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### CHAIRMAN'S CORNER - Jeff Holt

It seems like the dog days of August started in early-June this year, with the heat and humidity broken by a well attended and fun KTSAF Summer meeting in Gatlinburg and a field trip to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Several items are worth calling your attention to.

The most immediate is a looming early registration deadline for the SAF National Meeting to be held in Portland, Oregon this year. The deadline is August 14<sup>th</sup> to register and take advantage of early registration pricing.

<http://www.safconvention.org/natcon-07/>

Nominations for offices and awards are due soon. If you would like to nominate someone for a State Society offices of chair -elect or secretary, please let me or your chapter chairman know. They need to be from Tennessee for 2008. Details for KTSAF awards are given below.

Finally, the Foresters Fund has awarded a grant to a project spearheaded in the East Tennessee Chapter to promote public awareness and understanding of Foresters and what we do. The project is centered around a bumper sticker displaying the words "Who's Your Forester?" and [www.ktsaf.org](http://www.ktsaf.org) that will be distributed to foresters and others in Tennessee and Kentucky to display and hopefully get landowning members of the public intrigued. The bumper stickers will be supported by a series of articles to be provided to as many newspapers in both states as will publish them. Anyone interested in helping by writing a 500-600 word article for the project's use or helping to carry the message of this project to local media contacts is invited (and urged) to help. There are some logistics to work out but about half of the articles have been written already and the bumper stickers will produced and distributed over the next few weeks.

Pitch in, come to meetings, and remember that only your participation makes The **Society** of American Foresters a society. If your chapter has not met recently or does not meet near you – call or e-mail me and I'll try and help you find a few members around you. Start something.

### SAF COUNCIL REP - DISTRICT 9 - Roger Dale Weaver

Here is the recap from the June Council Meeting:

Starting with your next dues billing (1-1-08) all membership categories will pay the same dues: Professional \$133, Technician \$133, Associate \$133, Student \$35, Graduated Student without break in membership \$85 for five years (if break in membership then \$133), Retired Professional \$105, Retired Technician \$105, Retired Associate \$105.

After several months of discussions and debate, Council will be recommending these Constitutional changes (Look for a referendum this fall.) concerning membership, office holding, and voting:

1. Retain five existing membership categories as Professional Member, Conditional Professional Member (four year graduates from non-accredited institutions), Technician Member (two year graduates), Associate Member (four year graduates with degrees not in the broad field of forestry), and Student Member (Associate, Bachelors, Masters, or Doctorate students currently enrolled).

2. All members in the above mentioned member categories would vote in all National, Society, Division, Chapter, or Working Group elections.

3. No changes to the current requirements for office holding at the National, Society, Division, Chapter, or Working Group levels.

4. Replacing corresponding member with a Subscriber option that does NOT allow any membership benefits, voting rights, or office holding rights. Subscriber ONLY gets periodicals such as "The Source", "The Journal of Forestry", "The Southern Journal of Applied Forestry", etc.

5. Members currently classed as International will be placed into whichever one of the five membership categories they qualify and an additional fee for foreign postage will be added to their dues.

6. Fellows and Honorary Members would be a special recognition within one of the five membership categories instead of separate categories. (Fellows can only be elected from Professional Members.)

In 2005, Council voted to change the governance of Student Members and add a non-voting seat at Council for a Student representative similar to the seat for the Chair of the House of Society Delegates. The Council Subcommittee on Students is charged with developing this new student governance and selection of the Student Representative to Council (SRC) by the end of 2007. District Student Representatives have been selected to form the national Student Executive Committee (SEC) which will convene in Portland at the National Convention and elect the SRC from among the SEC.

Effective March 2007, current Student Members and all subsequent student years of membership will count as active years of membership. There will be NO retroactive assignment of active years for prior student years. With the new stipulation that Students maintain membership without lapse at graduation in order to receive the 36% discount for five years, we will hopefully be rewarding young professionals and encouraging their continual activity within the SAF.

**Due to the current membership applications that states "a five-year introductory rate of \$79" and serves as a binding contract between "new" members and SAF, anyone that has never been an SAF member, can join before 1 January 2008 (when the new flat dues take effect) for only \$79 and can lock-in that rate until 2012.** Anyone that has previously been a member rejoins at the same point that they left, in which case their dues move to the new flat rate on 1 January 2008.

Starting with the national elections this fall, SAF will be using Electronic Ballots. For members without Email, paper ballots will be sent as usual. For members that cast their vote electronically it is completely secure and only allows a member to vote once. This is a great step forward for SAF and should save SAF \$20,000 - \$30,000 annually. Other organizations that have moved to electronic voting have seen an actual increase in the response level from 20-30% to upwards of 60% response. After last year's tabulation error, it was extremely important to see that this web version has safe guards on the report out of results.

