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### Kentucky-Tennessee Society of American Foresters Executive Committee Meeting, January 26, 2005 MeadowView Marriott, Kingsport, Tennessee

#### Opening/General Topics:

- Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by KTSAF Chair, Jerry Crow.
- List of attendees -- see attached.
- Review Agenda: Jerry Crow – see attached.

Welcome and Introductions: Jerry Crow.

Review of Summer Executive Committee Meeting Minutes: Ed Smith, KTSAF Secretary, presented draft Summer Executive Committee Meeting minutes which were reviewed and approved. (Motion: Don Hodges, Second: Dave Buckley)

Council Representative Comments: Bob Cunningham, SAF District 9 Council Representative offered comments on the following topics.

- Noted that this had been his first year on Council and first Council meeting in December 2004.
- Reported that SAF had decided not to make any disbursements for the Foresters Fund in 2005 due to decline in economy resulting in no earnings in the fund.
- Challenging year coping with loses in SAF membership.
- Declining membership resulted in necessary 2004 budget cuts. Normally 30% budget from membership dues and 70% from investments. With declining membership and slow economy there was \$500 thousand shortfall in revenue. Among necessary actions, several staff positions were left vacant and Council met only three times. Even though times were hard, SAF still came out in black.
- Much work being done on RARF which has been ongoing since 1975.
- Positive events for SAF included being featured on NPR and in *Backpacker* magazine during 2004.
- Noted that Leadership Academy was a success last year and had already been scheduled for June 6-11 this year. Said that all involved had positive experience, with 78% reporting “excellent” and 22% reporting “good” on outgoing critiques.
- Reported that combined SAF/Canadian Convention had been a great event but that attendance from SAF members had been down, probably due to convention being held in another country.
- Noted that this year’s SAF Convention would be held in Fort Worth, Texas.
- Cited SAF national policy successes in returning \$500 million to Bob Marsh and helping to secure changes to tax code allowing capital gains treatment of more timber sales.

Volunteer Organization Structure Study (VOS): Bob Cunningham then summarized the content and recommendations of the recently completed SAF VOS study chaired by SAF Past President David Smith and on which KTSAF's Gary Schneider served.

- Asked for our comments on the study to assist him in preparing his comments as our Council Member.
- Summarized the preamble to the study outlining a lengthy annual decline in total SAF membership and noting that members of disciplines, other than forestry, were beginning to assume more influence in natural resource leadership positions.
- Noted that the study made thirteen recommendations divided into three major areas, with the first area being the most significant.

A discussion of the VOS recommendation concerning reduction and reorganization of the SAF voting districts followed with comments speculating on whether this change would be good for the SAF. Bob again asked that we review the Study in detail and provide our input on all of the recommendations to him so that he could provide a District response concerning the Study. Jerry Crow indicated that he, as 2005 Policy Chair, would take this request as a task. Jerry also asked Mark Young to put a link to the study on the KTSAF web site so that our membership could more easily find the study on the SAF web site.

UT Student Chapter Comments: Chad Cooper, Chapter Vice-President, thanked KTSAF for our grant of \$300 to assist students in attending the 2004 SAF National Convention. Four students, including one undergraduate, attended the convention. They found it exciting and appreciated the opportunity to network with forestry professionals and other students.

Year-End Financial Report for 2004: Outgoing Treasurer, Red Anderson, was unable to attend the Winter Meeting due to work commitments and had met earlier with incoming Treasurer, Ed Smith, for turnover. Ed distributed the 2004 Year-End Financial Statement (copy attached) and offered the following specific comments.

- Noted that \$50.00 too much of 2004 Silent Auction proceeds had been sent to SAF and that the situation could be corrected with corresponding deduction in 2005 or later.
- Noted that only \$1,879.54 of the budgeted \$3,000.00 had been expended for the Leadership Academy and that Executive Committee had voted during the 2004 Winter Meeting and reaffirmed during the 2004 Summer Meeting to send any excess to SAF in support of the Leadership Academy. Although the excess (\$1,120.46) has not been sent to SAF at this time, the Financial Report reflects this expenditure, and the donation will be sent unless otherwise directed by the Executive Committee.

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- Noted that final 20% (\$160.00) of the SAF Foresters Fund Grant in support of the 2004 FFA Convention had been received but that final payment of expenses to Lloyd Foe had not been disbursed. Also noted that Lloyd's expenses had exceeded the \$800.00 budget by \$87.91 for a total convention outlay of \$887.91. Total expense for FFA Convention has been entered in the Financial Report and, Lloyd will be reimbursed for his total expenses unless otherwise directed by the Executive Committee.
- Noted that the reconciled checking account balance exceeds the general ledger balance by \$499.39 (see attached spreadsheet) and that, after reconciling general ledger with checkbook for over two years, error(s) cannot be found. Recommended that entry be made in general ledger to bring checking account/checkbook balance into agreement with general ledger so that, in future, checkbook and general ledger can be reconciled and general ledger will reflect true status of funds available to KTSAF.

Motion was made and passed to adjust general ledger balance to agree with reconciled checking account balance. (Motion: Dave Walters, Second: Laurie Smith)

Motion was made and passed to accept 2004 Year-end Financial Report. (Motion: Grant Curry, Second: Don Hodges)

Presentation of the 2005 Budget: Ed Smith presented a draft 2005 budget for discussion. Mark Young requested additional funds for the KTSAF web page this year to support renewal of our domain name ([www.ktsaf.org](http://www.ktsaf.org)) for five years for \$100, a 50% savings, normal web hosting fees of \$240, and upgrading/new software and miscellaneous expenses of \$140 (total \$480). Pat Cleary recommended that, since there would be no grants available from the SAF Foresters Fund this year, we should retain funds from silent auctions in our budget to support the 2005 FFA Convention. Ed Smith further recommended that silent auction proceeds be split 50/50 between "meeting income/general funds" and the "FFA Convention" up to a total of \$1,800 (\$900/\$900). If silent auction proceeds are insufficient to fund up to \$900 for the FFA Convention, the shortfall would come from KTSAF general funds. If silent auction proceeds exceed \$1,800, one-half of amount exceeding \$1,800 would be contributed to the SAF Foresters Fund. Motion was made and passed to approve the KTSAF 2005 Budget (copy attached), as modified by the above recommendations. (Motion: Wayne Clatterbuck, Second: Pat Cleary)

### **Committee Reports:**

Membership: Dwayne Turner, Committee Chair, reported that KTSAF had dropped from first in membership recruitment/retention last year to 24<sup>th</sup> of 32 this year. He also provided detail on the general decline in SAF membership – 639 net loss in 2004, 547 net loss in 2003, and 206 net loss in 2002. A general discussion of membership trends and problems followed. (See attached report.)

Member Information: (See attached report.)

Newsletter: John Rennie, Committee Co-Chair, requested that members be active in sending information to him for publication in our newsletter. He prefers electronic format but can deal with other forms of input too. He further requested that all members keep the SAF national office up-to-date on email and mailing addresses, as this is the source he uses for official mailing lists. He circulated a petition to nominate Red Anderson as an SAF Fellow. He also commented that he has observed much improvement in all aspects of Executive Committee meetings.

Web Master: Mark Young, Committee Co-Chair, noted that he obtains much input for the KTSFAF web site from the *Knoxville News Sentinel* and would welcome input from all members.

Scholarship: Wayne Clatterbuck, Committee Chair, reported that we spend about \$600 to \$650 from the Scholarship Fund each year for student scholarships. In recent years, with the poor economy, income from the fund has been insufficient to cover expenses, and we have been forced to use principle. He will discuss this problem, and offer two resolutions during Old Business. (See attached report.)

