

2008 Wisconsin Society of American Foresters Historical Summary:

Officers:

Chair	Jim Kerkman
Chair Elect	Jerry Van Cleve
Secretary	Will Smith
Treasurer	Julie Peltier

Executive Committee:

Governor's Council on Forestry	Bob Rogers
Membership	David Czysz
Program	Jan Harms
Policy and Legislation	Robert Mather
Communications	Kirsten Held
Education and Training	Brian Spencer
Awards	Gary Vander Wyst
Forestry/Conservation Hall of Fame	Bob Engelhard/Tom Albrecht
Continuing Forestry Education Coordinator	Melinda Vokoum
Forest Science and Technology	Paul Pingrey
Foresters Fund	Jeff Barkley
Historian	Will Kiefer

Special/Other Appointments

Webmaster	Paul Pingrey
Newsletter Editor	Kirsten Held
Region V Rep to National SAF Council	Greg Russell
NRCS Rep	Miles Benson
Dist V Fellow Review Committee	John Vrablec

Chapter Officers:	Chair	Secretary/Treasurer
Chippewa	Jay Gallagher	Richard Strauss
Fox Valley	Tony Deininger	Ron Jones
Mid Wisconsin	Randy Schott	Steve Edge
Northeast	Doug Brown	Tom Shockley
Southeast	Randy Cooper	Hank Kleppek
Southwest	Gene Francisco	Paul Pingrey
UWM	-	Adv Ray Guries
UWSP	Ken Price	Sec Sarah Johnson
	Treas Luke Nigon	Adv Paul Doruska

Membership- 432

Chippewa 59, Fox Valley 34, Mid WI 72, Northeast 97, Southeast 36, Southwest 69,
UWSP Student 41, UWM Student 19, WI 5.(no chp Id')

Awards/Honors:

Fellow	John Kotar
Golden Membership	Alfred M. Johnson, J. Terry Moore, Allen J. Prey, Charles E. Rieck, & George H. Sheppard
Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame	Gordon Dahlie
Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame	Carroll D. "Buzz" Besadny, Melville H. Cohee, Paul Oscar Husting
WI Mike King Memorial Field Forester of the Year, SAF District V Field Forester of the Year & National SAF Presidential Field Forester Achievement Award -	Julie Peltier

Executive Committee/State Business Meeting Actions:

Gary Vander Wyst, as outgoing chair, will be HSD chair for 2008-2009. Jim Kerkman, WI SAF Chair, attended the National Leadership Academy in Idaho. The Executive Committee agreed on a design for the Mike King Memorial Field Forester of the Year Award plaque that will be presented each year to the recipient selected as the Field Forester of the Year. Executive Committee authorized a change in the Web Site to enhance the capacity and service for WI SAF members. Executive Committee approved \$500 to support the UWSP Chapter attending the National Convention and participating in the Quiz Bowl. Exec approved funds for Julie Peltier to attend the National Convention to receive the Presidential Field Forester of the Year Achievement Award and to represent WI SAF at the HSD Meeting for Chair Jim Kerkman.

The Executive Committee discussed the Woodland Advocate Program as proposed by the Wisconsin Family Forests organization. Their purpose is to use individuals in local communities as advocates to encourage landowners to seek professional assistance and/or educational opportunities for help in managing their land. WI SAF recognized this new and innovative approach and offered our chapters assistance in any Advocate Training Program to introduce WISAF to the group, explain our mission and let them know that professional foresters in Wisconsin appreciate their efforts.

The Mike King Memorial was dedicated on September 8, 2008 at a prepared site off Red Bud Road on the Nine Mile Forest Unit of the Marathon County Forest. The UWSP Schmeckle Reserve developed the sign funded by the WI SAF. Refreshments were served following the dedication at Nine Mile Chalet.

