-Forester*, and a monthly forestry newspaper, *The Forestry Source*.

SAF also publishes numerous forestry-related books including the popular *Forest Certification Auditing* book which helps practitioners understand forest certification systems, auditing principles, and preparing for an audit. Also available are the indispensable reference *The Dictionary of Forestry* and, *The State of America's Forests*. In addition, SAF is always looking for new product ideas to service our members. The Roots of Forestry™ was a very successful endeavor and has proven to be a valuable resource. The Roots of Forestry™ was made possible in part through generous support from the USDA Forest Service.



Job Fair



Exhibit Hall



Periodicals and Journals

Journal of Forestry – SAF's award-winning, internationally acclaimed flagship publication is the most widely read forestry periodical in the world. It provides scientific analysis and perspectives on the most important issues facing the nation's forests and the people who manage them. The Journal adopted a clean new format for improved readability that highlights each issue's content on the cover to better attract the attention of today's busy natural resource professionals.

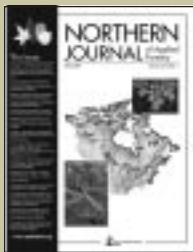
Forest Science – This internationally renowned, leading forestry research journal also adopted a new design for improved readability.



Northern, Southern, and Western Regional Journals of Applied Forestry – These regional publications continue to be the source for the most current information on forestry research, practice, and techniques targeted to foresters and allied professionals in specific regions of the United States and Canada.

Newspapers and E-Newsletters

The Forestry Source – This monthly newspaper features the latest SAF news, tracks relevant land-management trends and legislation, reports on cutting-edge research, and covers the latest news from industry, government, and other natural resources organizations.



The E-Forester – SAF's bi-weekly e-mail newsletter helps SAF members stay on top of what's happening. Topics include: forestry news; federal land management, sustainability and certification; science, technology and resources; and the latest news from SAF.



Forest Policy and Legislation – Making a Difference at the National Level

SAF serves as a voice for professional foresters in policy debates at the national, state, and local level. Whether you're concerned about public land management, agency budgets, or pressures on family forest owners, SAF provides credible, science-based information to policy-makers who affect your everyday lives and work environment.



Credible, Science-Driven Advocacy and Information

At the national level, SAF engages in all major forestry-related policy issues that impact forestry professionals. Through letters, comments, and Congressional testimony, SAF weighed in on several important policy issues, from Federal budgets to the newly enacted Energy Bill to environmental law and national planning rule revisions. In addition to updating current position statements, a revolutionary new position statement on Forest Tree Biotechnology was developed. These position statements provide the tools for SAF members to engage policy makers at all levels in supporting sustainable forest management.

Partnerships

In 2007, SAF led numerous coalitions, bringing diverse interests together to agree on common goals. The coalitions are increasingly important as we are faced with tight budget and competing interests in Congress. SAF serves as a leader in coalitions focused on the 2007 Farm Bill reauthorization, renewable biomass, forest restoration, wildfire suppression funding, and others. The SAF national policy office also plays a key role in SAF's Climate Change Task Force. The task force has been drafting an extensive report regarding the role of forest management in climate change; the report is currently under review and is expected to be released in 2008.

Supporting Forest Policy

In 2007, SAF played a key role, both through national efforts as well as grassroots support, in the drafting and passage of several bills. SAF has helped support a recently introduced bill, The Saving American Lives and Investing in Protecting Land and Nature Act, which has been introduced by Rep. Bill Sali (R-ID) and will be moving through the House in 2008. In addition to support, the SAF national office has assisted in opposing measures detrimental to forest management. One such example is the testimony SAF submitted contesting the Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act, which would designate 24 million acres of national forest system land as wilderness, seriously precluding management options on an enormous portion of federal land.

Through coalition building, field tours, grassroots advocacy, and sharing on-the-ground examples, SAF created a better understanding of the issues surrounding forestry and the need for legislative adjustments.

Policy Tools for SAF members

A weekly update, free to SAF members and partners, provides high-quality up-to-date information on the latest forest policy hearings, legislation, and news occurring in Washington, DC, and throughout the country.

SAF also hosted, through its national Committee on Forest Policy, a roundtable at the 2007 National Convention. Members gained valuable insight into current forest policy, learned who's who in natural resources policy on Capitol Hill, and what can be expected in the future.