Education: Laurie Smith, Committee Chair. (See attached report.)

Program: Bruce Kauffman, Committee Chair, not present. Wayne Clatterbuck reported that there were 132 persons registered for the 2005 Winter Meeting, so far. Ken Smith, Southeast Tennessee Chapter Chair, reported that they would be hosting the 2005 Summer Meeting at the University of the South in Sewanee and the Arnold Air Force Base in Tullahoma. After discussion, consensus was that June 16<sup>th</sup> (?) would be best date for the meeting. Additional information is contained in the attached Southeast Tennessee Chapter report.

Public Affairs/Communications: Matt Bennett, Committee Chair, not present. No report.

History: Rick Wilcox, Committee Chair, not present. No report.

Policy: Kerry Schell, Committee Chair. No report.

Auditing: Laurie Smith, Committee Chair: Dave Walters and Pat Cleary volunteered to assist Laurie in auditing the general ledger and other records being turned over to incoming treasurer, Ed Smith.

Tellers: Richard Evans, Committee Chair. (See attached report.)

Awards: Pam Snyder, Committee Chair, not present. It was noted that SAF is now charging for award certificates. There were no nominations from Kentucky for this year's Baggenstoss Forestry Recognition Award or Outstanding Service Award to a Technician. Tennessee recommended Kevin Belt for the SAF President's Outstanding Field Forester Award for District 9; however, he was not selected as the District recipient by our Council Representative, Bob Cunningham. Bob commented that all nominees were outstanding foresters, and that we should continue to make such recommendations to the Council Representative.

Nominating: Dave Walters, Committee Chair: Dave requested that members get nominations for next year's officers to him by end of Summer – Chair-Elect and Secretary to come from Kentucky for 2006.

FFA Convention: Lloyd Foe, Committee Chair: (See attached report.) Jerry Crow summarized Lloyd's report as follows: Convention was held in Louisville, Kentucky from October 27-29, 2004. There were about 53,000 attendees, and an estimated 10,000 visited the KTSAF booth. Every State, Puerto Rico, the Bahamas, and Canada were represented by attendees. The budget for our participation in this year's convention was \$800 of which \$420 was for the booth. Our participation in the convention was funded by a Forester's Fund Grant. Actual expenses were \$887.91. Lloyd Foe and seven other persons participated in manning the booth.

**KTSAF Chapter Reports:**

West Tennessee Chapter: David Mercker, Chapter Chair, noted that:

- 108 persons attended the 2004 Summer Meeting at Ames Plantation and that net proceeds from the meeting were \$2728.53.
- Chapter will be hosting a 12-county forestry field day this Summer.
- Position paper, "Forester Registration in Tennessee," is complete and ready for our consideration in Old Business. (See attached report.)

Middle Tennessee Chapter: Jere Jeter, Chapter Chair, not present. Dave Walters reported that Ann Ulrey, who was elected as 2005 Chapter Chair, had moved and was no longer available to fill the position.

East Tennessee Chapter: Don Hodges, Chapter Chair:

- Chapter continues to hold monthly breakfast meetings.
- Thanked Wayne Clatterbuck, Doug Hendrickson, Jeff Holt, and Brent Galloway for their hard work in organizing and preparing for this Winter Meeting.
- Distributed copies of a letter drafted by Ed Buckner in reply to a *Washington Post* editorial concerning forest management on the Cumberland Plateau and requested comments on whether the letter should be sent by KTSAF and

whether all members should be offered the opportunity to sign the letter. Consensus was that Ed should sign the letter on behalf of KTSAF and that additional signature pages should be made available for others to sign. Don was asked to brief all attendees on this matter during the general session, on Thursday. (See attached report.)

Southeast Tennessee Chapter: Ken Smith, Chapter Chair, reported that no Chair-Elect (?) had been elected for this year. Further discussion followed on possibilities for the upcoming 2005 Summer Meeting. (See attached report and comments in Program Committee section).

West Kentucky Chapter: Jason Utley, Chapter Chair, not present. Jerry Crow, Chapter member, commented that it had been 1 1/2 years since the last Chapter meeting. Large area covered by Chapter seems to be one problem. Also, many members have retired and are having a difficult time finding time to participate in Chapter activities.

East Kentucky Chapter: Timothy Queary, Chapter Chair, not present. Pat Cleary, Chapter member, reported that:

- They have a full slate of officers.
- They are starting to rebuild the Chapter.
- A future meeting will be a joint meeting on timber theft with another organization.
- Next meeting will be March 17<sup>th</sup>, in Morehead. Subject will be forest health.
- They will be launching an electronic newsletter soon.

**School/Student Chapter Reports:**

The University of Tennessee: Dave Buckley, Student Chapter Faculty Advisor, commented that membership numbers were up to about 25 to 30 students. Recent or planned Student SAF Chapter activities are the Forestry, Wildlife, and Fisheries Fall Bonfire, Ag Day, Forestry Conclave, and fund raising events.

University of Kentucky: No report.

University of the South: Ken Smith reported that they had a small program with two to four students in Forestry and about 15 students in Natural Resources. The Student SAF Chapter has seven members.

**Agency Reports:**

Tennessee Division of Forestry: Dave Walters commented that they were still recruiting for ten of twelve recently open professional positions.

**Others:**

MeadWestvaco: Jerry Crow commented on the recent sale of their Paper Division and associated company land to an investment company. Paper will be the new company's focus. Job situations are once again "up in the air."

**Old Business:**

Donation to UT Student Chapter for Attendance at the 2004 National Convention: See comments under "Opening/General Topics" section.

Tennessee Forester Licensing: David Mercker, West Tennessee Chapter, reported that they had completed their tasking from the 2004 Summer Meeting to: develop a Chapter position paper, have the paper ratified by their Chapter members, and submit the paper to the KTSAF for consideration. He passed out copies, titled "Forester Registration in Tennessee," and summarized contents of their paper. Following discussion within the Executive Committee, the consensus was to offer the paper for discussion during the general meeting and then vote on whether to further study the paper as a policy matter.

Forester's Fund Grant Proposal: Alan Brown, Tennessee CFE Coordinator, proposed a collaborative effort between the University of Tennessee and the SAF in which UT Extension/ UT Professional and Personal Development (UTE/PPD) and the SAF will strengthen the state society by expanding the membership and strengthening the profession. This project provides (1) an incentive for non-members to join the SAF, (2) a benefit for current members of the SAF and (3) an incentive to participate in professional development training. (See attached proposal.) The proposal was discussed by the Executive Committee with consensus that it was a good idea. However, since no grant proposals are being accepted by SAF this year, the group agreed to table the proposal until a later date when grant proposals area being accepted.

**New Business:**

Memorial Scholarship Fund: Wayne offered two resolutions to clarify policy regarding the Memorial Scholarship Fund and/or provide an income source for the fund. (See attached resolutions.)

