Chairman’s Corner  
By Thomas Kain  
K-T SAF Chair

First of all, I want to say Thank You for being an SAF member. If you attended the 2019 winter meeting I hope you found the program valuable. I know for myself, I found the program was a nice blend of forestry, wildlife, professional development, and business topics. As always these meetings are also about fellowship, making business contacts, and catching up with old friends from across our two great States. Andy Norris did an outstanding job as program chair. The Middle Tennessee chapter made hosting look easy this year and set a high bar going forward. I also want to give a big thank you to all the sponsors who provided either financial support or silent auction items.

KTSAF will be the host in late October for the National SAF meeting to be held in Louisville, Ky. Rance Frye is on the lookout for volunteers to help during the meeting and with tours. Rance is scouring the area for volunteers from KT and the surrounding States. Please consider volunteering a few hours to ensure we show the rest of the country our brand of hospitality, the great natural wonders our region offers, and the innovative ways we use White Oak.

We will need volunteers to help with tasks such as field tours, silent auction items, members to give directions, sell raffle tickets, host student mixers, event registration, and much more. If we can each just give 2 or 3 hours it would be a big help.

We get out of SAF what we put into it. I have found that being active in SAF has been a good way to improve my leadership skills and to push myself outside my comfort zone. If you have been active in SAF thank you. If you are starting your professional career or have been on the sidelines please volunteer to take a leadership role. Let other forestry professionals know the value and fun of SAF membership. I challenge each of us to invite one non-member to join SAF this year.

The Executive committee of KT SAF wants to know how we can better serve you the membership. So please share your ideas on ways to improve meetings, communications, or whatever you see as deficient.

Remember, since the National meeting is such a big job we will not be having a summer meeting this year.

Sincerely,

Thomas Kain  
KT SAF Chair
Greetings K-T SAF…
By Rance Frye
General Sessions Chair 2019

The 2019 National Convention is just ahead, I hope that everyone saved the date? Speakers are scheduled, the convention hall is booked, and tours are organized. We are set for an outstanding gathering of Foresters, and natural resource professionals.

Our theme ‘Goods from the Woods‘ has resonated well with folks across the country. We have engaging plenary speakers and attendees will enjoy our Focus on Friday sessions: The White Oak Partnership, Forest Products for the Future, and Forests are the Answer, or are they. Please take a few moments and review the Program (link on page 4), we incorporated most of the ideas members shared with me over the past 18 months.

The Concurrent Sessions and workshops are set and our Exhibit Hall has been reorganized to allow for more interactive activities and displays, pay particular attention to the Innovation Zones.

In June, a planning group met in Louisville to tour the Kentucky International Convention Center and strategize our final efforts. Volunteer Coordinators for the major programs were selected and given their tasks.

You are already seeing the results from that meeting as David Mercker has initiated his Wildcat Volunteers drive. We know now how many folks we need and where we need them. Please contact David for specifics, but we will need lots of folks on Monday and Tuesday for: Bookstore setup, packet stuffing, and Silent Auction setup. During the convention we will need Greeters, Session monitors, Quiz Bowl assistants, etc.

Ed Gee, a recent addition to KT SAF via retirement from the USFS, agreed to champion the Silent Auction and Science Fund Raffle. He is busy contacting regional businesses for items that may be donated to the auction. Our recent KT Auctions have excelled; if each KT SAF member contacts a regional Forest Products company we can really display the Goods from our Woods and support students. While there is a dedicated group of ‘Rafflers’ who hawk tickets at each convention, anyone with a couple hours free is encouraged to learn about the Kurt Gottschalk Science Fund and sell raffle tickets.
Greetings K-T SAF  continued

Former SAF President Dave Walters is facilitating the Student Activities for Convention. He has recently met with Student representatives and has some exciting ideas for encouraging more student participation. Details are unfolding, but we may need some professional volunteers to help in a capacity similar to our own Music and Mentoring efforts.

Chris Will has coordinated the Technical Tour development and his team has organized exceptional tour offerings. If you know out-of-town folks attending Convention who want to see our forests, and forest products, tell them to sign up early for the tours to cooperages, distilleries, and forests.

Thus far, KT SAF has met the challenge and we have a strong program. Some members plan to help early in the week and return home, others are bringing silent auction items or supporting students to attend. To finish strong, we need everyone to step up as they are able. This is our opportunity to promenade our: people, forests, forest products, and KT esprit de corps.

Our largest unconquered challenge is in sponsorships and exhibitors. We need More Sponsors! From hosting a special event to Premium full convention recognition, there are many levels of sponsorship with various returns for their support. If you have particular insight, or connection, with a company contact me, and we can reach out on behalf of SAF with a formal request.

Respectfully,

Rance Frye
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K-T SAF VOLUNTEER FAQs

If people volunteer during the convention, do they still need to register and pay for the convention?
Yes. There are only a handful of passes provided, by National, for coordinators.

If a person registers for the convention but also volunteers, is there a discount to their registration fee or can they get reimbursed an amount for working as a volunteer at the convention?
Unfortunately not. There is no registration waiver nor discount for the volunteers. We will need 70 volunteers and we cannot afford to offer any kind of break. Volunteers must pay their way and there is no reimbursement for time spent serving.

Are there certain lodging accommodations available to volunteers? Is there a block rate?
There is no special rate for volunteers. Everyone attending the convention as a volunteer and/or attendee must get their own lodging.

What is the contact info for lodging?
The Convention Brochure lists suggested hotels with their block rate. These are also on the SAF website.

