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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER - Jeff Holt

I several items of interest to relate to the membership. The first is about the election and distribution of ballots. The KTSAF was offered an opportunity to piggyback on a SAF National Office initiative to transition from paper, mailed ballots to electronic balloting for National and State Society officers. It was decided by KTSAF to do this because of large savings related to printing and mailing costs. The electronic ballots were sent to all members with an e-mail address on file by the National Office. The National Office reported to me that they would be sending out paper ballots to members not using email. After some confusion and a couple of weeks, the National Office informed me that they had not sent out paper ballots for ""local"" elections, i.e. state society officers. This was rectified and paper ballots were mailed in mid-October to members not on record with the National Office as having an e-mail address. Sounds good so far. It turns out that some members (one that I know of) received neither the electronic nor paper ballots. It is not too late. If you have not received either, please let me know as soon as possible (865.621.9306 or JHoltOR@hotmail.com) . I will take steps to provide you an opportunity to vote. We had hoped that this new system would prompt more members to vote and I want to encourage you to exercise this right.

I have spoken to the guys in the West Kentucky SAF Chapter who are bringing together the Winter Meeting to be held as always in late January and this year in Bowling Green, KY. It looks like a fun and educational meeting is going to be on tap. The primary topic relates to energy sources and woods role. If any members know of an operation currently using pellets or other wood for co-generation, I would like to discuss that operation providing a presentation — so please let me know.

SAF COUNCIL REP - DISTRICT 9 - Roger Dale Weaver

The 2007 National SAF Convention was a success, with over 2000 registered attendees; the largest convention since the last Portland meeting in 1999. There were also over 550 students in attendance, the largest student representation ever. District 9 was well represented at the House of Society Delegates meeting and throughout the convention.

Some highlights: Ben Vandermyde, from Southern Illinois University Carbondale, was selected as District 9's student representative to a newly formed Student Executive Committee, operated as the House of Society Delegates. One student from the executive committee will have a seat at all Council meetings in 2008.

Lee Crocker, with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, was awarded the Presidential Field Forester Award from District 9. This award recognizes foresters who have dedicated their professional careers to the application of forestry on the ground using sound, scientific methods, and adaptive management strategies. Congratulations to Ben and Lee!

A shortened Council Meeting was held during the convention, with most actions carried over to the December meeting. Here are the highlights from this Council session.

Fellows elections: the three nominations to Fellow from District 9: Wayne Geyer, Tom Kuzmic, and Dan Yaussy, were held from final approval until the December meeting as well as all the nominations from across the country. There were some problems with some of the packets submitted and Council wanted to be sure that all were complete before finalizing.

Electronic Elections: the electronic ballot for the National election, as well as some local elections, was sent out several weeks ago. The speed and ease of use makes this process quite efficient. It also saves SAF on postage and will result in higher percentages voting, we hope. If you have not cast your vote, please retrieve the email sent from: ziadia@safnet.org and vote.

The Leadership Academy is being resurrected and could be offered again in 2008, probably in the Southeast.

More Council news will be forthcoming following our meeting in early December. I'm honored to represent this District on Council, finishing up my first year of a three year term.

I'm always available to take questions, comments, or concerns you have about SAF issues: Glatfelter Woodlands, PO Box 2500, Chillicothe, OH 45601; Phone: 740-772-0865; Mobile: 740-649-4069; Fax: 740-772-3670; Roger.Weaver@glatfelter.com

Thanks for allowing me to serve in this way,

HOUSE OF SOCIETY DELEGATES - Tamara Cushing, KTSAF Chair-Elect

I had the pleasure of representing KTSAF at the House of Society Delegates (HSD) meeting during the SAF National Convention in Portland, OR, October 23-24, 2007. Sitting around the table were representatives from each state or multi-state society of SAF. These representatives are the chairs (or an assigned replacement) of their respective societies. As the chair-elect, I sat in for Jeff Holt who was unable to attend.

This year in HSD lacked many issues that would be controversial (thankfully). The issue of electronic balloting was brought up. By now most of you have voted in the national and KTSAF elections electronically. The national office expects there to be a few issues to work out but feels we will benefit from going this route. Chapters that choose to use electronic balloting for their own elections will receive an invoice for 8-10¢ per member in the unit. KTSAF did participate and so we will see an invoice for this. Local chapters can add in their elections at no additional charge once KTSAF participates. The charge is for KTSAF participation. Questions have come up regarding changing by-laws to allow local and state/multi-state societies to participate. At the meeting we were advised to wait for a change to the standard minimum bylaws which are due to be revised. The timeline for this is believed to be in the spring. Council will have to vote to approve the changes and they don't meet again until March. Until the local bylaws are changed the national bylaws supersede and they have been revised to allow electronic voting. A request was forwarded from HSD to the national office to report back on whether there was an increase in participation in elections. National will be able to provide information on previous voter participation versus participation this fall with electronic voting. We will have to figure this information out for ourselves for the KTSAF elections.

There has also been continued discussion regarding the student members of the society. A Student Executive Committee has been formed to discuss issues related to students and allow discussions that might result in actions. The committee is composed of one student from each of the SAF Council districts. The representative for our council district is from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. One student from the committee will have a non-voting seat on Council. This is a large step for the student members in SAF.

