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This handbook is intended for the sole use and purpose of the membership of the Wisconsin Society of American Foresters. The information that is contained in this publication is designed to serve as a guide to the function and structure of the Society of American Foresters and the Wisconsin Society of American Foresters. It also provides information about the Society's stand on issues that affect forests and forestry as well as information on how its members can become involved in promoting the mission of the Society of American Foresters which is to advance the science, education, technology, and practice of forestry; to enhance the competency of its members; to establish professional excellence; and, to use the knowledge, skills, and conservation ethic of the profession to ensure the continued health and use of forest ecosystems and the present and future availability of forest resources to benefit society.

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FORWARD

Wisconsin's Forests are truly economic and environmental treasures. They provide jobs for our citizens and raw material for the wood and paper products we use daily. With nearly half of our state's land area covered by forests they provide habitat for our diverse wildlife species, protect our abundant lakes and streams, purify the air we breathe and provide the wonderful settings where we recreate and live.

Wisconsin's forest industry is one of the top three employers in 43 of our 72 counties and is the second largest industry sector in our state. Wisconsin leads the nation in paper production, value of forest product shipments at nearly \$20 billion and forest industry payroll.

Wisconsin's forests are more extensive, more diverse, and more productive and harbor more wildlife today than at any time in the past 100 years. All of this did not happen by accident. Forest landowners, legislators, local, state and federal officials, forestry organizations as well as forest industry representatives all played an important role in the success story of Wisconsin's Forests. The Wisconsin Society of American Foresters and its dedicated members played a prominent role in the restoration of our forests.

The mission of the Society of American Foresters and the values contained therein has survived the test of time. And more importantly the forests we enjoy today are a testament to the validity of those values and the foresters, landowners and forestry interests who subscribe to them.

Wisconsin SAF provides the leadership and framework to strive for professional excellence among Wisconsin's forestry professionals. This handbook outlines the operating procedures, benefits and standards that apply to Wisconsin SAF members to meet the high ethical standards of the forestry profession in Wisconsin. It is an important information source for new, potential and current SAF members to help guide their involvement in SAF activities, professional conduct and further the principles of sustainable forestry.

Wisconsin's forests have a rich history and a vibrant future for our economy and quality of life. It is incumbent upon all forestry professionals to ensure those future values through dedication to the professional standards adopted and approved by SAF.

Gene Francisco
WISAF Chair 2001





THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS

SECTION 1. SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS ORGANIZATION AND MISSION

The Society of American Foresters (SAF) is the national scientific and educational organization representing the forestry profession in the United States. Founded in 1900 by Gifford Pinchot, it is the largest professional society for foresters in the world. The mission of the Society of American Foresters is to advance the science, education, technology, and practice of forestry; to enhance the competency of its members; to establish professional excellence; and, to use the knowledge, skills, and conservation ethic of the profession to ensure the continued health and use of forest ecosystems and the present and future availability of forest resources to benefit society. SAF is a nonprofit organization meeting the requirements of 501 (c) (3). SAF members include natural resource professionals in public and private settings, researchers, CEOs, administrators, educators, and students.

SAF CODE OF ETHICS

Preamble

Service to society is the cornerstone of any profession. The profession of forestry serves society by fostering stewardship of the world's forests. Because forests provide valuable resources and perform critical ecological functions, they are vital to the well-being of both society and the biosphere.

Members of the Society of American Foresters have a deep and enduring love for the land, and are inspired by the profession's historic traditions, such as Gifford Pinchot's utilitarianism and Aldo Leopold's ecological conscience. In their various roles as practitioners, teachers, researchers, advisers, and administrators, foresters seek to sustain and protect a variety of forest uses and attributes, such as aesthetic values, air and water quality, biodiversity, recreation, timber production, and wildlife habitat.

The purpose of this Code of Ethics is to protect and serve society by inspiring, guiding, and governing members in the conduct of their professional lives. Compliance with the code demonstrates members' respect for the land and their commitment to the long-term management of ecosystems, and ensures just and honorable professional and human relationships, mutual confidence and respect, and competent service to society.

On joining the Society of American Foresters, members assume a special responsibility to the profession and to society by promising to uphold and abide by the following:

Principles and Pledges

1. Foresters have a responsibility to manage land for both current and future generations. We pledge to practice and advocate management that will maintain the long-term capacity of the land to provide the variety of materials, uses, and values desired by landowners and society.
2. Society must respect forest landowners' rights and correspondingly, landowners have a land stewardship responsibility to society. We pledge to practice and advocate forest management in accordance with landowner objectives and professional standards, and to advise landowners of the consequences of deviating from such standards.
3. Sound science is the foundation of the forestry profession. We pledge to strive for continuous improvement of our methods and our personal knowledge and skills; to perform only those services for which we are qualified; and in the biological, physical, and social sciences to use the most appropriate data, methods, and technology.
4. Public policy related to forests must be based on both scientific principles and societal values. We pledge to use our knowledge and skills to help formulate sound forest policies and laws; to challenge and correct untrue statements about forestry; and to foster dialogue among foresters, other professionals, landowners, and the public regarding forest policies.
5. Honest and open communication, coupled with respect for information given in confidence, is essential to good service. We pledge to always present, to the best of our ability, accurate and complete information; to indicate on whose behalf any public statements are made; to fully disclose and resolve any existing or potential conflicts of interest; and to keep proprietary information confidential unless the appropriate person authorizes its disclosure.
6. Professional and civic behavior must be based on honesty, fairness, good will, and respect for the law. We pledge to conduct ourselves in a civil and dignified manner; to respect the needs, contributions, and viewpoints of others; and to give due credit to others for their methods, ideas, or assistance.

The Society of American Foresters' Bylaws specify processes through which a member's violation of the code may lead to reprimand, censure, expulsion from the Society, or other disciplinary action. Any two persons, whether or not SAF members, may charge a member with violation of the code. Such a charge must be made in writing to the SAF President and must refer to the specific Pledges alleged to have been violated.

The Code of Ethics was adopted by the Society of American Foresters by Member Referendum, November 3, 2000, replacing the code adopted June 23, 1976, as amended November 4, 1986, and November 2, 1992. The 1976 code replaced the code adopted November 12, 1948, as amended December 4, 1971.