Certified Forester™ Program

SAF's Certified Forester program is raising the visibility of the forestry profession throughout the country. At the end of 2007, there were approximately 2,600 people who earned this national credential (CF or CF/FCA), which verifies specific levels of education, experience, professional commitment, and competence. The CF program continues to grow and remains an excellent opportunity for foresters to demonstrate their credentials to potential clients and employers.

SAF manages the CF website – www.certifiedforester.org – and publishes a comprehensive study guide for the CF exam.

National Accreditation and Recognition

Accreditation and recognition programs verify that each college or university provides an education that adequately prepares students for a career in forestry. SAF accredits first professional degree programs in forestry, either baccalaureate or masters, and recognizes forest technician programs in the United States and Canada.

The SAF website provides links to the accredited and recognized forestry programs and summarizes recent committee actions. The SAF accreditation process is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, which maintains a directory of SAF-accredited programs on its website at www.chea.org.



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Committee on Accreditation Highlights

- Granted initial accreditation to the Forest Products Option at Mississippi State University and to the Forest Operations Management degree at Oregon State University
- Granted continued accreditation of 33 forestry programs at 19 universities
- Granted continued candidate status to the urban forestry program at the University of Maryland and 3 forestry programs Paul Smith's College

Committee of Forest Technology School Recognition Highlights

- Granted continued recognition to 12 forest technician programs
- Denied initial recognition to one forest technician program

Educational Policy Review Committee Highlights

- Council approved the standards, procedures, and guidelines for specialized accreditation for programs in urban forestry for implementation beginning August 1, 2007

SAF Task Force on Forest Technology School Accreditation

- The SAF Task Force on Forest Technology School Accreditation began evaluating the merits of SAF accreditation of forest technology education programs and the proposed *Accreditation Handbook: Standards, Procedures and Guidelines for Accrediting Educational Programs in Forest Technology*

Forest Science and Technology Board

The Forest Science and Technology Board carries out the SAF mission to “advance the science, education, technology, and practice of forestry” by supporting the Working Groups in their activities, developing the Science Fund, and coordinating with Council and other SAF units. Two notable projects for 2007 were updates to the *Dictionary of Forestry* and the development of *Forests and Forestry in the Americas: An Encyclopedia*.

Working Groups

The Society's Working Groups continue to be the primary means for implementing the SAF Science Program. Two new Working Groups were formed in 2007 to address current issues:

The Bioenergy, Climate Change, and Carbon Working Group (E3) provides science-based leadership in adaptive forest management pertaining to climate change, carbon management, and sustainable sources of domestic renewable energy. With respect to forests' role in reducing and preventing greenhouse gas emissions, this group shares information on carbon-offset-project qualification, quality, measurement, verification, trading, registration, and policy. They also share information about the use of cellulosic bio-fuels across multiple markets and applications; the substitution of renewable wood product building materials for nonrenewable building materials; and Life Cycle Assessments of technologies capable of accomplishing stated goals. They also empower forest managers with the tools to restore forests to healthy landscape-level systems as defined by historical measures.



The **Human Dimensions Working Group (F4)** provides focus for issues associated with the human dimensions of forestry and natural resources management. Human Dimensions covers a broad set of ideas and practices, including economic and social values, individual and group behavior, citizen involvement in planning and implementation of management, and communication (adapted from *Human Dimensions of Wildlife Management*; Decker, Brown, and Siemer 2001). The Human Dimensions field understands those human beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors relative to natural resources and integrates that insight into natural resource management planning, decision making, and actions. The Human Dimensions Working Group will include, but is not limited to, those ideas, issues, and concerns associated with the human/natural resource interface.

Additionally, the Education and Communication Working Group was renamed the **Outreach and Education Working Group** to accurately reflect its mission.

The Working Groups played a central role in the highly successful science and technical program for the SAF National Convention. Many Working Groups sponsored, co-sponsored, or assisted in numerous science conferences, workshops and symposia, such as the IUFRO Forest Inventory Conference and the 2007 North American Forest Biology Workshop; and in providing information to members and other organizations. Here is a sample of long-term activities in progress:

- Third decennial Status of Remote Sensing Education in US Forestry Schools Survey
- Update of the Dictionary of Forestry
- Contributions to the Forests and Forestry in the Americas: An Encyclopedia
- Development of the SAF Database of Famous Places in Forest History

Units – Leadership and Influence Start at the Grassroots Level

Alaska SAF

Members of the state society introduced the incoming Alaska Legislature and staff to important forestry and related natural resources issues. It also allows legislatures and staff to meet those people who work in these fields.