Gene Francisco brought forth the problem the SW Chapter was having in hosting the S09 conference due to budget problems of many agencies. The Executive Committee agreed to drop plans for two conferences per year during this economic downturn. Plans for the next two years are: 1. The Mid WI Chapter is committed to co-hosting a Jack Pine Symposium for the Fall 09 Conference, and 2. The NE Chapter has the S10 Conference on Recreation in the works. SW Chapter Conference will be moved to F10 or later.

Committee Reports:

District V Representative

National SAF now is requiring SAF field trips and outdoor sessions to secure an insurance rider. A 60 day advance notice is suggested for chapters to call the national office to inquire if an insurance rider is required. Council approved a process for accreditation of Forest Technology Schools. Council *recommended* that SAF members approve an amendment to our constitution to: 1. give full voting rights to all member categories of SAF, 2. reduce the number of member categories to professional, conditional professional, associate, technician, and student, and 3. grant that all member categories may serve as Officers at the State(Division) and Chapter levels, reserving national level office and Fellow status for Professional Members only. The Forest Science and Technology Board established a Science Fund for the purpose of providing technical and scientific programs and projects to all levels of SAF.

Wisconsin Council on Forestry

WI SAF's member on The Wisconsin Council on Forestry is Bob Rogers. Bob has provided excellent reports that keeps our WI Society up to date and well informed on activities and actions of the Council

Membership

David Czysz received applications for 13 mentors from student members. Six have been assigned mentors by the end of the year.

Policy & Legislation

Committee chair Bob Mather has provided reports that have kept WI SAF well informed on State and Federal legislation.

Education & Training

WI SAF was requested to provide input into the new Forestry Education Center in Milwaukee in the near future.

Awards

The SE Chapter established a Special Award for Max Melick for his 75th Anniversary as a SAF Member. Max was presented with this 75th Special Recognition Award at the Spring Conference Banquet in Waukesha on March 19th, 2008. Max started with the Forest Service in 1934 as a forester at the Loretta, WI CCC Camp and retired from the Milwaukee office in 1972. Max's forestry history was written up as an oral history interview with additional written information from his daughter Gail and from his son Ross, who is also a retiree from the Forest Service.

Jim Kerkman was honored as a "Friend of Forestry" by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources – Division of Forestry. Jim has helped the Division arrange a variety of training sessions at Fort McCoy including prescribed fire, fire investigation, forestry technician certification, Ranger certification and forestry law enforcement.

Kirsten Held was awarded the 2008 Frank Fixmer Award at the 33rd Annual conference of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin. This award is given by FHAW to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to an organization, agency, or corporation within the forest products and resource community. Kirsten was cited for her contributions to the education of Wisconsin students and citizens regarding Wisconsin's forest history and sustainable forestry practices.

Forest Science and Technology

SAF's Forest Science Fund is now taking applications for grants and loans to: 1. conduct and support research (grants) and, 2. conduct and support continuing education and transfer knowledge (loans).

Continuing Forestry Education (CFE's)

At least 12 programs were certified for CFE credits during 2008. New rules require CFE credits must be applied for and followed up with a certificate of attendance and completion by the sponsor.

Forester's Fund

Executive Committee approved a Foresters Fund application for a special grant of \$5000.00 for a SAF/SFI Field Forestry Workshop for high School Students and Teacher Chaperones. This application did not receive National SAF funding. An application for a \$1500.00 grant for a Prescribed Fire Conference was rejected as not being a good fit within the Foresters Fund.

Chapter Activities

Chippewa Chapter

Held a chapter meeting on March 6 which included a technical session on "How to use the NRCS Web Soil Survey", with good attendance. Partnered with the four grade schools for Arbor Day sessions: St. Anthony Grade School in Park Falls, Park Falls Grade and Middle Schools and Butternut Grade School. Four Sugar Maples were planted in addition a half day education seminar on trees and their benefits. WI-SAF Chippewa Chapter Scholarships were presented to four young ladies graduating from Butternut High School. Hosted an informational session on Woody Biomass Harvesting Guidelines with 28 in attendance. Participants were SAF Members, WDNR, USFS, Private Industry and WWOA Members.