BYLAWS OF THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS

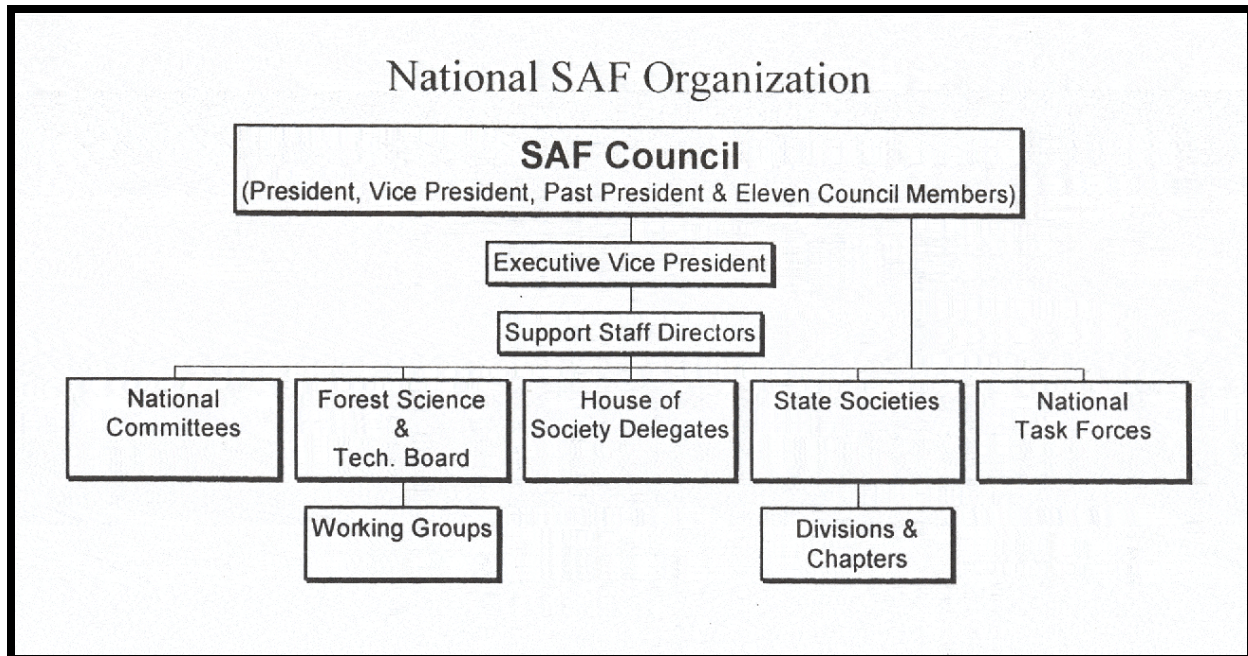
(Revised January 1, 1997; Revised March 1, 1999; Revised June 11, 2000; February 4, 2001)

To see the complete constitution and bylaws of the Society of American Foresters visit the

Members only section of the SAF website at:

<http://www.safnet.org/members/bylaws.cfm>

SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS ORGANIZATION AND STRUCTURE



SAF Council



What is the role of SAF Council?

The SAF Council provides leadership and direction to the Society of American Foresters to ensure the achievement of its mission to:

- Advance the science, technology, education, and practice of forestry;
- Enhance the competency of its members;
- Establish professional excellence; and
- Use the knowledge, skills, and conservation ethic of the profession to ensure the continued health and use of forest ecosystems and the present and future availability of forest resources to benefit society.

Forest Science and Technology Board



What is the Forest Science and Technology Board?

The mission of the Forest Science and Technology Board (FS&TB) shall be to provide the Society an effective means for the development, dissemination, and use of forest sciences. The goal of the FS&TB, with the involvement of working groups, are to provide leadership in SAF's science programs by:

Helping working groups achieve their objectives in the dissemination and use of forest science;

Providing Council with information and opinions on current and emerging science and technology issues, the adequacy of the science base of draft policies and position statements, the development or review of science publications and communications, and other science matters;

Providing HSD with assistance to help strengthen the science base of their programs and activities;

Providing the directors and staffs of SAF's science and education, policy and publications departments with information or assistance on science and technology matters;

Reviewing the science/knowledge content of task force reports and position statements to ensure credibility and identifying potential members of task forces and national committees;

Assisting with providing the science and technology content of the national convention program by planning plenary sessions, technical sessions, and applied forestry field trips;

Making recommendations to Council on the recipients of the Barrington Moore, Technology Transfer and Extension Awards as well as the SAF Award in Forest Science;

Heading special projects such as the revision of The Dictionary of Forestry and Forest Cover Types.

House of Society Delegates (HSD)



What is the House Society of Delegates?

The House of Society Delegates (HSD) is the organizational body within the Society comprised of a delegate and alternate delegate from each state society, the chair and vice-chair of the National Student Assembly, and the chair and vice-chair of HSD. Each delegate shall be a state society chair or chair-elect. The chair-elect can also serve as the alternate delegate. Another state society member can be designated as the delegate if the state society chair or chair-elect cannot fill the role.

What are the goals of HSD?

The HSD was established to serve as:

a means for members (as represented by their delegates) to work in partnership with Council and national office staff on SAF and professional affairs, and to identify and forward forest policy issues for national office consideration;

a channel of communication between state societies, National Student Assembly (NSA), Council, and national office staff;

a forum for exchange and discussion of ideas and information to improve SAF and the forestry profession at the national, state, chapter, and student chapter levels.

What do delegates accomplish at an HSD meeting?

At the HSD meeting, delegates:

review and recommend priorities for the policies and programs of SAF, including new or proposed programs, and discuss the long-range goals of the Society;

recommend to the Council proposals for making SAF more effective in carrying out its responsibilities to its members, the profession, and society;

recommend to the Council an agenda of forest policy issues for national consideration;

facilitate the exchange of information among state societies and with national office staff, Council, and national committees and task forces.

In 1999, HSD addressed policy issues such as forest sustainability and forest management certification. They also address SAF programs such as the Fellow election process and working groups.

Technical Working Groups

What is the role of working groups?

Working Groups are communities of interest established by the FS&TB as the need becomes evident, and terminated by the board when the need no longer exists. (There are currently 28 working groups.) Members of the Society are allowed to join up to three working groups as part of their membership.



The working groups communicate by posting Working Group - News on the SAF website, hosting email discussion lists, sponsoring technical sessions and field tours at the national convention, and sponsoring or cosponsoring conferences or other programs throughout the year. Other communication opportunities include submission of articles to the Science and Technology section of *The Forestry Source*, the Focus section of the *Journal of Forestry* and development of working group websites.

In concert with the Forest Science and Technology Board (FS&TB), Working Groups disseminate and build forest and forestry-related science and technology. Their primary objectives are to:

Seek new and innovative ways to involve SAF members and others in informational exchange about (1) science and technology, and (2) policy and other activities where science and technology are important components.

Provide a national reservoir of scientific and technical forestry and forestry-related expertise for the Society.

Identify areas of needed research and recommend means of initiating them.