Resolution #1, clarified policy that actual student scholarships would be funded from Memorial Scholarship Fund resources, while expenses of bringing scholarship recipients to the Winter meeting to receive their scholarship would be borne as host chapter meeting expenses. If the host chapter did not generate enough income to cover scholarship recipient travel and lodging expenses, then these expenses would be borne by the KTSAF general fund. Motion was made and passed to approve Resolution #1. (Motion: Wayne Clatterbuck, Second: Dave Walters)

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Resolution #2, recommended that, beginning with 2005 KTSAF Winter Meeting, 25% of proceeds from the silent auction for Winter meetings (not Summer meetings) be disbursed as income to the Memorial Scholarship Fund. This recommendation is necessary to replenish/increase principal in the Memorial Scholarship Fund, which has declined in recent years, primarily due to the declining economy. Resolution cited no subsidies from general fund to Memorial Scholarship Fund since 1993 and 1994 and less than \$900 in memorials in last eleven years. After discussion, consensus was that time would be provided during general meeting to inform attendees of this situation (income shortfall and memorial opportunity) and buckets would be provided for recommended \$1.00 per person contribution to the Fund. No motion was offered with regard to the resolution itself.

Summer Meeting Advance Preview: (Information provided earlier in Executive Committee Meeting.)

Volunteer Organization Structure Discussion: (Information provided earlier in Executive Committee Meeting.)

Other: Jerry Crow passed out copies of updated SAF "Forest Policy Guidebook."

**Adjourn Meeting:** There being no further business, motion was made and passed at 10:20 p.m. to adjourn the Executive Committee Meeting. (Motion: Pat Cleary, Second: Ken Smith)

Minutes were written and compiled by Ed Smith;  
Respectfully submitted by,

Ron Taylor  
Secretary, KTSAF

**Attendees**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Kentucky-Tennessee Society of American Foresters**  
**2005 Winter Meeting**  
**January 26, 2005**

Jerry Crow, Outgoing Chair, KTSAF  
Don Hodges, Chair-Elect, KTSAF  
Bob Cunningham, SAF District 9 Council Representative  
Ed Smith, Outgoing Secretary/Incoming Treasurer, KTSAF  
Ron Taylor, Incoming Secretary, KTSAF  
Kerry Schell, Policy Chair, KTSAF  
Pat Cleary, Chair, East KY Chapter  
Hagen Wonn, Past Chair, East KY Chapter  
David Mercker, Chair, West TN Chapter  
Ken Smith, Chair, Southeast TN Chapter  
Richard Evans, Tellers Committee Chair  
John Rennie, Member Information Committee Co-Chair/Newsletter Editor  
Laurie Smith, Education Committee Chair  
D'Wayne Turner, Membership Committee Chair  
Mark Young, Member Information Committee Co-Chair/Web Master  
Wayne Clatterbuck, Memorial Scholarship Committee Chair  
Dave Walters, Nominating Committee Chair  
George Hopper, Head, UT Department of Forestry Wildlife and Fisheries  
Dave Buckley, Faculty Advisor, Student Chapter, UT  
Alan Brown, TN CFE Coordinator  
Grant Curry, East Kentucky Chapter (Newsletter Editor)  
Jeff Holt, East Tennessee Chapter (Past Chair)  
Robert Volk, East Kentucky Chapter (KY Division of Forestry)

**Agenda**  
**Kentucky / Tennessee Society of American Foresters Executive Committee**  
**2005 Winter Meeting**  
**January 26, 2004**  
**6:00 PM, EST**  
**Kingsport, Tennessee**

Welcome	Jerry Crow
Introductions	All
Review of Summer Exec. Committee Meeting Minutes	Ed Smith
Council Representative Comments	Bob Cunningham
Year-End Financial Report for 2004	Ed Smith for Red Anderson
Presentation of the 2005 Budget	Ed Smith

**Committee Reports**

Membership	Dwayne Turner
Member Information	
Newsletter	John Rennie
Web Site	Mark Young
Scholarship	Wayne Clatterbuck
Education	Laurie Smith
Program	Bruce Kaufmann
Public Affairs/Communications	Matt Bennett
History	Rick Wilcox
Policy	Kerry Schell
Auditing	Red Anderson
Tellers	Richard Evans
Awards	Pam Snyder
Nominating	Dave Walters
Forester's Fund FFA Convention	Lloyd Foe

**KTSAF Chapter Reports**

West Tennessee:	David Mercker/Allan Houston
Middle Tennessee:	Jere Jeter/Anne Ulrey
East Tennessee:	Don Hodges/Greg Bailey
Southeast Tennessee:	Ken Smith
West Kentucky:	Jason Utley
East Kentucky:	Hagan Wonn/Tim Queary

**School Reports**

University of Tennessee	David Buckley
University of Kentucky	Chuck Rhoades
University of the South	Karen Kuers
Hazard Community College	Don Barnes

**Agency Reports**

LBL  
Cherokee National Forest

Daniel Boone National Forest  
Tennessee Division of Forestry  
Kentucky Division of Forestry

**Others**

Industry, Consultants, Fort Campbell, et al

**Old Business**

Donation to UT Student Chapters for attendance at the 2004 National Convention	
Tenn. Forester Licensing	West Tenn. Chapter
Forester's Fund Grant Proposal	Alan Brown
Other	?

**New Business**

Resolutions	Wayne Clatterbuck
Summer Meeting Advance Preview	Southeast Tenn. Chapter
Volunteer Organization Structure Discussion	
Other	

**Adjourn by 10:00 PM EST**

# Kentucky-Tennessee Society of American Foresters 2004 Year-End Financial Statement

	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Actual</b>	
<b><u>INCOME (+)</u></b>			
Student Development (\$569.93 Brought Forward)	\$ 569.93	\$ 342.88	
Forester's Fund (Silent Auctions) (1/2 total proceeds go to National)	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,628.00	
Forester's Fund (Other Donations)	\$ -	\$ -	
Forester's Fund (grants from SAF)			
FFA Convention	\$ 650.00	\$ 800.00	
Meetings	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,528.65	
Leadership Academy (Challenge Contribution)	\$ -	\$ 525.00	
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	
Account Interest	\$ 60.00	\$ 23.14	
Dues from SAF to KT	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,253.50	
Dues from SAF to Chapters	\$ 390.00	\$ 103.50	
<b><i>SUBTOTAL</i></b>	<b>\$ 5,569.93</b>	<b>\$ 6,204.67</b>	
 <b><u>EXPENSES (-)</u></b>			
Student Development	\$ 150.00	\$ 398.16	
Forester's Fund (Silent Auctions)	\$ 200.00	\$ 864.00	
Forester's Fund (grants from SAF)			
FFA Convention	\$ 650.00	\$ 887.91	
Awards	\$ 500.00	\$ 601.36	
Meetings	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00	
Postage and Labels	\$ 220.00	\$ 46.06	
Newsletter	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.99	
Web Page	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.39	
National Convention	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
Leadership Academy (Challenge Contribution)	\$ -	\$ 525.00	
Leadership Academy (3 KTSAF Delegates)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	Note 1
Nominations	\$ 100.00	\$ 34.60	
House of Society Delegates	\$ 175.00	\$ 192.00	
Miscellaneous	\$ 150.00	\$ 14.00	
Account Interest	\$ -	\$ -	
Dues from SAF to KT	\$ -	\$ -	
Dues from SAF to Chapters	\$ 390.00	\$ 103.50	
KTSAF Contribution to Chapters	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	Note 2
<b><i>SUBTOTAL</i></b>	<b>\$ 8,485.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,217.97</b>	Note 2
 NET INCREASE (DECREASE)	<b>\$ (2,915.07)</b>	<b>\$ (3,013.30)</b>	

# Kentucky-Tennessee Society of American Foresters 2004 Year-End Financial Statement

## Ledger Summary

Beginning 2004 Total Available Ledger Balance	\$ 12,274.02	
Plus Total 2004 Credits	\$ 6,204.67	
Minus Total 2004 Debits	<u>\$ (9,717.97)</u>	Note 2
Ending 2004 Total Available Ledger Balance	<u><u>\$ 8,760.72</u></u>	

Beginning 2004 Student Development Fund Balance	\$ 569.93
Plus Total 2004 Student Development Fund Credits	\$ 342.88
Minus Total 2004 Student Development Fund Debits	<u>\$ (398.16)</u>
Ending 2004 Student Development Fund Balance	<u><u>\$ 514.65</u></u>

Beginning 2005 Ledger Balance (Less Stu Dev)	\$ 8,246.07
Beginning 2005 Student Development Balance	<u>\$ 514.65</u>
Beginning 2005 Total Available Ledger Balance	<u><u>\$ 8,760.72</u></u>

Note 1: Based on \$1,879.54 actual expenses to send two persons to 2004 Leadership Academy plus donation of remainder of budgetted \$3,000.00 (\$1,120.46) to Leadership Academy, as directed by 2004 Winter Meeting Executive Committee decision.