Kentucky/Tennessee SAF

To raise awareness of forestry, a campaign titled “Who’s Your Forester?” was created. The campaign communicated what knowledge foresters require, and how foresters can assist private landowners.

Montana SAF

Each year, the Missoula Chapter hosts Forestry Day at Fort Missoula. The event combines timber sport competition and hands-on forestry exhibits and displays. The event brings more than 80 collegiate and professional competitions, and crowds of 800-900 visitors. The visitors can make paper, plant trees, identify every day products made from wood, learn about urban interface, fire protection, and try their hand at cross-cut sawing, watch demonstrations of a steam-powered sawmill, and horse logging demonstrations.

Southeastern SAF

A local Walk in the Forest event was created for children, chaperones, teachers, media, and local politicians on the 10,000 acre Lake George Forest and Wildlife Management Area. Participants were introduced to forestry and students were taught about forest resources at various stations throughout the walk.

Student Chapters

SAF recognizes that today's natural resource students are the future of forestry and the future leaders of the nation's forests. At the end of 2007, SAF student membership was 1,602.

Student Chapters - Student members are supported by both their schools and by SAF faculty representatives – SAF members who serve as advisors to the 68 active SAF student chapters. Student members have a voice in SAF through the National Student Assembly, which meets once a year during the national convention.

Student Reception and Quiz Bowl at convention - More than 400 students from more than 50 colleges and universities throughout the United States attended the Student Reception and Orientation—an opening event that provides SAF's student members with a chance to meet their peers and receive tips on how to make the most of their convention experience. More than 30 teams from forestry schools competed for the annual Quiz Bowl trophy. The 2007 quiz bowl winner is Penn State.

Educational Workshops and Mentoring - SAF enhances a student's educational experience by offering a host of online resources and educational workshops. Students receive a very reduced rate to attend professional sessions at the convention. SAF hosts an online mentoring program allowing students as well as new natural resource professionals to link with more experienced professionals from around the country.

Web Info “Just for Students” - The “Just for Students” section of our website includes resources for financial aid, stress management, study skills, time management, writing tips, Student Chapter management, and more.





Members in the News

SAF conducts hundreds of projects nationwide, and many generate local and regional media coverage. We commend our members for engaging the media. We believe it's critical to be the voice of forestry on a broader level. Here are a few examples:

Private Industry - John M. Hancock, CF, of Eagle Rock, Virginia, had an opinion–editorial published in the May 24 issue of *The Roanoke Times*. Responding to several previous op–eds and commentaries opposed to the Forest Emergency Recovery and Research Act, Hancock noted the legislation offers a “common sense approach for responding to specific situations” on federal forestland and that it would “assist in restoration, including the harvesting of trees that have been damaged or killed by natural catastrophe over a large area.” He also said the bill “will provide federal land managers with the tools to respond quickly to catastrophic events and [give them] the flexibility to work with adjacent [private] landowners following these events.”

Bureau of Land Management - Ed Shepard, CF, of West River, Maryland, was the subject of an October 2 article that appeared on the KTVZ (central Oregon) news channel’s website. Bureau of Land Management Director Kathleen Clarke named Shepard as director of the BLM state office. Shepard has 32 years of experience with the BLM. Prior to being named assistant director, he served as Oregon and Washington deputy state director for resource planning, use, and protection.

State & Local Government - Russ Gautreaux of Libby, Montana, was quoted in a May 2006 issue of the *Western News Reporter* in an article about the region’s beetle outbreak and the apparent decrease in beetle problems on the Kootenai National Forest. Gautreaux, a silviculturist on the Kootenai, said that in the forest’s planning “we try to look at areas that have vulnerability or risks to insects and diseases at unnatural levels. We try to maintain a healthy forest by promoting species diversity. Some areas are inaccessible and life goes on. There will be fires at one point or another. That has a way of balancing things out for a period of time.”