What type of items do you need for the silent auction?
Anything that is sellable. Wood products (hockey sticks, drumsticks, books, crooks, and signed hockey pucks); Regional gifts should be of interest to out of town folks; Hand-made to store-purchased; think one-of-a-kind items; signed memorabilia; etc.

Do silent auction items need to be from a business or can people donate items they make or purchase?
All the above.

Is it best to ship the auction item early or bring it at the time of the convention? If shipped, what is that shipping info?
Ed Gee is the contact. Folks may ship items to the KFIA office where they will be stored prior to convention.

I can only volunteer a certain amount of time, who do I contact to coordinate this?
David Merker. He is coordinating the volunteers and will be on-site during the preconference. At this point, he is compiling a list of those that can serve. Later he will contact those on the list with details on how to register as a volunteer, on-line. Heather Slayton will be the point person on-site once the conference begins.

What type of sponsor should we be approaching? Can they be from a non-forest related entity?
We're open to almost any sponsor but the forest industry companies, distillers, cooperates, etc. make the most sense.

What are the certain levels of sponsorship? What sort of “return” does a sponsor get? How do we get that info to pitch to a potential sponsor?
Look in the Convention Prospectus that is included with this newsletter. It has all the sponsor details.

You have a different question? Let us know what it is so that we can answer it for everyone!
Convention Information to Know!

2019 SAF Convention Online Registration is HERE

A paper registration form can be found on the online registration link above.

The Convention Program can be found HERE

What to donate a Silent Auction Item? Contact Ed Gee at: egforestresources@gmail.com

Interested in VOLUNTEERING before and/or during the convention, Dave Mercker is your guy! Contact him at: dmercker@utk.edu

Sponsor information is included on page 6 of this Newsletter.
SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**PLATINUM SPONSOR**
- Gain premium exposure and recognition for your organization's active engagement in the forestry and land management market. Your sponsorship can be tailored to your marketing efforts or designed to fit the convention agenda based on general support or dedicated initiatives.

You receive:
- Two 10' x 10' Exhibit Hall booths with eight complimentary registrations
- One Career Fair booth
- One full-page ad in onsite program
- One full-page ad in *The Forestry Source*, month prior to and month of convention
- Twenty drink tickets for Awards Celebration or Welcome Reception
- Logo on cover of onsite program
- Marketing brochure or gift item in the attendee bag
- Logo recognition in Advance Brochure
- Recognition during Plenary Sessions
- Logo listing in Convention app, onsite program, convention website, and onsite signage

$20,000

**GOLD SPONSOR**
- **Sponsorship for ONE of the following**
  - Quiz Bowl
  - Diversity Scholarships
  - Attendee bag with your organization's logo or name
  - Convention lanyard with your organization's logo or name

You receive:
- One 10' x 10' Exhibit Hall booth with four complimentary registrations
- Featured sponsor at one special event
- Marketing brochure or gift item in the attendee bag
- One half-page ad in onsite program
- One half-page ad in *The Forestry Source*
- Five drink tickets for Welcome Reception
- Recognition during Plenary Sessions
- Inclusion in onsite convention signage
- Logo recognition in Advance Brochure
- Logo listing in Convention app, onsite program, convention website, and onsite signage

$10,000

**SILVER SPONSOR**
- **Sponsorship for ONE of the following**
  - Saturday Morning Breakfast Event
  - Fellows' Breakfast
  - General Poster Session
  - Science Flashes
  - Signage during one of our Networking refreshment breaks in Exhibit Hall

You receive:
- Two complimentary registrations
- Featured sponsor at one special event
- Marketing brochure or gift item in the attendee bag
- One quarter-page ad in onsite program
- Recognition during Plenary Sessions
- Inclusion in onsite convention signage
- Logo recognition in Advance Brochure
- Logo listing in Convention app, onsite program, convention website, and onsite signage

$5,000

**BRONZE SPONSOR**
- **Sponsorship for ONE of the following**
  - Field Trip
  - Student Poster Contest
  - Professional or Student MeetUps
  - SAF Town Hall

You receive:
- One complimentary registration
- Featured sponsor at one special event
- Recognition during Plenary Sessions
- Inclusion in onsite convention signage
- Logo recognition in Advance Brochure
- Logo listing in Convention app, onsite program, convention website, and onsite signage

$3,000

CUSTOM SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We'll tailor your sponsorship to better meet your promotional and marketing objectives.

Contact Karen Forbes, Delaney Meeting & Event Management at karen@delaneymeetingevent.com or (902) 865-5262.
NEW – INNOVATION ZONES

We’ve added a new feature allowing exhibitors to make live presentations, conduct product demonstrations, have fun activities, and connect with potential clients in a more informal setting. They are Innovation Zones!

There are three Innovation Zones that are available on a first-come, first-served basis. This added value to the Forest Management Expo is designed to foster connection, engagement, and a vibrant business climate between exhibitors and attendees.

Each innovation area has a monitor for PowerPoint presentations along with casual seating to create a more intimate and personal venue to connect and share information with attendees and potential customers.

The best part – it’s part of the Exhibitor fee for 2019! Take advantage today! Simply check the box on the form “I’m interested in the Innovation Zones” and we’ll contact you to schedule a time and day. Sponsorship opportunities are available, giving companies and organizations a bigger presence at the Forest Management Expo and Convention!
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**Executive Committee members needed for a quorum**

**Standing Committees**
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