Note 2: Ledger Summary value reflects additional \$500.00 entry listed in 2004 ledger for 2003 KTSFAF contribution to local chapters and included in 2003 Year-End Financial Report and listed as "not yet disbursed."

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Smith  
Treasurer, KTSFAF, 2005

**Kentucky-Tennessee  
Society of American Foresters  
General Ledger**

**vs.**

**Athens Federal Community Bank Statement  
Checking Account #260161655  
Reconciliation as of: 1/26/2005**

<u>Balance from Bank Statement of 12/16/04</u>	\$ 11,300.93
<u>Outstanding Deposits (Credits)</u>	
12/15/2004	\$ 160.00
12/30/2004	\$ 606.00
<u>Total Outstanding Deposits (Credits)</u>	<u>\$ 766.00</u>
Subtotal	\$ 12,066.93
<u>Outstanding Checks (Debits)</u>	
1/15/2004, #1750	\$ (2.00)
1/11/2005, #1782	\$ (51.00)
1/11/2005, #1783	\$ (135.50)
1/11/2005, #1784	\$ (69.00)
1/11/2005, #1785	\$ (170.00)
1/11/2005, #1786	\$ (113.00)
1/11/2005, #1787	\$ (65.00)
1/12/2005, #1788	\$ (864.00)
1/26/2005, #1789	\$ (1,120.46)
1/26/2005, #1790	\$ (216.86)
<u>Total Outstanding Checks (Debits)</u>	<u>\$ (2,806.82)</u>
<u>Reconciled Bank Balance as of 1/26/2005</u>	<u>\$ 9,260.11</u>
<u>General Ledger Balance as of 1/26/2005</u>	<u>\$ 8,760.72</u>
<u>General Ledger Understated</u>	<u>\$ 499.39</u>

Prepared By: Ed Smith, KTSFAF Treasurer, 2005

# Kentucky-Tennessee Society of American Foresters 2005 Budget

## **INCOME (+)**

Student Development (\$514.65 Brought Forward)	\$ 300.00	Note 1
Forester's Fund (Silent Auctions)	\$ 400.00	Note 2
Meetings	\$ 900.00	Note 1
Miscellaneous	\$ -	
Account Interest	\$ 30.00	
Dues from SAF to KT	\$ 1,300.00	
Dues from SAF to Chapters	\$ 125.00	
<b><i>SUBTOTAL</i></b>	<b><u>\$ 3,055.00</u></b>	

## **EXPENSES (-)**

Student Development	\$ 400.00	
Forester's Fund (Silent Auctions)	\$ -	Note 2
FFA Convention	\$ 900.00	
Awards	\$ 600.00	
Meetings	\$ -	
Newsletter	\$ 350.00	
Web Page	\$ 480.00	
National Convention	\$ 1,000.00	
Leadership Academy (2 KTSAF Delegates)	\$ 2,000.00	
Nominations	\$ 50.00	
House of Society Delegates	\$ 200.00	
Miscellaneous	\$ -	
Dues from SAF to Chapters	\$ 125.00	
KTSAF Contribution to Chapters	\$ 500.00	
<b><i>SUBTOTAL</i></b>	<b><u>\$ 6,605.00</u></b>	

NET INCREASE (DECREASE) **\$ (3,550.00)**

Note 1: 1/4 of meeting surplus/income to fund Student Development Fund.

Note 2: 1/2 Silent Auction proceeds to general income. Remaining Silent Auction proceeds (up to \$900) to fund FFA Convention. After \$900 to fund FFA Convention, remaining 1/2 Silent Auction proceeds to SAF Foresters Fund.

Prepared by: Ed Smith, KTSAF Treasurer, 2005

# Kentucky-Tennessee Society of American Foresters

## Membership Committee Report

December 2004

Once again for this year's membership goal for KTSAF and for that matter all SAF sections is to have a net gain of one (1) member by 12-31-2004. Below is a synopsis of the current membership status of KTSAF by chapter:

CHAPTER	2003	2004	CHANGE
Kentucky-Tennessee SAF	4	4	0
Middle Tennessee	36	36	0
East Tennessee	104	93	-11
West Kentucky	50	43	-7
East Kentucky	84	80	-4
Univ. of Tenn. Student	28	30	2
Univ. of Ky. Student	16	24	8
Southeast Tennessee	53	50	-3
West Tennessee	42	37	-5
Univ. of the South Student	5	7	2
TOTAL	422	404	-18

As you can see we have a decline of 18 members from the previous year. This following the fall gain in student members and the fall purge of members. As you can see the only gains were in the Student Chapters. Hats off to everyone for working to increase the 2004 Student Chapter membership and to the Middle Tennessee Chapter for maintaining their numbers. We need to work a little harder to see if we can increase our other chapter's membership in 2005.

Nationally we were among the majority. That is the majority of the sections had a decline in membership in 2004. Of the 32 sections in SAF only 3 meet or surpassed the 2004 goal. Last year we lead the nation by having the largest positive change in membership. This year we ranked 24<sup>th</sup> out of 32 sections. Nationally SAF showed a decrease in membership of 639. This followed a 547 member decrease in 2003 and 206 member decrease experienced in 2002. Not a good trend obviously.

We need to continue to make an effort to recruit new members, retain existing members and reinstate old members. This requires an individual effort by all of us to ensure that our life blood (members) continues to improve.

If you have any questions and/or need any additional information please contact me.

Dwayne A. Turner  
Membership Committee Chair



**Kentucky-Tennessee Society of American Foresters  
2004 Annual Report of the  
Membership Information Committee**

Presented at the  
Winter Meeting, Kingsport, Tennessee, January 26-28, 2005

**Newsletter:**

Four issues (February, May, August and November) of the K-T SAF Newsletter were produced and distributed to K-T SAF members, SAF officers and Council Members and editors of other SAF State Societies. Between 370 and 400 were distributed by email, while 100 to 125 were sent through the US Postal Service. Archives of the newsletters produced in 2004, are included on the CD attached with this report.

The total cost of printing and mailing the newsletter for 2004 was \$347.05.

**Web Site ([www.ktsaf.org](http://www.ktsaf.org)):**

The K-T SAF Web Site continues to serve as an important communications link with our members. The "K-T SAF News" section is the most frequently updated portion of the web site. This section aims to provide current local and national forestry-related news and information to our members on a day-to-day basis. Members are encouraged to send information to [jmyoung@utk.edu](mailto:jmyoung@utk.edu) for inclusion on the site. It is helpful if you can provide a link to the source of the information if one is available.