On 31 December 2005 the Endowment Fund Balance was \$636,486 and the Forester's Fund (FF) Balance was \$1,273,910... As of 1 June 2007 the Endowment Fund stood at \$774,942 based almost entirely on investment growth (less than \$6,000 in contributions) and the Forester's Fund stood at \$1,469,725 with \$51,000 in contributions and over \$40,000 in funded projects paid out and over \$200,000 in investment growth. The Finance and Investment Committee is discussing an increase in grant pay outs for next year as long as we continue to receive high quality and high value FF proposals. So keep up the good ideas and get your proposals in early and often.

Council approved the creation of a Specialized Accreditation of Urban Forestry Programs with suggestions from the International Society of Arboriculture. Likewise Council expanded the Accreditation Committee to have an Urban Forestry Representative on the board.

As always I'd love to get your feed back about SAF and how I can represent you better. Please feel free to email me at [RWeaver@glatfelter.com](mailto:RWeaver@glatfelter.com) or call (740)772-0865. If at all possible, attend the National Convention in Portland, Oregon the week of Oct. 22-27, 2007.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

### **27th Annual Central States Forest Soils Workshop**

October 9th-11th, 2007 Carbondale, Illinois Area

For more information please contact Matt McCauley, USDA-NRCS, 502 Comfort Drive, Suite F, Marion, IL 62959, (618)-978-0814, [matt.mccauley@il.usda.gov](mailto:matt.mccauley@il.usda.gov)

Registration form and a detailed agenda are at <http://www.illinoissoils.org/announce.htm>

### **SAF National Convention**

The 2007 SAF National Convention will be in Portland, Oregon, from October 22 to 27. Details are at [http://www.safnet.org/natcon\\_07/index.cfm](http://www.safnet.org/natcon_07/index.cfm).

### **KTSAF Winter Meeting**

The 2008 KTSAF winter meeting will be hosted by the West Kentucky SAF Chapter. It will be January 23-25, 2008, in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The tentative topic for the meeting is upcoming biofuel opportunities. Mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend this meeting.

### **Sixteenth Central Hardwood Forest Conference**

April 8-9, 2008 in Lafayette , Indiana. If you have any questions, contact the program co-chairs at:

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## **NOMINATIONS FOR KTSAF AWARDS**

Nominations need to be made for the following four awards within KTSAF. Please take a moment to consider those SAF members that you work with professionally and make a nomination. Please consult the KTSAF website for the short and concise application form.

<http://www.ktsaf.org/Committees/Awards.htm>

Please send your award nominations to: Jeff Holt, PO Box 7054, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-7054; (865) 621-9306. Or email this information to: [JholtOR@hotmail.com](mailto:JholtOR@hotmail.com)

The four awards that are to be considered for the January KTSAF meeting will be the following:

### **The Outstanding Service Award for under 35 years of age**

For one individual's outstanding efforts in the promotion of forestry through voluntary service to the SAF by a member of KT SAF.

### **The Outstanding Service Award for over 35 years of age**

For one individual's outstanding efforts in the promotion of forestry through voluntary service to the SAF by a member of KT SAF.

### **The Outstanding Service Award to a Technician**

To recognize an individual's outstanding efforts in the forestry field by a Forestry Technician. The individual does not have to be a SAF member.

**The Herman T. Baggenstoss Forestry Recognition Award** (Only for Kentucky in 2007)

To recognize an individual or group where contribution of forestry has been beyond the demands of their regular employment. Should not be a professional forester.

**REPORT FROM THE KTSAF MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

The KTSAF Memorial Scholarship Fund recognizes the outstanding undergraduate forestry student in each of our KTSAF student chapters at the University of Kentucky, the University of Tennessee and the University of the South. A \$200 check is given to the student and their expenses are paid to attend the KTSAF winter meeting.

The funding of the scholarships is from memorials contributed in memory of deceased members of KTSAF. Within the last few years, several members and foresters have passed on. These include:

H.O. "Red" Anderson,  
Douglas Boardman,  
Ed Buckner,  
Louis Camisa,  
Wm. G. Grieve,  
Arnold Mignery,  
Robert (Bob or Buddy) Thompson and  
Michael Williams.

Consider making a memorial contribution to the KTSAF Memorial Scholarship Fund to honor one or more of these members. A letter from the committee will be forwarded to the families of these honored members acknowledging your memorial contribution as well as a letter to the donor thanking them for the contribution.

Presently, we have a principal of about \$15,000 in the fund with investment/interest income each year of about \$600 annually. That income is used to fund the student scholarships each year. We would like to grow the principal of the fund so we do not dip into the principal with our annual expenses and perhaps increase the amount of the student scholarship. Contributions to the KTSAF Memorial Scholarship Fund are encouraged.

If you would like to make a contribution, mail a check to the address below or contact Wayne Clatterbuck, the committee chair.