Thus, Working Groups enhance the competence of SAF members, strengthen the forest science and technology disciplines, and ensure the science base of current and emerging forestry issues. As they inform policy and communication efforts, Working Groups also help increase public understanding of forests and the profession of forestry.

Working primarily scientist to scientist and between scientists and practitioners, Working Groups facilitate information exchange and technology transfer within their disciplinary interests. Working Groups are also increasingly active in fostering interdisciplinary discussions, serving to integrate the different disciplines involved in forest and forestry-related decision making at all levels.



Through their SARs, Working Groups are often asked to assess the scientific and technical content of both current and proposed position statements. While the Society's Bylaws state that Working Groups are not a policy-making body on forest policy issues, they do state that "members and units of the Society are encouraged to participate responsibly in SAF forest policy activities" (Bylaws II-B.1). Thus, Working Groups should consider policy as one area of potential focus. Working groups are encouraged to review and comment on existing position statements relevant to their subject area, and to recommend emerging topics for policy consideration.

For more information on the structure of the Society of American Foresters visit their website at <http://www.safnet.org/who/structure.htm>

SAF Membership Categories

Applicants must apply for the highest member category for which they are qualified.

Professional Member

To be a Professional Member, you must meet one of the following criteria:

1. be a graduate of an SAF-accredited forestry curriculum or of a candidate curriculum for accreditation; OR
2. be a recipient of a graduate degree in forestry from an institution that has an SAF-accredited forestry curriculum or one that is a candidate for accreditation; OR

3. be a scientist or practitioner who holds a bachelor s or higher degree within the "broad field of forestry¹," based on a curriculum that is neither SAF-accredited nor a candidate for accreditation, and who has three or more years of "qualifying experience²" within the "broad field of forestry." Professional Members may hold any office and vote on any questions before the Society.

Conditional Professional Member

To be a Conditional Professional Member, you must be a scientist or practitioner who holds a bachelor s or higher degree within the broad field of forestry, based on a curriculum that is neither SAF-accredited nor a candidate for accreditation, and who has less than three years of qualifying experience within the broad field of forestry. Conditional Professional Members may hold office and vote at the Chapter, Division, and State Society levels until meeting the requirements of Professional Member, and may serve, with voting and office-holding privileges, on working groups and the House of Society Delegates.

Associate Member

To be an Associate Member, you must be a scientist or practitioner who holds a bachelor s or higher degree in a subject area not within the broad field of forestry but who works in a position that strongly influences the profession of forestry (excluding elected officials). Associate Members may hold office and vote at the Chapter, Division, and State Society levels, and may serve, with voting and office-holding privileges, on working groups and the House of Society Delegates.

Technician Member

To be a Technician Member, you must be a graduate of an associate degree program within the broad field of forestry. Technician Members may hold office and vote at the Chapter, Division, and State Society levels, and may serve, with voting and office-holding privileges, on working groups and the House of Society Delegates.

Student Member

To be a Student Member, you must be an undergraduate or graduate student in forestry, preforestry, or a forest technician program, or in another program within the broad field of forestry. Student Members who are members of a student chapter may vote on any question before their Student Chapter.

International Member

To be an International Member, you must be a graduate of a forestry program or program within the broad field of forestry and not a citizen or permanent resident of the United States, its possessions, Canada, or Mexico. International Members may attend any meeting of the Society and take part in the discussions, but shall have no vote.

¹ Broad field of forestry" is defined as those biological, quantitative, managerial, and social subject areas that are focused on the management and conservation of forest resources.

² Qualifying experience" occurs when one spends at least one-half of one s employment duties within the broad field of forestry.

Corresponding Member

To be a Corresponding Member, you must not be eligible for another category of membership, and join solely for the benefit of receiving SAF publications. Corresponding Members may attend any meeting of the Society and take part in the discussions, but shall have no vote.

Reinstatement Procedures

If you were ever a member of SAF, you are eligible to rejoin at the category of membership previously held, provided you still meet the requirements. To do so, check "Reinstating Member" on the front of the application and complete the information. You do not need the endorsement of a voting member and there is no admission fee to reinstate. Your membership dues will be at the current rate, based on the length of your past membership.

Dues and Fees

Once your application is approved, your membership will be effective on receipt of your National SAF dues payment. Dues will be prorated for the amount remaining in the current year. Any overpayment accompanying your application will be credited to your account. Members can renew their membership online at <http://www.safnet.org/commerce/renewal.htm>

Admission Fee

Professional Members, Conditional Professional Members, Associate Members, and Technician Members incur a one-time admission fee of \$5. This fee is not required of Student Members, Corresponding Members, International Members, or persons reinstating or changing categories.

National Dues

The annual dues noted above apply ONLY to new members. The Society uses a sliding dues schedule; your annual dues will increase with length of membership. You will receive an annual renewal notice in the fall of each year.

\$25 of your national annual dues provides you the monthly Journal of Forestry; \$15 provides you The Forestry Source (published 12 times a year). The remainder is used for professional programs and services. Contributions made to SAF are tax-deductible.

Benefits of Membership

SAF is the nation's leading scientific and educational organization representing the forestry profession in the United States. Members include more than 18,000 professionals who are dedicated to improving the health and productivity of forests.

When you become a member of SAF, these resources are yours:

The latest information

SAF's award-winning, internationally acclaimed publication, the Journal of Forestry, is the most widely read forestry periodical in the world. Join SAF, and it's a built-in monthly benefit. Membership also includes a subscription to The Forestry Source, the newspaper that covers the latest critical issues affecting natural resources and what's happening inside SAF. "Get connected" through Forestry Focus, where you can post questions online and find solutions on forestry issues and concerns.

The Society of American Foresters journals are now available online. In coordination with CABI Publishing, SAF members now have free access to Forestry Online, a web resource covering the bibliographic databases Agroforestry Abstracts, Forestry Abstracts, and Forest Products Abstracts. Forestry Online comprises over 165,000 fully searchable abstracts and covers more than 10 years of published material, thus making it an invaluable resource for anyone working in the field of forestry.

Forestry resources online

SAF's state of the art website includes the latest forestry and policy news, recent SAF press releases, journal abstracts, classified ads, a complete listing of all certified foresters in the country and more.

A voice in the media

SAF promotes accurate and balanced coverage of forestry issues in the media. SAF also responds to media inquiries and works to correct misinformation about forestry issues and practices. Join SAF and help support this vital effort.

Access to technical expertise

Your membership includes affiliation with up to three Working Groups that focus on specific areas of scientific interest. Working Group newsletters, education sessions, and networking opportunities keep you in touch with the people and information in your areas of interest. SAF's 28 Working Groups include such diverse subjects as forest ecology, wilderness management, economy and law, remote sensing and GIS, wildlife and fish ecology, silviculture, fire management, urban forestry, forest genetics, soil conservation, climatology, philosophy, and recreation.