Another section of the web site that is updated on a regular basis is the "Current K-T SAF Issues" section. This area of the site is used to highlight popular issues that have been identified by representatives of our membership. Issues included and updated recently include *National Forest Planning* and, most recently, *The Cumberland Plateau*.

The web site now has a password protected "Members Only" area. To access this portion of the site logon with a username of: *WSH115forester* and a password of: *saf1900*.

CD Archives have been produced that document the status of the web site as of March 2004, June 2004, September 2004, and December 2004. Server statistics on usage of the web site are also attached to this report. A budget request is hereby submitted for **\$480** (\$240 for web hosting; \$100 for domain name renewal; and \$140 for software & misc. expenses).

Ideas, suggestions, and volunteers for improvements to our web site are welcome! Chapter Chairs are encouraged to nominate someone from their group to serve as an "information contact", responsible for collecting news from their area and sending it to me for inclusion on the web. Our web site serves as an important communication tool for our organization, both internally and externally. As such, information on local news issues, committee reports, requests for input/involvement, meeting announcements, etc. are particularly useful.

*John C. Rennie*  
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Membership Info. Committee Co-Chair  
Kentucky-Tennessee SAF

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**Kentucky-Tennessee Society of American Foresters**  
2004 Memorial Scholarship Annual Report

ASSETS IN INVESTMENTS 12/31/03

Morgan Stanley I-Shares, 1-3 years	\$ 4,123.50	
Morgan Stanley I-Shares, 7-10 years	\$10,587.50	
Morgan Stanley Liquid Assets	\$ 289.41	
<b>Total Morgan Stanley</b>		<b>\$15,000.41</b>
Acct. 647-018236-116		
Acct. Executive: Benjamin Clemmer		
Telephone: 865-694-1008		
TVA Knoxville Employees Credit Union	\$ 443.77	
Acct. #1062807		
<b>Total Portfolio Investment</b>		<b>\$15,444.18</b>

INCOME ON INVESTMENTS 2004

TVA Knoxville Employees Credit Union	\$ 0.51	
Dividends, I-Share Treasury Bonds And Liquid Assets	\$ 477.29	
<u>Decrease</u> in Value of I-Share Treasury Bonds	(\$ 20.75)	
<b>Total Income on Investments 2004</b>		<b>\$457.05</b>

INCOME FROM MEMORIALS --- None

TOTAL EXPENSES 2004

Scholarships from Winter 2004 Meeting		
<b>TVA account</b>		
Amanda J. Caudle (UT)	\$200.00	
Claudia Ann Cotton (UK)	\$200.00	
Check Fee	\$ 4.00	
Total TVA Acct	\$404.00	
<b>Morgan Stanley Acct</b>		
John Ross Harvard (Univ. South)	\$200.00	
Subtotal	\$604.00	
Morgan Stanley Acct Maintenance Fee	\$ 30.00	
<b>Total Expenses 2004</b>		<b>\$634.00</b>
<b>NET INCOME 2004</b>		<b>(\$176.95)</b>

ASSETS IN INVESTMENTS 12/31/04

Morgan Stanley I-Shares, 1-3 years	\$ 4,071.50	
Morgan Stanley I-Shares, 7-10 years	\$10,618.75	
Morgan Stanley Liquid Assets	\$ 536.70	
<b>Total Morgan Stanley</b>		<b>\$15,226.95</b>
Acct. 647-018236-116		
Acct. Executive: Benjamin Clemmer		
Telephone: 865-694-1008		

TVA Knoxville Employees Credit Union  
Acct. #1062807

\$ 40.28

**Total Portfolio Investment**

**\$15,267.23**

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## Narrative for KTSAF Memorial Scholarship Committee 2004 Calendar Year

1. Investments gave \$458.92 of income in 2004. Interest income (dividends) did not keep pace with disbursements of \$634.00 in 2003, creating a net decrease in the fund of \$175.08. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row (2002-2004) that the scholarship fund has generated a deficit. For the years 2000 and 2001, the winter meeting covered the scholarships and expenses to the fund were not incurred. Those years would have also been deficits, if the scholarship were disbursed from the fund.
2. The Memorial Scholarship Committee will introduce two resolutions at the 2005 Winter meeting: (1) to clarify procedures for disbursing funds to scholarship students and as well as procedures for covering travel and meeting expenses of scholarship participants and (2) directing a percentage of the proceeds from Silent Auction at the annual KTSAF Winter Meeting to the Memorial Scholarship Fund.
3. For 2004, no income from memorials was received. The principal of the Scholarship Fund continues to decrease, especially at the lower interest rates in the past few years.
4. Scholarship recipients for 2004 are named in the spreadsheet above. Checks were given to the recipients at the Winter Meeting.
5. We will probably close the TVA Credit Union Account in 2005 and transfer balance to Morgan Stanley Account.
6. There is an opening for a KTSAF member to be on the Memorial Scholarship Committee. The charter designates that one committee member should be from Kentucky. Contact Wayne Clatterbuck if interested.

Submitted By: Wayne Clatterbuck, Chair  
Roger Bollinger, Member

January 22, 2005

### Scholarship Recipients for 2005

- |    |                         |                  |
|----|-------------------------|------------------|
| 1. | University of Kentucky  | Daniel Bowker    |
| 2. | University of Tennessee | Scott A. Lance   |
| 3. | University of the South | Jessica R. Ouzts |

2004 EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT  
WINTER MEETING January 27-29, 2005

Scholarship recipients were Scott A. Lance from The University of Tennessee, Daniel Bowker from The University of Kentucky, and Jessica R. Ouzts from The University of the South.

The Journal of Forestry and the Forestry Source list many continuing education opportunities. SAF also has a web site that lists education opportunities:

<http://www.safnet.org/education/conedcalendar.cfm>. It is very important for foresters to continue their education. These are just a few of the ways to accomplish that goal.

The committee encourages each chapter to conduct a "Walk in the Forest" on or near Earth Day. Past "Walks" have been very worthwhile.

Each forester should take the opportunity to participate in Project Learning Tree, Project Wet, and/or Project Wild as a mean of assisting educators in providing a balanced approach to environmental education. Project Learning Tree has a web site to explore: [www.plt.org](http://www.plt.org). If you attend any of the workshops, I promise you will learn about education from an educator's view. If you are interested in attending any of the workshops, let me know and I will try to find one that is being offered near you.

The CFE contacts are:

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Program Coordinator/Extension Specialist  
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University Outreach and Continuing Education  
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If anyone knows of a training session, symposium, or educational meeting that is going to occur, please contact me at (606) 376-5323 ext.102 or [lauriesmith@fs.fed.us](mailto:lauriesmith@fs.fed.us). If the information is provided in time, it will be sent to the JOF and printed in the KTSFAF newsletter. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

/s/Laurie A. Smith

Laurie A. Smith  
Education Committee Chair

# MEMORANDUM

**Date:** November 4, 2004

**To:** KT-SAF Chairman, Executive Committee and  
Candidates for Office

**From:** Richard M. Evans, KT-SAF Teller

**Subject:** Results of KT-SAF Election for Chairman-elect and Secretary

In accordance with KT-SAF Bylaws (Page 4, Article 7) I am reporting to you the following results from our 2005 election of officers.

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Votes Cast</u>
Chairman-elect	
Grant Curry	43
Greg Dale	46*
Secretary	
Ron Taylor	54*
Jason Utley	34

I certify these results as a true count of all ballots received in this election and declare Greg Dale and Ron Taylor as the 2005 KT-SAF Chairman-elect and Secretary, respectfully.