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**2007 KTSAF SUMMER MEETING - John Rennie**

The KTSAF summer meeting was hosted by the East Tennessee SAF Chapter in June in Gatlinburg. The program addressing nonnative invasive plants started on Thursday with presentations by Sonja Oswald, Jeff Holt, and Jim Miller. We then traveled to the headquarters of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park where Kris Johnson lead a tour showing the Park Services work to control nonnative invasives, both plants and animals. After a box lunch at Metcalf Bottoms picnic area, we traveled to Cades Cove to see the Park Services efforts on restoring native plants to the extensive pastures of the Cove. The day wound up with a barbequed chicken dinner at the Twin Creeks picnic area. Friday morning started out with a discussion on forest ethics and then the report of the committee on forester credentialing in Tennessee. The morning ended with a business meeting. All in all

the meeting was a success, both an educational and social experience and from the financial side. The meeting was well attended - 76 people registered, six of whom were non-members and 5 students along with 16 guests at the barbeque. Chris Oswalt is to be commended on his work on handling both the program and the arrangements. Also, we need to thank fountain forestry, Mid Atlantic Stihl, International Paper, Huber Engineered Wood, and American Erosion Control for their financial support.

### **CONTINUING SAF MEMBERSHIP AFTER RETIREMENT - AN EDITORIAL - John Rennie**

Over the years, membership has been a major concern in SAF as the number of members has continued to decrease. Emphasis has been on getting student members to continue membership in SAF when they graduate. Actions taken recently by the SAF Council toward this end are described by Roger Weaver in his Council Representative column above.

As newsletter editor, I have been receiving the monthly SAF membership report for some time. I have noticed another disturbing trend: members, many of whom have been quite active in SAF, letting their SAF membership lapse when they retire. Not only are we losing them in number, but we are losing their experience and wisdom. There are some notable exceptions. To name a few KTSAF members who continue to be involved after their retirement: Gary Schneider served as KTSAF chair, national chair of the SAF House of Society Delegates and as a member of the national SAF Task Force on Volunteer Organizational Structure; Kerry Schell regularly contributes ideas and suggestions at KTSAF meetings; Bob Schnell, my predecessor as newsletter editor, continued in that position for several years after he retired from TVA; Ed Ellenberg regularly has letters to the editor and op-ed columns appear in his local newspaper; Larry Doyle is serving as co-chair of the upcoming KTSAF meeting and is the stalwart of the West Kentucky SAF chapter; Glen Smalley has continued to work with forestry students at the University of the South; and Wilbur Hitchcock regularly attends KTSAF meetings where students search him out to hear about his adventures in his many years as a forester.

The bottom line is when you retire from full time employment, consider becoming more active in SAF. When you retire, many people are going to come to you and ask for your help with their project or organization. That includes SAF. Let SAF be one of activities that you say YES to.

### **CLOSED TRAVERSE**

**Douglas S. Boardman**, 93, of Norris, Tennessee, died May 20, 2007. Born in Glenwood City, Wisconsin, he received his Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Minnesota in 1940, graduating Cum Laude in Forestry. While pursuing his degree, Doug worked for the Civilian Conservation Corps Camp in Milwaukee and Devils Lake, Wisconsin. Doug worked as a junior forester with the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) in Erin, TN, until his induction into the U.S. Army in September 1943, serving in major campaigns in both the European and Pacific Theaters of World War II. Before moving his family to Norris, TN, to work for TVA, Doug also worked with TVA in Paris, TN, and Bristol, TN. He retired in 1973. A SAF member since 1946, he was elected fellow in 1972. He was a lifetime member of the Norris Lions Club, active in the Norris United Methodist Church and an avid fisherman and gardener. Doug is survived by his wife of 67 years, Geraldine (Brodale) Boardman, his son and daughter-in-law Spencer Douglas and May Parker Boardman of Norris, TN; son-in-law Michael Maston Jones of Arab, AL, and a number of grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

**Henry O. "Red" ANDERSON**, 93, died May 12, 2007 at his home in Dickson, Tennessee. A native of Willamsport, TN, he received his Bachelors Degree from Vanderbilt University and his Masters Degree from Yale University. He volunteered for military service with the United States Navy and was a graduate of the V-7 program at Annapolis, Maryland, serving from 1942 to 1946 during World War II aboard the USS Grafton, a troop transport ship, and the USS Conway, a destroyer. Prior to, and after his military service, he worked for more than 42 years as a forester and surveyor with the Tennessee Division of Forestry. A SAF member since 1939, he was elected fellow in 2000. He was a member of Dickson's First United Methodist Church and of the Dickson Evening Rotary Club. Mr. Anderson was the leader for the first Boy Scout troop in Dickson. An avid outdoorsman, he had a life-long love of nature, geology, and plant and animal life; especially birding. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Frances Cowan Anderson of Dickson; his children, Robert Osgood Anderson and his wife Sherron of

Yorktown, VA, William Cowan Anderson and his wife Faye of Knoxville, TN, James Richard Anderson and his wife Aquina of Nashville, Martha Anderson Martin and her husband Collin of Dickson and his five grandchildren. -

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