Continuing education programs

Recognized experts from around the world speak at national conventions, regional and local meetings. Earn continuing education credits when you participate. Gain recognition for your hard work SAF keeps your employer informed when you earn 150 hours or more of continuing education credits within a three-year period.

Money-saving benefits

Your membership entitles you to substantial discounts on informative publications, stimulating conventions, and a wide array of SAF logo merchandise. You'll also be eligible to apply for low-cost life insurance as well as disability insurance.

Networking opportunities

Take advantage of the wisdom of professionals with expertise that represents the broad diversity of the profession. Connect to your colleagues by participating in local and national programs and events or online.

National awards

Each year, the Society of American Foresters (SAF) recognizes individual members for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the forestry profession.

Insurance (life and disability)

LifeSource is a valuable member benefit of the Society of American Foresters. This group insurance program puts the group buying power of SAF's member's to work for you. As a result, you get quality term life insurance at very affordable group rates.



As an SAF member you also...

Make a difference

SAF is a key resource for policymakers, providing background and testimony on current legislative issues such as wetlands, endangered species, harvesting, and clean water legislation. Join SAF and you'll have access to a well-organized national and grassroots network that is making a difference on natural resource policy issues.

Promote professional standards of excellence

SAF ensures the integrity of the profession by reviewing both professional and forest technology educational programs through accreditation and recognition procedures. And, SAF offers the nationally-recognized Certified Forester® program. The Certified Forester® credential provides a national standard that identifies your specific level of education, experience, and professional commitment.

Demonstrate professional integrity

SAF members adhere to a Code of Ethics that contains principles designed to guide professional behavior. As an SAF member who abides by the Code of Ethics, you gain credibility with this demonstration of dedication and commitment.

WISCONSIN SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS ORGANIZATION AND STRUCTURE

Wisconsin Society of American Foresters Strategic Plan

Our Vision

The Wisconsin Society Of American Foresters will:

- Be an advocate for scientific and environmentally sound forestry.
- Be an active player and recognized authority on forestry and forestry related issues.
- Be a leader in natural resource education for the public and the profession.
- Provide opportunities for fellowship and promote a sense of community within the natural resource profession.
- Be a leader within the National Society of American Foresters.

Our Mission

The Wisconsin Society Of American Foresters will extend the mission of the National Society, to:

- Advance the science, education, technology, and practice of Forestry.
- Enhance the competency of its members.
- Establish professional excellence.
- Use the knowledge, skills, and conservation ethic of the professional to ensure the continued health and use of forest ecosystems, and the present and future availability of forest resources to benefit society.
- Serve the unique needs of the profession and the citizens of Wisconsin.

Strategic Direction

The Wisconsin Society Of American Foresters will organize members and commit resources to:

- Ensure the understanding, awareness and commitment to the SAF Forester's Code of Ethics by our members.
- Work collaboratively with forestry employers in pursuit of shared goals.
- Lead efforts to increase technical competence and provide opportunities for leadership skill development.
- Strengthen partnerships with institutions committed to forestry and natural resource education.
- Provide timely professional opinion on emerging issues.
- Increase the visibility and credibility of the Society of American Foresters to the general public, the State Legislature, and other organizations.
- Seek active participation in regional and national society affairs.

BYLAWS OF THE WISCONSIN SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS

Adopted September 1980, Amended November 1984, Amended April 1992, December 2000

ARTICLE 1: NAME AND OBJECTIVES

This organization is a unit of the Society of American Foresters (the Society) and shall be known as the "Wisconsin Society of American Foresters" (the state society), as provided in Article VI of the constitution of the Society of American Foresters.

The objectives shall be:

1. To advance the science, technology, education and practice of professional forestry in Wisconsin and America and to use the knowledge and skills of the profession to benefit society.
2. To provide an opportunity for better communication among the individual members, their regional representatives and the Society.

ARTICLE 2: ACTIVITIES LIMITED TO EXEMPT PURPOSES

No part of the net earnings of the state society shall be used for the benefit of, or be distributed to, its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the state society shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article 1 hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the state society shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the state society shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. In the case of a written request from a governmental body, committee or subdivision, the state society shall provide technical assistance and advice providing the state society deems it appropriate to provide such assistance. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the state society shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP

Every member of the Society in good standing is entitled to membership in the state society in which the member has established domicile. The domicile of a member shall be the member's home or residence, unless the member's place of business or professional affiliations lie within the territory of another state society, when, by notification in writing to the national office, the member may establish domicile with said other state society for the purpose of state society membership. An individual may be a voting member of and be eligible for office holding in only one state society, but may become a member of any other state society.

Only voting members, as defined in the Society's Constitution, in good standing, shall be entitled to vote on any question before the state society. Other members may attend any meeting of the state society and take part in the discussions, but shall have no vote. Members of a student chapter shall be entitled to vote only on questions before the student chapter.

Membership in the state society may be terminated by (1) voluntary resignation, (2) failure to pay dues, (3) expulsion from the Society for unprofessional conduct, (4) transfer of domicile to another state society, or (5) death.

ARTICLE 4: DUES

The annual dues of the state society shall be payable from the first day of January. With the exception of Student members, who shall not be assessed, dues shall be collected by the Society concurrently with the collection of national dues and transmitted to the Treasurer of the state society.

Members who have not paid national and state society dues by February 1 shall be notified by the Society that they are in bad standing, and thus ineligible to vote, to receive the Journal of Forestry, to be a candidate for office, or to hold office until the dues are paid.

A member who transfers to another state society and has paid annual dues in the state society from which the transfer is being made shall not be required to pay additional dues for the year of transfer and shall automatically become a member of the state society to which transferred for the remainder of the year.

New members admitted during the year shall be pro-rata dues beginning with the quarter after the admission is accepted.

ARTICLE 5: OFFICERS

The officers of the state society shall include a Chair, a Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as may be found necessary. Officers shall be voting members of the Society and the state society for the duration of their terms. Terms shall be for one year and commence on January 1 of odd numbered years and for two years commencing January 1 of 2002 for the Chair and Vice Chair. The Secretary and Treasurer may serve more than one term if the member so chooses.

The Vice Chair, upon the completion of the term of office, shall automatically become Chair for the subsequent term, and shall be ineligible for reelection to either office.

The Secretary and Treasurer may be elected, or appointed by the incoming Chair with the approval of the Executive Committee, and may be the same person.