Universities and Colleges - Steve Resh of Cumberland, Maryland, and Melissa Stephens of Frostburg we quoted in an March 6 *Cumberland Times-News* article about the increase in female students enrolled in the forestry program at the Allegany College of Maryland (AMC). Speaking about forestry as a traditionally male profession, Stevens, an AMC student, said that she is “not easily intimidated.” Resh, who is AMC forestry programs coordinator, said that although some women believe that forestry involves “back-breaking work and holds onto a rough culture” the profession is “very much a thinking-person’s field that depends on knowledge, communication, and analytical thinking.” Resh added that SAF has made concerted efforts to attract more women and people of color into the profession.

SAF National Award Winners

Each year, SAF recognizes those forestry professionals who made outstanding contributions to further the Society's mission. We congratulate this year's award recipients and honor them for their outstanding service to the Society and the profession.

- John A. Sandor, CF – Gifford Pinchot Medal
- William J. Barton – John A. Beale Memorial Award
- Scott Merkle – Barrington Moore Memorial Award in Biological Science
- Richard Fletcher – Technology Transfer Award
- Shibu Jose – Young Forester Leadership Award
- Jack Elrod – Outstanding Forestry Journalism Award

2007 Presidential Field Forester Awards

- Phillip D. Anderson – Williamson Consulting
- Thomas L. Ortman, CF – Clackamas County, Oregon
- Karen J. Jones – US Forest Service
- John P. Roberts – Idaho Department of Lands
- Nina M. Stensberg, CF – Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- John A. O'Brien – O'Brien Forestry Services
- Jessica Strother, CF – Fairfax County
- Larry W. Layman, CF – Layman Forestry Services
- Lee A. Crocker, CF – Ohio Department of Natural Resources
- Ralph Leon Jowett, CF – Jowett & Wood Inc.

Working Group Merit Awards

- B3 International Forestry Working Group
- E2 Land Use Planning, Organizing, and Management Working Group





Student Chapter Award Winners - The Outstanding Student Chapter Award recognizes outstanding SAF student chapters in the nation. The award is based on numerous criteria including: service to members, the Society, the forestry school, and the community; involvement with other natural resource organizations; and chapter management. There were seven entries in 2007.

- First Place: Green River Community College
- Second Place: Mississippi State University
- Third Place: The Pennsylvania State University

Student Chapter Website Award Winners – This award honors the SAF Student Chapter with the best website design, content, and web management. There were three entries in 2007.

- First Place: Mississippi State University
www.cfr.msstate.edu/studentorgs/saf/index.htm
- Second Place: SUNY/ESF
www.esf.edu/org/saf/
- Third Place: University of Florida
www.sfrc.ufl.edu/SAF/



Committee Chairs 2007

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Membership

Demographics



Membership

Total Membership

Total Membership – 14, 796

Number of Countries

Represented

within SAF Membership – 57

Membership by Category

Professional Members – 12,347 (83%)
 Conditional Professional Members – 65 (<1%)
 Technician Members – 441 (3%)
 Associate Members – 168 (1%)
 Corresponding Members – 106 (1%)
 Student Members – 1,566 (11%)
 International – 61 (<1%)
 Honorary – 42 (<1%)

Ethnicity

White – 13,891 (94%)
 Asian – 138 (1%)
 Hispanic – 130 (1%)
 Black – 74 (<1%)
 Native American/Alaska Native – 69 (<1%)
 Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islanders – 3 (<1%)
 Other/No Answer – 491 (3%)

Gender

Male – 12,917 (87%)
 Female – 1,879 (13%)