Fox Valley

Major effort was in planning the Fall 2008 Statewide Meeting; Forest Management Solutions for Mitigating Climate Change in Wisconsin: Are Trees The Answer? Held a chapter meeting on February 19 which focused on Bio-Fuels. Terry Mace's presentation was on the bio-products and sources required to supply the needs for our energy, electricity and fuel. Toured the Aacer Flooring Plant in the afternoon. Teamed up with the Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association on a session "To Mark or Not to Mark" pine thinnings on August 12th at Gresham. Discussion involved prior marking vs logger select thinnings and the effectiveness and efficiency associated with each thought. This was followed with a landowner program the following weekend. (4)

Mid Wisconsin

Started planning to host a Jack Pine Symposium Three State Conference for the Fall 2009 Statewide Conference. Held a Chapter Meeting on Sept 25 with the WUSP Student Chapter titled "Teaching Old Dog New Tricks". The students shared their learning and summer experiences on new technologies.

North East

Chapter Annual Meeting was held in Carter on Sept 10th with "Tons vs. Cords to Biofuels" as the topic. Following this was an open discussion on selling by the ton and the effect of this type of selling procedure. Chapter started preliminary discussion on a three state joint conference on "Recreation and Forest Management" in the spring of 2010.

South East

Participated in a Walk in the Woods with the Parkview Elementary in Plymouth with 47 students. The Chapter's main activity was planning and hosting the Spring 08 Conference. Chapter helped to staff SAF's Ag Venture Day booth at the state fair. The famous "Kerkman tree display" and Jeff Kante's logging diorama were in the display. Chapter held a meeting 12/11 in Pewaukee at which Julie Peltier reported on the National Convention. The chapter recognized Julie for being selected as The Mike King Memorial Field Forester of the Year, District V Field Forester of the Year and the National SAF Presidential Field Forester Achievement Award. The meeting ended with a discussion of the Emerald Ash Borer find.

South West

Held a lunch meeting Feb 28 featuring Mark Richenbach discussing his research on the "Preferences of Private Forest Landowners in Implementing Stewardship Practices". May 7th meeting featured Ron Jones speaking on the proposed revisions to the oak management guidelines with regards to oak regeneration. Chapter sponsored a field tour of the decommissioned Badger Ammunition Plant near Baraboo on August 27. Tour included presentations by DNR and Badger Officials regarding history, current use and re-use of the site as well as hazardous waste remediation effort, concrete and wood recycling, grassland and woodland bird conservation and integration of land into Devils Lake State Park. Meeting on Dec 18 with a presentation by Jeff Landin of the Wisconsin Paper Council on the status of the State's Paper Industry.

UWSP Student Chapter

The UWSP Student Chapter planned and carried out an outstanding number of activities and projects in 2008. The Chapter submitted an application for SAF's Outstanding Student Chapter. The Students were awarded second place as the Outstanding Chapter for 2007/2008 and were formally recognized at the national convention. The chapter along with the Fire Crew, WI Parks and Recreation Association, Student Society of Arboriculture and the Society of Ecological Restoration teamed up to put on the annual Forestry Banquet on Feb 21st. Mark Knaebe presented a talk on biomass energy.

Thirteen students attended the National Convention in Reno. UWSP competed in the Quiz Bowl. Out of the 32 teams that participated, UWSP come in second for the third year in a row. UWSP faced UW Madison in the semi finals with UWM placing third. UWSP organized and hosted the first annual Great Lakes Quiz Bowl and Forestry Games at Treehaven. The event was a rousing success. The students are already planning next years event. The chapter competed in the Midwestern Conclave in Houghton Michigan in the fall. Adam LaSalle won the Stihl Collegiate Timbersports Challenge. Participated in a meeting with the Mid WI Chapter on “Teaching Old Dogs New Tricks”-students covered new technology items they encountered in studies and summer work. They had 12 weekly meetings with speakers on a variety of forestry items and participated in 8 tours to forestry related industries and sites. Held a membership drive and did several tree planting projects and other fund raising projects..