In the event the Chair is unable to complete the full term of office, the Vice Chair shall succeed

and complete the unexpired term prior to serving the full term as Chair. Should this occur, the Executive Committee by a majority vote shall appoint a replacement Vice Chair who shall assume the duties of the vacant office until the next regular election of officers. In the event the Vice Chair is unable to complete the term of office and succeed to the office of Chair, the Executive Committee shall appoint an acting Chair to serve until the next election at which time both a Chair and a Vice Chair shall be elected. Vacancies in the offices of Secretary and Treasurer shall be filled by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 6: DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICERS

The Chair shall be responsible for developing and continuing state society activities during the term of office and for organizing the membership toward meeting the objectives, many of which are outlined in the Wisconsin SAF Strategic Plan. The Chair shall preside at meetings of the state society; serve as chair of the Executive Committee and as ex officio member of all other committee; oversee the business affairs; appoint, with the approval of the Executive Committee, the standing committees and other special committees; act as the official delegate to the House of Society Delegates meeting, or with the approval of the Executive Committee, appoint the Vice Chair or other alternate; and perform all other duties commonly incident to such office. The Chair shall send all chair records and documents that are three years or older to the state Historian at the close of each calendar year.

The Vice Chair, in the absence of the Chair, shall preside at state society meetings and act for and assist the Chair in conducting state society affairs, as may be requested by the Chair. The Vice Chair shall also be responsible for monitoring the state society "Strategic Plan" and for proposing revisions to the Plan to reflect changing society goals.

The Secretary or another officer as directed by the Executive Committee shall conduct all state society elections and referenda which are not conducted by the national office of the Society; keep the minutes of the state society's meetings and correspondence; announce meetings; and send agendas for meetings to the Executive Vice President and Council Representative 30 days in advance when possible; report the termination of any member for causes specified in Article 3 to the Executive Vice President and the Executive Committee; and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Executive committee or the Chair. The Secretary shall prepare and present at the annual meeting a report on the state society's activities, and shall provide a copy of the report to the Executive Vice president and Council Representative. The Secretary shall report to the Executive Vice President the adoption of and amendment of these bylaws. The Secretary shall send basic records five years or older to the Archives at UW-Stevens Point and notify the state Archivist-Historian.

The Treasurer or another officer as directed by the Executive Committee shall act as custodian of the state society's accounting records and accounts; prepare an annual budget for approval by the Executive Committee at the beginning of each year; receive and deposit all monies and disburse all monies authorized by the budget or Chair (or Executive Committee) on behalf of the state society; and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Committee or the Chair. The Treasurer shall prepare and present at each Executive Committee meeting and the

state society's annual meeting a report of the state society's financial status, including an income and expense statement for the year's operations and a balance sheet. The Treasurer shall prepare statements as of the end of the Society's fiscal year, i.e., December 31. Upon certification by the Auditing Committee, copies of the written report shall be submitted to the Chair and to the Executive Vice President, shall provide all information required by the Internal Revenue Service Form 990 and, if the state society has unrelated business income, Internal Revenue Service Form 990-T. And, in the event that Internal Revenue Service reporting requirements are changed, the Treasurer shall provide the Executive Vice President the information required on any additional form of the Internal Revenue Service. Alternatively, the Treasurer may choose to file an independent tax return for the state society.

ARTICLE 7: ELECTIONS

Election of officers shall be by letter ballot in October. The ballots shall be counted by December 1. Election results shall be reported to the national office not later than December 8.

Nominations made by the Nominating Committee shall be transmitted to the Chair with a copy to the Secretary by September 1. Nominations by the membership at large, if endorsed by at least 25 voting members in good standing and presented to the Secretary in writing by September 1, shall be included on the mail ballot.

The Secretary shall determine whether all nominees are voting members in good standing, eligible to hold state society office and agreeable to serve if elected. The Secretary shall report to the Chair and Nominating Committee the name of any nominee who fails to qualify. Further nominations, if necessary, shall be made by the Nominating Committee by no later than September 15.

The Secretary shall mail or provide for mailing a letter ballot to each voting member in good standing in early October. The ballots shall (1) state the offices to be filled, (2) list names of the candidates for each office in alphabetical order; (3) show the professional biography of each candidate and a return envelope or post card addressed to the Secretary, someone designated by the Secretary, or the Tellers Committee.

The outcome of all elections shall be determined by a plurality or simple majority of those voting. In the case of a tie vote, a runoff election shall be held within one month. The ballots shall be counted by a Tellers Committee, which shall promptly certify the results of the election to the Chair, the Executive Committee, or Executive Vice President, and all candidates for office. The membership shall be informed of the election results as soon as possible. The Tellers Committee shall forward the ballots to the Secretary for 30-day retention. The Secretary shall have the authority to destroy the ballots after this period of time.

ARTICLE 8: COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chair of the state society acting as chair of the committee, other officers of the state society, the science and technology coordinator, chapter chairs, standing committee chairs as designated under Article 8, appointees as designated under Article 9 by the Chair. The Executive Committee shall give general supervision to the affairs and interests of the state society and its contacts with the national society; shall control the expenditure of all funds; determine the distribution formula for chapters' share of the state dues by majority vote and approve the place, date and program of all meetings. The Executive Committee shall adopt a charter for each of the other committees, outlining the objectives, organization and activities of the committees. Each incoming Chair shall recommend to each new Executive Committee at its first meeting additions, deletions and changes in committee charters. Action on any charter, however, may be taken at any Executive Committee meeting. The Committee shall fill by appointment the unexpired term of any Executive Committee member; address matters which the Chair presents to the committee; and act for the state society on urgent matters which require immediate action between state meetings. Committee business may be transacted by mail ballot but at least one committee meeting shall be held upon petition of at least two percent but in no case less than 10 of the voting members of the state society.

B. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.

The Membership committee shall operate in accordance with the committee charter. The Vice Chair may serve as chair of the committee. In cooperation with a staff member of the national society designated by the Executive Vice President, the committee shall actively promote membership and retention in the Society, coordinate recruitment activities of chapters and play an active role in improving member services at the local level. The committee shall actively work to achieve diversity among the membership.

C. PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

The Program Committee shall operate in accordance with the committee charter. In consultation with the Executive Committee and through liaison with the hosting chapters, the committee shall coordinate a program for the state society annual meeting and shall be responsible for all arrangements thereof. Programs should promote interactions and information exchange among members, assist technology transfer, and encourage interaction with other similar organizations. Additional meetings as may be desired by the Executive Committee shall be arranged by the Program Committee.

D. POLICY - LEGISLATION COMMITTEE.

The Policy - Legislation Committee shall operate in accordance with the committee charter, Society Forest Policies, and national Society Bylaws. This committee and a staff member of the national Society designated by the Executive Vice President shall work in cooperation with each other. The committee shall review and keep state society members informed of pending or proposed legislation. It shall be responsible for reviewing Forest Policies, forest policy issues and position statements referred to or originating within the state society. The committee may recommend a state society position on any policy issue to the Executive Committee, and recommend modification, reaffirmation or termination of any existing position.

E. COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE.

The Communication Committee shall operate in accordance with the committee charter. This committee and a staff member of the national Society designated by the Executive Vice President shall work in cooperation with each other. The committee shall be responsible for news coverage of all activities of the state society; shall conduct communications efforts within the Society and with other organizations; shall communicate and maintain liaison with the state legislative body, the state executive office and national legislators for the state; and shall encourage the dispersal of information to gain public awareness and understanding of forestry and the forestry profession.

The Communication Committee also shall coordinate the development and operation of the section website and appoint a webmaster. This Committee shall also coordinate the section newsletter and appoint a newsletter editor. The newsletter editor shall be responsible for publishing the state Society newsletter and or shall be appointed annually for a term beginning January 1 and may be reappointed for an unlimited number of consecutive terms. The executive committee is authorized to provide an annual honorarium to the newsletter editor.

F. EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The Education Committee shall operate in accordance with the committee charter. This committee shall work in cooperation with a staff member of the national Society with responsibility for educational and professional standards. The committee shall be responsible for a program to educate members of the public and especially students about the forestry profession; shall act as liaison on matters of the forestry educational concern to educational institutions within the state boundaries; shall keep the membership informed about modern developments in forestry; shall promote continuing education activities for forestry professionals; and shall work closely with student chapters of the Society to provide for their educational and professional needs.

G. AWARDS COMMITTEE.

The Awards Committee shall operate in accordance with the committee charter. This committee will coordinate all national and state society awards, and shall select from eligible candidates those deserving individuals who may receive various state and national Society awards.

The Forestry Hall of Fame Committee shall operate as a sub-committee of the Awards Committee in accordance with its committee charter. The chair of this sub-committee will also act as the chair of the multi-organizational Hall of Fame Committee.

AD HOC COMMITTEES - Which for a limited time and with specific duties shall include but not be limited to:

A. NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

The Nominating Committee shall operate in accordance with the committee charter. This committee shall nominate from eligible state society members at least two candidates for each elective office and obtain agreement to serve if elected from each nominee, and send the nominations and agreements to serve to the Secretary or other officer designated by the Chair by September 1. If, for any reason a nominee is found by the Secretary or other officer to be ineligible, the Nominating Committee shall provide another nomination by September 15.

B. TELLERS COMMITTEE.

The Tellers Committee shall operate in accordance with the committee charter. This committee shall assemble at the time and place set by the Secretary to count ballots and shall certify the results of the elections to the Chair and Executive Committee.

C. AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Auditing Committee shall operate in accordance with the committee charter. The committee, at the conclusion of the fiscal year, shall inspect the financial records of the Treasurer. The committee shall certify the accuracy of the financial statements prepared by the Treasurer and shall report the results of the audit to the Chair and the membership.

ARTICLE 9: APPOINTMENTS

With the approval of the Executive Committee, the Chair shall make the following appointments for a two-year term beginning on January 1 of even numbered years:

A. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR.

A Science and Technology Coordinator is responsible for assessing the state society membership needs for continuing education in forest science and technology. The Coordinator shall maintain liaison with the national Forest Science and Technology Board, working groups, and the national office as provided for in the national Society Bylaws. The Coordinator may serve two consecutive terms.

B. WISCONSIN CONSERVATION HALL OF FAME LIAISON.

The Liaison shall represent the state society as a member of the Executive Committee of the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame; reports on its actions and, in consultation with the state society membership; assists in nominating deserving foresters to membership in the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame. The Liaison may serve two consecutive terms.

C. CONTINUING FORESTRY EDUCATION (CFE) CONTACT.

The state society CFE Contact shall be responsible for SAF's Continuing Forestry Education and Professional Development Recognition Program, which is designed to: (1) encourage foresters and allied professionals in a formal program of continuing education and professional development, (2) stimulate individual self-assessment by providing standards for achievement, (3) advance the knowledge and skills of those engaged in forestry, and (4) giving recognition, through issuance of certificates, to those completing the program and thereby demonstrating continued learning and development.

D. FORESTERS FUND COORDINATOR.

The Foresters Fund Coordinator shall be responsible for identifying and implementing projects to promote education to enhance public understanding of the role of professional foresters in forest resource management, to conduct forest policy activities, and to strengthen the state society and chapters in achieving the mission of the Society. The Coordinator may be reappointed for a total of no more than three consecutive terms.

E. ARCHIVIST - HISTORIAN.

The Archivist - Historian shall assemble documents annually for deposit in the Society Archives at the Learning Resource Center at the UW - Stevens Point; work with the state, chapter and committee leaders to insure that the records management policy is understood and followed; summarize materials as may be required by the leadership; conduct an oral history program to identify, collect, preserve, disseminate information about forestry, broaden forestry records, and interview people who have made contributions to forestry in Wisconsin; develop a written history of the state society using archival materials and oral history interviews; and inform the Forest History Society of Durham, NC of important publications and documents.

F. INTERNATIONAL FORESTRY COORDINATOR.

The International Forestry Coordinator shall operate in accordance with the committee charter. The Coordinator shall be responsible for fostering understanding of the relevance and dimensions of international forestry.

G. OTHER APPOINTMENTS.

Other appointments shall be authorized by the Executive Committee and made by the Chair.

ARTICLE 10: CHAPTERS

A. CHAPTERS.

A Chapter within a state may be authorized by the Executive Committee upon written petition of 15 or more voting members resident in the area where a strong local organization may be effected. The boundaries of a Chapter shall be established by the Executive Committee and displayed on a state map attached to these Bylaws. Where a viable Chapter can be sustained only by including members for both sides of a state boundary, the Chapter shall be affiliated with the state society in which a majority of the Chapter members are resident.

A Chapter shall hold at least two meeting each year to retain its authorization. Chapter meeting notices shall be provided to state society and other chapter chairs. The state Chair, Vice Chair or a designated representative should attend as many Chapter meetings as possible.

The officers of each Chapter shall include Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as may be found necessary. The Secretary and Treasurer may be the same person and may be elected or appointed. Chapter officers shall be voting members of the Society and shall be residents or employed within the boundaries of the Chapter for the duration of the term of office which shall be one year, beginning January 1.

Chapters may adopt bylaws subject to the approval of the Executive Committee and the Council, provided that no part thereof shall conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society.

A Chapter shall report promptly to the state Chair and the Executive Vice President the election of Chapter officers, the adoption of Chapter bylaws and amendments thereto, and shall report at least once a year on the proceedings of the Chapter. Actions or recommendations of a Chapter on Society affairs will be transmitted to the state society for recommendation to the Council.