Congratulations and thanks are extended to all of the candidates for their willingness to serve our professional society and their recognized leadership abilities. Special thanks go to (Richard, did something get dropped from here?)

# Kentucky / Tennessee Society of American Foresters

Executive Committee

2005 Winter Meeting

January 26, 2005

Kingsport, Tennessee

## 2004 NATIONAL FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA ANNUAL CONVENTION REPORT

- The 2004 National Future Farmers of America Annual Convention was held in the Kentucky Fair and Expo Center, Louisville, Kentucky from October 27 – 29, 2004.
- An estimated 10,000 + of the estimated 53,071 students who participated in the convention visited the Society of American Foresters booth.
  - The students placed stickpins in the location of their hometown on a map of the United States.
  - Every state in the United States was represented as well as Alaska, Puerto Rico, the Bahamas, Mexico and Canada.
- The approved budget was \$800.
  - Booth Rental ..... \$420
  - National Forestry Contest Sponsor ..... \$100
  - 3000 SAF Business Cards ..... \$151
  - Miscellaneous Supplies/Copier Costs ..... \$129
- Lloyd Foe was the Project Manager and the following helped staff the booth:
  - Dale and Kelly Weigel
  - Brandon Reavis
  - Alan Fowler
  - Gavin Wilson
- Rick and Cindy Wilcox provided the display and MeadWestvaco (Ken Negray) provided material, signs and logos for the display.
- Pictures from the FFA Convention are located on the KTSAF website <http://www.ktsaf.org>

Submitted By:  
Lloyd A. Foe, CF

## **West Tennessee SAF Chapter Report**

Jan. 14 2005

The West Tennessee Chapter hosted the KT SAF summer meeting in Jackson and the Ames Plantation. The theme was "Precision Forestry." In total, there were 108 participants, including several from the Tennessee Division of Forestry. The meeting netted \$2,728.53. Of this, excess from registrations was \$1,206.53 and from the silent auction was \$1,528.00.

The chapter also developed a position statement on credentialing foresters in Tennessee. This was chaired and developed by Wade McMahan. The position was shared with the KT Executive Committee for action.

Submitted by:  
David Mercker, Chair  
[dcmercker@utk.edu](mailto:dcmercker@utk.edu)

# Forester Registration in Tennessee

## A Position of the Society of American Foresters

### **Introduction**

The concept of credentialing foresters is not new in Tennessee, but dates back over several decades. Despite awareness that Tennessee's woodland owners, forests, and society as a whole could benefit from establishing professional standards for foresters, up until now the whole idea languished in the halls of apathy and failed to gain traction even among professional foresters. However, recent events including elevated pressure on woodland resources and actions by the Society of American Foresters (SAF) and the Tennessee Forestry Commission indicate that a window of opportunity may be open to aggressively pursue forester registration.

This new opportunity was recognized and discussed in a meeting of the West Tennessee Chapter held at the Agricultural Experiment Station in Jackson on December 2, 2003. During that meeting, considerable discussion was held on the feasibility and necessity of pursuing a certification/registration/licensing law to regulate foresters or the practice of forestry in the State of Tennessee. Discussions visited a wide range of advantages and disadvantages of regulating the practice of forestry in Tennessee and extended to the certification/registration/licensing of professions in general.

It was generally concluded that the SAF Certified Forester ® program is regarded as a well conceived and administered volunteer program for forester credentialing with a national scope. However, the consensus was that some mandatory regulation at the state level was needed.

The results of the Chapter's December meeting were presented during the Winter 2004 Annual Meeting of the Kentucky-Tennessee State Society of the Society of American Foresters (K/TSAF). The Executive Committee challenged the West Tennessee Chapter to develop a position statement towards the establishment of a registered forester program in Tennessee. The Chapter was directed to (1) prepare a formal position statement on the subject, (2) get majority approval on that position statement by the West TN Chapter, then (3) submit the position statement to the K/T SAF Executive board at next winter's meeting (or sooner if ready).

### **Position**

The Kentucky-Tennessee State Society believes that Tennessee's woodland owners, forests, environment and general public as a whole can be better served through the establishment of an effective and efficient registration program for professional foresters. Non-industrial woodland owners must rely on the advice, knowledge, and experience of career professional forest managers and scientists to carryout forest resource planning, practices and procedures. SAF believes that those who provide these services on Tennessee's estimated 11 million acres of non-industrial forest lands must be professionally qualified through both education and experience to fulfill their responsibilities. Sustainable management of the State's forest resources for the benefit of both current and future generations requires competent career professionals who have been prepared for their responsibilities through education, experience and demonstrated abilities in the broad field of forestry.

The State Society further believes that the process can most efficiently be affected through adopting the SAF Certified Forester ® Program as the official credentialing process for registration. Furthermore, it is suggested that the Tennessee Forestry Commission, as an established entity of State government with responsibility for forestry issues, can establish a

liaison with the SAF National Headquarters to provide the needed oversight and management of the registration program.

## Background

1952 the Kentucky-Tennessee section of SAF established a committee to examine the possibility of licensing foresters in Tennessee and Kentucky. K-T voted to support registration of foresters in Kentucky in 1960 & planned to present to KY Legislature in 1964 and in TN in 1965. In 1964 K-T SAF decided it was not good political climate to promote licensing for foresters in Tennessee. KY licensing bill for foresters failed in 1966. A vote of the KT supported pursuing licensing of foresters in KY. Forester licensing passed KY house but was killed in the Senate in 1974. In 1977, the Licensing Committee of the K-T SAF was disbanded. In 1984 K-T SAF Legislation & Policy committee was charged to study the certification of professional foresters and report their findings at the summer meeting in 1984. A Licensing & Registration committee reestablished & chaired by George Hopper in 1987 then declared inactive in 1989.

## Issues

### Public Protection

Regulating a profession must be demanded by the public and is enacted into law to protect the public and is a credentialing tool only as a secondary consideration. The initiatives described below serve as documented proof that the citizens of Tennessee have called for the regulation of foresters and the practice of forestry. Therefore it is incumbent upon the members of the profession to lead in the enactment of appropriate legislation to create the regulatory law that will accomplish this purpose.

House Joint Resolution 189, passed in 2003, charged the Tennessee Forestry Commission to evaluate the Southern Forest Resource Assessment and make recommendations to address those issues pertinent to Tennessee. One such issue that was mentioned by citizens during the public input sessions was a call to certify foresters in Tennessee to ensure quality and professional standards.

- “It is recommended the Forestry Commission, along with the Division of Forestry, establish a working group to evaluate the benefits of and/or feasibility of forester certification, licensing and/or a registration program.”<sup>1</sup>
- “...the Forestry Commission recommends the formation of a working group to investigate the issue of certification and if beneficial, develop the framework for a program in Tennessee. The working group should be comprised of representatives from all sectors of forestry.”<sup>1</sup>
- “Other states have certified, licensed, and registered foresters to ensure the quality of services rendered. The issue of forestry professional’s credentials has been debated in Tennessee for several decades. **It is recommended the Forestry Commission, along with the Division of Forestry, establish a working group to evaluate the benefits and/or feasibility of forester certification, licensing and/or a registration program.**”

<sup>1</sup>

The Tennessee Forest Management Advisory Panel published a report in December 1998. The Panel was established by Senate Joint Resolution No. 230 to evaluate and recommend

appropriate policy and operational programs that promote forest sustainability and sound stewardship on Tennessee forestlands. Recommendation 7 was “Establish registration program for professional foresters.” The Panel further stated

- As society expects better and more sustainable forest management, it becomes increasingly more important to ensure that professional foresters are adequately trained and registered. The Panel recommends that the Tennessee Forestry Commission consider developing a registered forester program for Tennessee. This should be done in collaboration with professional forestry organizations (i.e. Society of American Foresters and the Association of Consulting Foresters), academic institutions and in consultation with other state forestry organizations that have established a registered forester program.<sup>3</sup>

### ***SAF Involvement***

A task force chartered by the SAF in 2000 has developed a very comprehensive report that will serve in developing the model for a law. Definitions are included for certification, registration and licensing and the term selected will create the overall style and scope of the regulatory vehicle. Licensing, as defined, is more restrictive than registration while certification is generally regarded as voluntary credentialing. It seemed that the general consensus of the Chapter members was to support registration over licensing.