2008 Spring State Meeting/Training Conference March 19 & 20, Country Springs Hotel and Conference Center, Waukesha, WI – Sponsored by the Southeast Chapter
The Effects of Change in Forest Ownership: The Changing Face of Forestry in Wisconsin

Jeff Kante, SE Chapter - Welcome/ Opening Remarks Rated for 7.5 CFE Credits

Sam Radcliffe, Moderator, Afternoon Session: *How has the Wisconsin Forest Landscape Changed?*

Sam Radcliffe, Prentiss & Carlisle *What Happened to Industrial Land Ownership?*

Susan Stewart, USFS *Forest Fragmentation*

Tom Duffus, The Conservation Fund *The Role and Tools for Conserving Lands*

Bill Rockwell, Strategic Resource Systems *The Impact of Forest Certification*

Evening Banquet

Miles Benson, Forest History Association of Wisconsin, Banquet Address: *An Historical Perspective*

Max Melick, SE Chapter Member – Presented with a special 75th Membership Award

Jeff Kante, SE Chapter Morning Moderator **Future Changes**

Catherine Mater, Mater Engineering *The Next generation of Forest Family Forest Owners*

Ed Steigerwaldt, Steigerwaldt Land Services *Future Wisconsin Forest Land Markets*

Lew McCreey, USFS *The Role of Bioenergy*

Randy Cooper, SE Chapter, Moderator Afternoon Session

Chad Martin, Agragate Climate Credits Corp. *Carbon Markets*

Peter Ince, USFS Forest Products Lab *Changes in Traditional Forests Products Markets*

Wrap – Adjourn

2008 Fall State Meeting/Training Conference November 11-12, 2008, Holiday Inn & Convention Center, Steven Point, WI, Sponsored by the Fox Valley Chapter
Forest Management Solutions for Mitigating Climate Change in

Wisconsin: Are Trees the Answer?

Curt Wilson, Fox Valley Chapter, Welcome/Moderator Morning Session, 10 CFE Credits

Carol Barford, UW Madison *Global Climate Change*

David Mladenoff, UW Madison *Potential Effects of Climate Change on Forests*

Steve Hubbard & Scott Bowe, UW Madison *Life-Cycle Thinking: What is it and Why Should I Care?*

RJ Wickham, Afternoon Moderator, WDNR

Mark Knaebe, USFS Forest Products Lab *Preventing Green House Gas Emissions Through Biomass Substitution*

Jessica Holofsky, USFS Seattle *Preventing Green House Gas Emissions Through Wildfire Behavior Modification*

Amanda Cundiff, USFS/State & Private Forestry *Preventing Green House Gas Emissions Through Avoided Land Use Change*

Evening Banquet

Ray Perry, Consulting Forester, FV Chapter Moderator Morning Session

Maria Janowiak, Research Forester, USFS Houghton, MI *Reducing Atmosphere Green House Gases Through Sequestration*

Allison Hellman Advisor, WDNR Div of Forestry, Madison *Introduction to Programs and Markets for Carbon and How They Impact Forest carbon Offset Projects*

Dave Krog, CEO AgraGate Climate Change Credits Corp, Des Moines, IA
Carbon Credit Market: A New Revenue Opportunity for Land Owners

Jane Severt, Executive Director, WI County Forests Association *Draft Woody Biomass Guidelines Developed for Wisconsin*

Tony Deininger, FV Technical College Instructor/FV Chapter *Innovations in Harvesting Equipment to Extract Woody Biomass from Wisconsin Forests*

Stacy Wagler, Ponsse Corporation *Innovations in Harvesting Equipment to Extract Woody Biomass from Wisconsin Forests*

Jim Kerkman, WI SAF Chair *Opportunities and Challenges for Society, Landowners, Loggers and Foresters*

Addendum:

The 2008 fiscal report will be attached as our yearly summary but will not be reproduced in our "History" book.

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