Wisconsin SAF Chapter Map

B. STUDENT CHAPTERS.

A Student Chapter may be authorized by the Executive Committee upon written petition of 15 or more Student Members at an institution with an SAF - accredited professional forestry curriculum or at a candidate institution for accreditation or at a school with an SAF - accredited forest technician program.

Student Chapters shall be composed of Student Members and may include other Society members employed by an institution with an SAF - accredited professional forestry curriculum or at a candidate institution for accreditation or at a school with an SAF - accredited forest technician program. Student Chapter officers shall serve for the calendar year.

Student Chapter officers shall be students or graduate students who are members of the Society.

ARTICLE 11: MEETINGS

The annual meetings of the state society shall be the first state meeting of each calendar year held at a time and place designated by the Executive Committee with at least 30 days notice to the membership but shall not conflict with the annual meeting of the national Society. All official business of the state society shall be conducted at this meeting with not less than 5 percent of the eligible membership in attendance. Business may be conducted at other state society meetings provided notification of such meeting stating the nature of the business to be undertaken is sent to the membership 30 days in advance of the meeting.

A tentative schedule of meetings covering each upcoming five-year period and designating the host chapters shall be maintained and published in the society's official publication periodically. Joint meetings between state societies shall be encouraged.

Positions pertaining to state society policy shall be presented at the business meeting for discussions and, if approved by a majority vote, shall be submitted to all voting members by letter ballot, except as provided for in the national Society bylaws. All ballots must be returned to the Secretary, someone designated by the Secretary, or the Tellers Committee for counting within six weeks. A simple majority of the votes cast shall be required for adoption. All adopted positions shall be transmitted to the Executive Committee for appropriate action.

Other meetings as needed shall be scheduled by the Chair, with the approval of the Executive Committee, and may be open to friends of members and other interested persons for the exchange of ideas on subjects of interest to the profession of forestry. Resolutions of gratitude, regret and other non-policy matters may be adopted by a majority vote of those present at these meetings.

Important business matters that cannot be delayed until the next business meeting may be submitted to the voting membership by mail ballot.

ARTICLE 12: RECALL

Any officer may be removed from office for reason of misconduct, incompetence or neglect of duty provided such removal is approved by two-thirds vote of all members voting in a letter ballot. Such ballot may be initiated by the Executive Committee on its own volition or it shall be required to conduct such a ballot if it receives a petition setting forth the points of contention and signed by at least two percent but in no case less than 10 of the voting members of the state society. Ballots shall be mailed and received by a member of the Executive Committee as chosen by the committee.

ARTICLE 13: AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed by the Executive Committee or upon written petition by at least two percent of the state membership but in no case fewer than 10 members voting for approval prior to a mail ballot of all voting members. Amendments of these bylaws shall require a two-thirds vote of all members voting.

ARTICLE 14: ASSETS

State society assets belong to the state society membership as a whole. In the event of division or merger of state societies, the assets of the parent society (societies) will be audited and allocated to the new state society (societies) in proportion to the percentage of voting members transferred.

The funds of the state society shall be deposited in accounts approved by the officers of the Wisconsin SAF.

Upon dissolution of the state society, the Executive Committee shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the state society, transfer all the assets of the state society to the national Society, or dispose of all of the assets of the state society exclusively for the purposes of the state society in such manner, or to such organization or organizations operated, exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Executive Committee shall determine.

ARTICLE 15: PUBLICATIONS

The official publication of the state society shall be the Wisconsin SAF Newsletter. It shall be published at least once each year and preferably twice, and mailed to each state society member.

Chapters are urged to appoint an official reporter and all members are encouraged to provide articles and news items.

ARTICLE 16: PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

A. JOHN MACON AWARD.

The Awards Committee may annually choose from among the state society membership one member whose career has been so outstanding that he/she deserves recognition from his/her peers for outstanding service. Nomination papers from chapters or groups of at least three members must be submitted to the Chair of the Awards Committee by December 1 and selection will be made at least six weeks prior to the winter meeting of the state society when the presentation of a suitably inscribed plaque and citation will be made.

B. STUDENT RECOGNITION.

The Chair may, with the approval of the Executive Committee, authorize an annual Student Recognition Award for forestry students who are SAF members at schools with SAF accredited curricula within the state. An amount deemed reasonable by the Executive committee may be authorized to pay for a suitable award for up to two students from each school who are student members of SAF, are actively involved in the SAF, have demonstrated leadership ability in motivating others, and have provided valuable service to advancing professionalism in forestry. The Chair may, with the approval of the Executive Committee, direct the Treasurer to reimburse the host chapters for reasonable expenses incurred in holding a suitable ceremony for these recognition events.

C. OTHER AWARDS.

The Chair may, with the approval of the Executive Committee, authorize other state society awards as may be desirable.

ARTICLE 17: RECORDS MANAGEMENT

Documents to be deposited in the archives shall be enumerated in the charter establishing this function and reviewed periodically. All state, chapter and committee documents shall be fumed over to the Archivist - Historian three years after they are created for deposit in the Society archives. The Chair shall send all Chair records and documents that are three years or older to the Archivist-Historian at the close of each calendar year. The Secretary shall send basic records older than five years to the Archivist-Historian for deposit in the Society archives at the UW-Stevens Point. All non-archival records of the state Chair and state Secretary or chapter Chair and chapter Secretary may be disposed of after five years.

SECTION 2. POLICIES, POSITIONS & ISSUES

SAF POLICY & MEDIA

SAF provides relevant science-based information to policymakers and the media at the national and local level. These efforts are making a measurable difference on legislation and on media coverage related to natural resource issues.

SAF POSITION STATEMENTS

for more information on these issues please visit the SAF website at the links listed below

Budgets

[Fiscal Year 2003 Interior and Related Agencies Budget](#)

Expires April 5, 2003

[Fiscal Year 2003 Agriculture Appropriations](#)

Expires June 18, 2003

Charter Forests

[Charter Forests: Testimony by Dr. Jay O'Laughlin, Professor, Department of Forest Resources, University of Idaho](#)

Expires April 25, 2003

[Charter Forests \(PDF version\): Testimony by Dr. Jay O'Laughlin, Professor, Department of Forest Resources, University of Idaho](#)

Expires April 25, 2003

Clearcutting

[Clearcutting](#)

Expires December 7, 2002

Community Stability

[Communities and Forests](#)

Expires December 8, 2002

Conservation

[Conservation Easements](#)

Expires December 8, 2006

Endangered Species

[Forestry's Role in the Protection of Pacific Salmon Habitat in Forested Watersheds](#)

Expires September 8, 2003

[Protecting Endangered Species Habitat on Private Lands](#)