The discussions concluded that any law passed by the State of Tennessee should link with the SAF Certified Forester® Program (CFP). Preferably, require that being enrolled as a CF as the only criteria for qualification for registration. This would make the application process simple and easy to administer. The education, experience, examination, continuing professional development and code of ethics could be linked directly to the CFP and the program could possibly be administered through the authority of the Tennessee Forestry Commission, and therefore without a separate board being created.

The 2001 Task Force Report is under review at this time, but SAF favorably views an association between their CFP and state registration requirements. The following supports these views.

- “SAF has the opportunity to be influential in state level legislation, both by setting a positive tone for the discussion about registration and licensing, and by supporting efforts to enact appropriate legislation. The Task Force believes that, if done properly, state level registration or licensing provides benefit to land owners, the general public, the nation’s forests, and to professional foresters. As such, **SAF should be a strong supporter of efforts to enact registration and licensing legislation, providing advice on both process and content.**”<sup>2</sup>

## References Cited

<sup>1</sup> Southern Forest Resource Assessment; Report by the Tennessee Forestry Commission, February 2004

<sup>2</sup> SAF Task Force Report on Forester Registration and Licensing 2001

<sup>3</sup> 1998, the Forest Management Advisory Panel

*2005 Annual Report*  
*East Tennessee SAF Chapter*

The ET SAF Chapter continued its traditional monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at Shoney's Restaurant in Knoxville. Attendance averaged approximately 15 members per month. Meetings were used for updates on member activities and discussion of regional issues.

The primary activities beyond the monthly meeting included preparing for the KT SAF Winter Meeting and drafting a response to a letter appearing in the Washington Post regarding the Cumberland Plateau. The response will be discussed at the Executive Committee meeting on January 26, 2005.

Members responsible for the winter meeting include:

Wayne Clatterbuck: Program and Arrangements

Doug Hendrickson: Arrangements, Mill Tour, and Local Planning

Jeff Holt: Silent Auction

Brent Galloway: Treasurer

Officers for 2005:

Chair: Greg Bailey

Chair-Elect: Vacant

Treasurer: Brent Galloway

Report submitted by Don Hodges

## **2004 Southeast TN SAF Chapter Summary**

### 2004 Officers

Chair: Joseph Burckle

Chair Elect: Ken Smith

Secretary/ Treasurer: Benjamin Myers

Joseph Burckle moved to Northern Virginia. He resigned from his position.

### **Meeting Summary**

#### July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2004 Herbicide use in Forestry

Meeting Minutes: Mike Williford and Don King of Bowater hosted the field tour. The meeting focus was herbicide use in forestry. The areas visited were pine beetle areas being prepared for replanting in the vicinity of the Tennessee River. Bowater's strategy for treating these areas was discussed. Nine South East TN chapter members and three students from Sewanee's Summer Domain Management program were in attendance.

#### September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004. Cardin Sawmill Tour

Cardin's Sawmill recently upgraded mill was visited. Lunch was held prior to the meeting. 4 SAF members were in attendance.

#### Late October, 2004. Walls of Jericho

The Walls of Jericho was visited. Two members of the State of Alabama hosted the tour. The policy, history, and outlook for the area was discussed. 3 SETN SAF and 1 Alabama SAF members were in attendance.

**2005 Officers:** Nominations for Chapter offices were taken in November. Red Anderson nominated Scott Guffy of East Brainerd Lumber for Chair-Elect. He declined. No other nominations were received. No changes have been made in the chapter leadership.

**2005 Summer Meeting:** The SETN SAF is currently planning the Summer 2005 KTSAF meeting. A firm date has not been set. The meeting will be held in Sewanee, TN with the theme being Forestry Partnerships. A field tour of Arnold Air Force Base will be held. The emphasis will be on the Base's use of logging and fire for Barrens Restoration. Ken Smith will present a discussion on the importance of the forestry and biology fields to create partnerships. Glen Rogers, a TWRA field representative for Prentice Cooper State Forest, will discuss their use of forestry to manipulate wildlife habitat.

**Report for University of Tennessee Student Chapter of the Society of American Foresters  
Fall Term 2004**

**David S. Buckley, Faculty Representative  
1-26-05**

With approximately 25 student members, the outlook for the Society of American Foresters Student Chapter/Forestry Club at the University of Tennessee remains very positive.

Early in the fall term, chapter members participated in putting on the annual Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries Fall Bonfire, and made arrangements with a local sawmill to provide hickory for cooking and the bonfire.

Chapter members met with prospective students and other family members in a booth during the fall 2004 Ag Day on the Agricultural Campus, and gave away packets of white oak acorns with attached information on planting and silvics of white oak.

Jamie Cochran with the USDA Forest Service FIA unit located in Knoxville donated her time to the student chapter by providing a presentation on FIA during a fall meeting.

With additional support generously provided by the KTSAF Chapter, the highlight of the fall occurred when the student chapter sent 4 members to the 2004 combined SAF/CIF Convention in Canada. Those attending reported they had a very good meeting, and had the opportunity to interact with forestry professionals and attend a variety of sessions. All attendees thoroughly enjoyed the scenery and setting.

Overall, the students were quite successful in raising funds during the fall term. A primary fundraising activity this fall involved several members conducting a forest inventory in the Gatlinburg area for a forestry consultant.

Preparations for the spring Association of Southern Forestry Clubs conclave at Stephen F. Austin University are currently underway, and the students have already held meetings specific to conclave and practices. Currently, 15 student chapter members plan to attend and compete in this year's conclave.

Spring elections resulted in the following officers for the 2004-05 academic year:

President:	Wes Tilley (wtalley@utk.edu)
Vice-President:	Chad Cooper (ccooper7@utk.edu)
Secretary:	Nick Bridgeman (nbridgem@utk.edu)
Treasurer:	Scott Lance (slance@utk.edu)
Conclave Chair:	Brendan Keegan (bkeegan@utk.edu)
Recruitment Chair:	Chris Newell (jnewell2@utk.edu)

# Forester's Fund Grant Proposal

A collaborative effort between the University of Tennessee and the SAF. UT Extension/UT Professional and Personal Development (UTE/PPD) and the SAF will strengthen the state society by expanding the membership and strengthening the profession. This project provides (1) an incentive for non-members to join the SAF, (2) a benefit for current members of the SAF and (3) an incentive to participate in professional development training.

## Summary of project

Alan Brown, CF and UT Program Coordinator/Extension Specialist, will administer a Forester's Fund grant in the amount of \$5,000. UTE/PPD will develop fee-based, professional-level courses for foresters - within a price range of \$75 to \$700. A \$50 discount for SAF members will be promoted. When an SAF member registers for a class, UTEP/PD will honor the discount and transfer an equivalent amount of money from the set-aside account into the program registration account. If the registrant is not an SAF member, information on how to become a member of the SAF will be offered.