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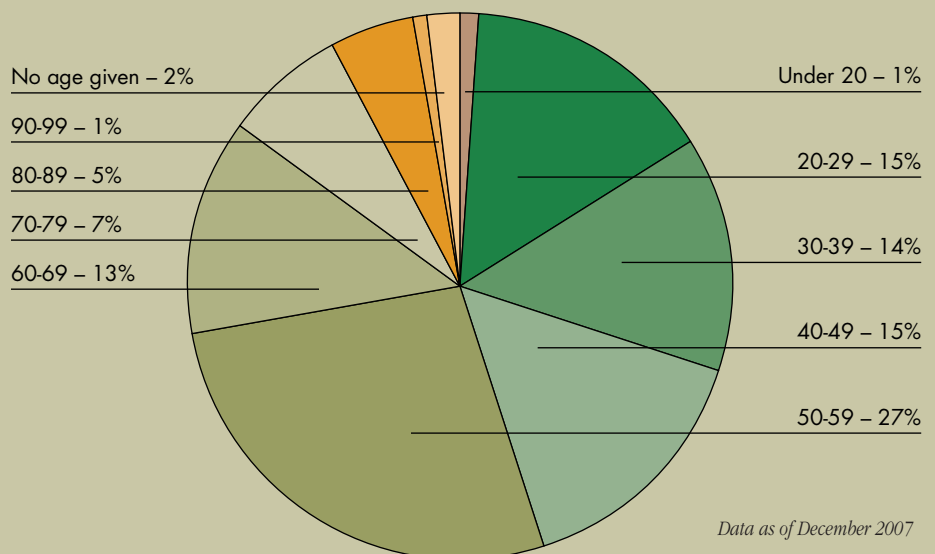
Professional Affiliation

Private Industry – 2,679 (18%)
 Retired – 2,576 (17%)
 Student – 1,867 (13%)
 Consultant – 1,940 (13%)
 State/Local Government – 1,710 (12%)
 Federal Government – 1,597 (11%)
 College/University – 1,157 (8%)
 Self Employed – 248 (2%)
 Association/Foundation – 263 (2%)
 TIMO/REIT – 440 (3%)
 Other – 319 (2%)

Members by Position

Retired – 2,578 (17%)
 Field Forester – 2,421 (16%)
 Management/Administration – 3,581 (24%)
 Staff Specialist – 1,223 (8%)
 Resource Manager – 63 (<1%)
 Researcher/Educator – 1,252 (8%)
 Student – 1,857 (13%)
 Owner – 304 (2%)
 Other – 792 (5%)
 No Position Indicated – 725 (5%)

Membership by Age



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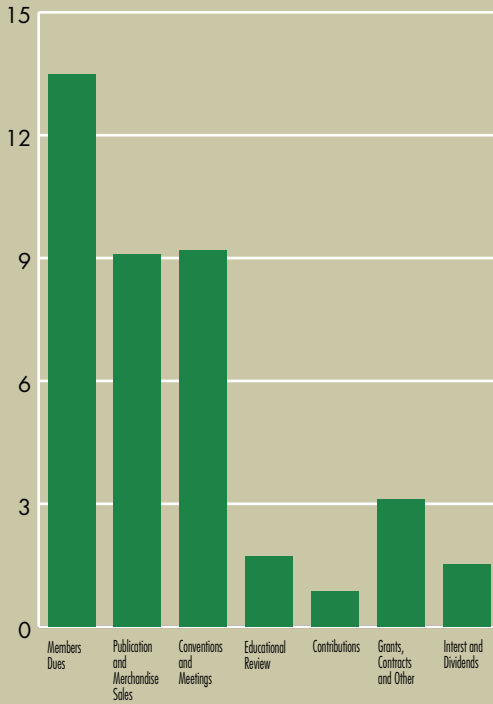
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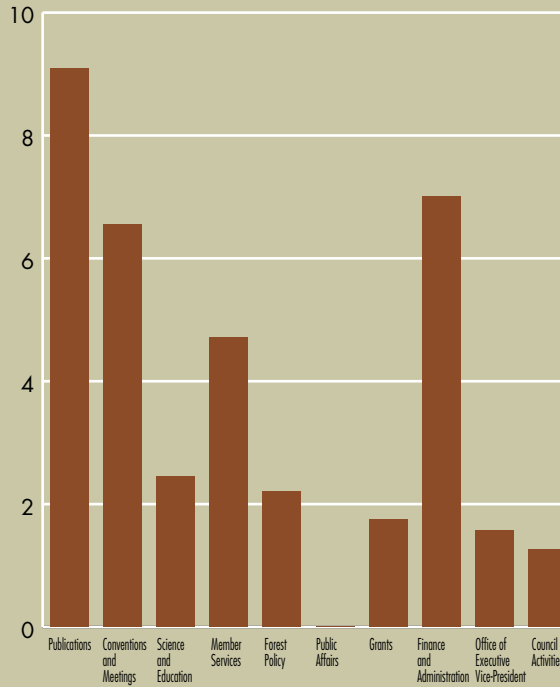


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Revenues \$3,902,773
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