The remainder of the meeting consisted of updates on the status of SAF and success stories from SAF chapters. If you are interested in any of this information, I can email the material provided to each of the representatives. Thank you for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. Hopefully next year we will have some success stories from KTSAF to share with the rest of the country!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

KTSAF Winter 2008 Meeting

The KTSAF Winter Meeting will be January 23-25, 2008 in Bowling Green, KY. The location is the new Hilton Garden Inn 1020 Wilkinson Trace. (across the street from the Holiday Inn Convention Center). The topic for the meeting will be Biomass to Energy. The registration fee will be \$95.00 for members before January 2 and \$110 after January 2, 2008, non-members \$105 before January 2 and \$120 after January 2, 2008, \$65.00 for students, and spouses \$35 for the banquet. [Note that these are updated fees from the previous email]. The fee will include 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, banquet dinner and three breaks. Rooms at the Hilton are \$69.00 per night

Silent Auction - Items are needed for the silent auction. Consider donating those things you get for Christmas that do not fit your lifestyle. Let Larry Doyle [sldoyle@charter.net] or Mac McClure [forefist@bellsouth.net] know what you are planning to donate to the silent auction.

Tree Farm Inspector's Training

The Tennessee Tree Farm Committee will also be having an "Inspector's Training" on day one (Wed) of the SAF winter meeting. With forest certification moving forward, all new inspectors (that have not previously been certified to conduct inspections) will have to go through this training. The program will be limited to 20 participants. Details will become available on the KT SAF website and on the brochure announcing the winter meeting. John Wood and David Mercker will be the instructors.

East Tennessee SAF Chapter

The East Tennessee SAF Chapter continues to meet at 7AM on the first Wednesday of each month. The location of the breakfast meeting is now at the Shoney's in **Oak Ridge**. It is located on Illinois Avenue

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

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

The Outstanding Service Award for under 35 yrs 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 yrs 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.

TENNESSEE FORESTER CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE

The Forester Credentialing Committee has made final edits to the proposal after reviewing comments from KTSAF members. The committee is now prepared to send the draft to SAF members in Tennessee for a vote. "We are ready to formally ask our membership if this proposal shall be supported or opposed by the membership of SAF" reported Dave Walters, committee chair.

The committee plans to mail the proposal to all SAF members in Tennessee along with a paper ballot during November. Once the ballots are tallied, the committee will submit the results to the KTSAF Chair and executive committee for their action.

If the membership supports the proposal, the committee expects the KTSAF Chair to appoint an implementation committee to promote the proposal, solicit partners and have it introduced into legislation.

Look for the edited proposal online at the KT SAF website within the next few weeks, and remember to send in you vote when it arrives.

The committee thanks those SAF members who made comments and we appreciate Mark Young for his work in making it available via the KTSAF website.

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East Kentucky SAF Chapter

The East Kentucky SAF Chapter fall meeting was held at the Robinson Forest on October 9. The topic was research being conducted at the Forest. The Robinson Forest has been in the news a lot in Kentucky due to controversy over logging being conducted for a BMP study. Jeff Stringer, Chris Barton and John Cox from the University of Kentucky discussed the current projects and led a field tour of the study sites.

Tamara L. Cushing, East KY SAF Chair

University of Kentucky Forestry Department News

Don Graves, retired Chair of the Department of Forestry, received the Environmental Leadership Award on October 1, presented by the Secretary of the Kentucky Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet. The award was in recognition of Don's leadership role in developing and promoting surface mine reclamation techniques involving reforestation in Kentucky and the Appalachian region.

Doug McLaren received the Outstanding Individual Award for Excellence in Environmental Education, presented by the Kentucky Association for Environmental Education in September.

The curriculum revision process continues for the undergraduate major in Forestry at UK. Dr. Laura Lhotka has been retained as a postdoctoral scholar to facilitate the process in the coming year. Alumni and friends who would like to be involved in this process are invited to contact Steve Bullard – steve.bullard@uky.edu

The Extension group at UK in partnership with the Kentucky Division of Forestry, has completed the third issue of Kentucky Woodlands magazine. This edition is available at www.ca.uky.edu/forestry ... click on Extension, then Kentucky Woodlands magazine. This issue includes sections on: Freeze, Drought, and Woodland Health; Forestry 101- Firewood; Carbon Credits; and Local Forestry Organizations.

Steve Bullard, UT Forestry Dept. Chair

CLOSED TRAVERSE

Charles Joseph Crail, age 85, of Lyons Avenue, Morehead, Kentucky, passed away Saturday, October 6, 2007. Born in Dayton, Kentucky, he graduated from Purdue University. Mr. Crail served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II and retired as the public affairs officer with the U. S. Forest Service after a career of 37½ years. His career in forestry began in Alaska and took him to Virginia and several locations in Kentucky, including Ft. Knox, Elizabethtown and Winchester. He assisted in the planning of the recreational facilities at Cave Run Lake and developed programs in Daniel Boone National Forest. He was an Eagle Scout, a volunteer with 4_H Programs, the American Red Cross, and a GED tutor.

Mr. Crail joined SAF in 1951. He was elected fellow in 1985 and received his Golden Membership in 2001.

He is survived by his wife of almost 48 years, Elizabeth Marie Cooper Crail, one son, six daughters, three sisters, and seventeen grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts are suggested to St. Claire Hospice, 222 Medical Circle, Morehead, KY 40351.

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