A \$5,000 grant would allow UTE/PPD to provide 100 SAF members with a \$50 discount. \$50 is substantial enough to (1) encourage participants to join the Society, and (2) encourage SAF members to participate in professional development.

## Objectives

This grant serves a primary goal of the Forester's Fund. The grant will support education and increased professionalism in forestry by encouraging participation in CFE training and networking. Increased professionalism will lead to an enhanced public image of foresters and a better understanding of the importance of forest management.

It also serves another goal of the Forester's Fund: it encourages involvement in policy-making activities. Many of the UTE/PPD courses will deal directly with forest policy issues. Foresters who become effectively involved in forest policy-making activities must first develop an understanding of the issues - CFE training helps in that regard. And foresters are much more likely to become politically active through a professional association, such as SAF. This grant provides an incentive to become or remain a member.

These activities serve to strengthen the Society, the Division and the Chapters.

## Target audience

Our target audience is made-up of foresters, wildlife and fisheries professionals, forest products technicians and scientists, and professionals in related fields such as real estate appraisal, banking, accounting, etc...

## Methods

Foresters at the June, 2004 KT SAF meeting were surveyed regarding training needs, preferred program format, and delivery methods.

KT SAF CFE Coordinator, Alan Brown, coordinates development of programs through UTE/PPD. Classes will be developed in response to identified learning needs.

Classes will be offered at various locations throughout Tennessee.

These courses are designed for natural resource managers and are certified for CFE credit - usually SAF category 1.

Promotion for these programs will vary. Methods include direct-mail of a program brochure, a reminder

postcard, email announcements, and presence on our website.

A discount of \$50 for SAF members will be featured in program promotional materials. The discount will be honored until the grant is exhausted. Any unspent residual will be returned when the grant term expires.

### Evaluation

A record will be maintained of who uses the discount, their SAF membership number and the date they joined SAF.

Participants complete written program evaluations. They indicate their satisfaction level with content, instruction, materials, format and they estimate a dollar value of the information received.

### Recognition

The discount for SAF members will be featured in the publicity for these programs. SAF's phone number, eMail address, website URL and mailing address will also be available for potential members.

A press release will be issued announcing the grant, and another at its conclusion.

### Community Service

Timberland owners and their communities will benefit from this because foresters will have more professional knowledge, will provide a more professional service, and will more likely become involved in policy-making activities.

An improved public understanding of the role of foresters and the importance of forest management should result.

The communities where programs are held will also benefit from motel and restaurant/caterer income.

### Member Involvement

Alan Brown, CF, CFE Coordinator for Ky-Tn SAF, will administer the grant and serve as project manager. He will report to the Executive Committee quarterly and to the membership at least annually.

The KT-SAF Public Affairs committee has reviewed, edited and recommended the grant proposal.

The KT-SAF Executive Committee screened and approved the proposal, applied for the grant and will be involved in evaluating its effectiveness.

### Communication Plan

The discount for SAF members will be featured in the publicity for these programs. SAF's phone number, eMail address, website URL and mailing address will also be available for potential members.

A press release will be issued announcing the grant, and another at its conclusion.

A newsletter article will be submitted to the SAF.

The discount offer and program announcements will also be featured on the websites of the TN/KY SAF and UTE/PPD.

### Budget

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Proposed Income	Proposed Expenses	Proposed +/-
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\$5,000 - grant	\$5,000 – one hundred, \$50 discounts	\$0
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Project Co-sponsors include UT Extension and UT Professional and Personal Development. A UT account will be used to administer the fund. SAF publicity will be provided with UT marketing efforts.

## **Resolution #1 introduced by The KTSAF Memorial Scholarship Committee**

Wayne Clatterbuck, Chair

### **2005 Winter Meeting, Jan. 26-28, 2005**

Resolution #1 --- Recipients from the 3 student chapters (UK, UT, and Univ. of the South) of the annual KTSAF Memorial Scholarship will receive a check of \$200 per recipient from the Memorial Scholarship Fund. Lodging and registration fees of each recipient will be covered as part of meeting/business expenses at the KTSAF winter meeting. If the winter meeting would happen to generate a negative balance, the lodging and registration fees would be covered by the general fund.

#### Justification and Narrative

The purpose of this resolution is to clarify responsibilities and disbursements of scholarships and meeting expenses to scholarship recipients.

Tradition has been for the Scholarship Fund to incur both scholarships and the lodging and registration fees of the recipients at the KTSAF winter meeting. In some years, scholarships, meeting expenses or both were covered as part of KTSAF winter meeting expenses. In other years, the Scholarship Fund covered all these expenses for each recipient either entirely or partially.

Considering that the principal for the KTSAF Memorial Scholarship fund has declined for the last 3 years (even though the Scholarship Fund has only incurred scholarship disbursements, not meeting expenses for those 3 years), KTSAF should establish definite procedures on the disbursements of funds and who should cover the expenses associated with lodging and registration. Each University has been covering the travel (mileage) expenses of the recipients.

As stated at the KTSAF Executive Committee Meeting on January 21, 2004, the student receiving the forestry scholarship award be brought to and recognized at the regular Section meeting and the student's expenses be paid from the general fund (December, 1962 motion at the KTSAF meeting) including all lodging, transportation, registration and meal costs.

Thus, based on this resolution:

1. Memorial Scholarship Committee will disburse \$200 per scholarship recipient at each school.
2. Lodging and registration fees for the scholarship recipients at the KTSAF winter meeting will be considered as part of meeting expenses of the host chapter. If the winter meeting would happen to generate a negative balance, these expenses would be covered by the general fund.

**Resolution #2 introduced by The KTSAF Memorial Scholarship Committee**  
Wayne Clatterbuck, Chair

**2005 Winter Meeting, Jan. 26-28, 2005**

Resolution #2 --- Beginning with the 2005 KTSAF winter meeting, a percentage of the Silent Auction will be disbursed as income to the Memorial Scholarship Fund at each KTSAF winter meeting. The recommended percentage is 25%. This disbursement will only occur at the annual KTSAF winter meeting, not at the summer meeting.

Justification and Narrative

The principal of the KTSAF Memorial Scholarship Fund has been declining for the last 3 years. Disbursements for scholarships and sometimes recipient winter meeting expenses have exceeded dividend/interest income.

The last subsidies given to the Memorial Scholarship Fund from the KTSAF general fund was in 1993 (\$750) and in 1994 (\$2,000). Otherwise, the fund has been operating on annual dividend/interest income. Less than \$900 has been collected from Memorials in the last 11 years.

The \$200 scholarship amount has been awarded since 1981, 24 years ago. The original disbursement was for only 2 schools, UT and UK. A scholarship was added in 1992 with The University of the South student chapter. Thus, the Memorial Scholarship Fund has incurred additional expenses since 1992.

The Memorial Scholarship Committee would like to increase the amount of the scholarship stipend in the near future. However, without additional income and a decreasing account principal, the stipend will remain the same.

This resolution will:

1. Give a source of annual income to the Memorial Scholarship Fund
2. Relieve deficit spending associated with disbursement of scholarship.
3. Allow a build-up of the Memorial Scholarship Fund principal.

Alternatives to be discussed:

1. Disbursement from General Fund
2. Percentage allocation of Silent Auction contributions
3. Winter Meeting vs., Summer Meeting or both