Expires June 8, 2007

Farm Bill

[Letter to the Conference Committee](#)

Expires February 25, 2003

Fire

[Fire Management in Forest and Range Ecosystems](#)

Expires December 8, 2002

Forest Inventory

[The Forest Inventory and Analysis \(FIA\) Program](#)

Expires December 10, 2005

Forestry Research

[Letter in Support of the FRAC Recommendation for the Creation of a Blue Ribbon Panel](#)

Expires September 23, 2003

Herbicides

[Herbicide Use in Forest Management](#)

Expires December 8, 2006

International Forestry

[International Trade in Forest Products](#)

Expires December 8, 2002

[World Forestry](#)

Expires June 8, 2007

National Forest Management

[Letter Regarding Hazardous Fuels Treatments in the National Forests](#)

Expires August 28, 2003

[Letter Regarding HR 5319, the Healthy Forests and Wildfire Risk Reduction Act of 2002](#)

Expires October 17, 2003

[Letter Regarding Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Personnel](#)

Expires September 25, 2003

[Joint Letter to President Bush Regarding the Management of National Forests; signed in conjunction with The National Association of Professional Forestry Schools and Colleges and The National Association of State Foresters](#)

Expires April 30, 2003

[National Forest Reform in the Second Session of the 107th Congress: Viewpoints of the Society of American Foresters; June 8, 2003](#)

Roads

[Roads in Forests](#)

Expires June 13, 2004

[Letter Opposing HR 4865, the National Forest Roadless Area Conservation Act of 2002](#)
Expires July 9, 2003

Southern Forests

[Southern Forest Resource Assessment Comments](#)
Expires February 27, 2003

Taxes and Forestry

[Community Forestry and Agriculture Conservation Act](#)
Expires June 18, 2003

[Conservation Tax Incentive](#)
Expires June 18, 2003

[Federal Tax Treatment of Timber Investments](#)
Expires June 8, 2007

Timber Harvesting

[Timber Harvesting on Federal Lands](#)
Expires December 8, 2006

Urban Forestry

[Urban and Community Forestry](#)
Expires December 8, 2002

WISAF POSITION STATEMENTS

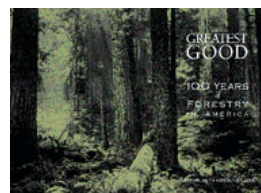
for more information on these issues please visit the WISAF website at the link listed below
http://www.wisaf.org/postition_papers.htm

SECTION 3. MEMBER BENEFITS

SAF PUBLICATIONS

Journal of Forestry

The Journal of Forestry, published monthly, is the premier scholarly journal in forestry. It has received several national awards for excellence. The mission of the Journal is to advance the profession of forestry by keeping professionals informed about significant developments and ideas in forest science, natural resources management, and forest policy. All members of the Society of American Foresters receive the Journal as a benefit of membership. Individual and institutional subscriptions are also available. The Journal accepts display advertising.



Forest Science

Forest Science, published quarterly, is internationally renowned as a leading forestry research journal. For more than 30 years, it has been publishing significant articles in forestry research: silviculture, soils, biometry, disease, recreation, photosynthesis, and tree physiology as well as all aspects of management and harvesting, and policy analysis. Forest Science also features reviews of recent publications. Display advertising is accepted.



Regional Journals of Applied Forestry

The regional journals of applied forestry are quarterly publications geared to foresters working in three areas of North America. Their mission is to communicate new techniques and practices to foresters working in the field. All publications accept display advertising.



The Forestry Source

The Forestry Source, the newspaper of the Society of American Foresters, offers timely news for forest resource professionals. It's published 12 times a year and covers the latest forestry policy issues, developments in forestry research and technology, SAF programs and activities, and much more!



On-line Publications

As a member you have unrestricted access to the online version of the Journal of Forestry. Your online subscription, offered through ingenta.com, provides you with many benefits:

- " 24/7 access to the information you need.
- " Immediate notification of new journal content.
- " Access to a title, author, and keyword database of 4,500 electronic journals and 20,000 titles; full text available through subscription or pay-per-view delivery.
- " Links to statistical data, e-prints, images, software, technical reports, gray literature, reference resources, and specialized e-communities. (Note that "forestry" is included in the subject area "agriculture and food science.")
- " Ability to save your literature searches so you can return to them at a later date to edit or re-run.

" Download, print or email your colleague a marked list of articles.

For more information about online journals, visit the SAF website at <http://www.safnet.org/pubs/periodicals.html>

SAF CERTIFIED FORESTER® PROGRAM

The Society of American Foresters (SAF) established the Certified Forester® program in 1994 to recognize, serve, and support forestry professionals. A nonprofit, scientific, and educational organization, SAF advocates wise stewardship in forest resources management and has developed a program to assess academic preparation, professional experience, continuing education, and adherence to standards of professional practice for those professionals engaged in forestry.

The term Certified Forester® is registered with the US Patent and Trademark Office and may only be used by individuals who meet certification requirements. The CF designation identifies an individual's commitment to provide quality resource stewardship. This certification, a broad-based designation, benefits all foresters regardless of employer or discipline.



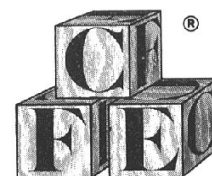
The Certified Forester® program is voluntary, nongovernmental, and open to qualified SAF members and nonmembers. A CF agrees to abide by current CF requirements and procedures for certification and recertification as may be revised periodically by SAF, to maintain continuing professional development, and to conduct all forestry practices in a responsible, professional manner consistent with state and federal regulations governing environmental quality and forest management practices.

For more information on the Certified Forester® program visit the SAF website at:
<http://www.safnet.org/certified/cfprogram.htm>

CONTINUING FORESTRY EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RECOGNITION PROGRAM

The Continuing Forestry Education Program (CFE) is sponsored by the Society of American Foresters (SAF) and is designed to reward and recognize those who pursue a program of continuing education and professional development.

The program, which is nationwide, is voluntary and open to members and nonmembers of SAF. It involves completing various activities geared toward personal and professional development.



The hours in the SAF program may be applied towards the continuing education requirements for registration or licensing in some states. Or, the hours may be used to meet recertification requirements in SAF's Certified Forester® program.

The objectives are to:

1. Encourage foresters and allied professionals in a formal program of continuing education and professional development.
2. Stimulate individual self-assessment by providing standards for achievement.
3. Advance the knowledge and skills of those engaged in forestry.
4. Give recognition, through issuance of a certificate, to those completing the program and thereby demonstrating learning and development.

For more information on the Certified Forester® program visit the SAF website at:
<http://www.safnet.org/educate/conforedu.htm>

SECTION 4. INFORMATION AND OUTREACH

WALK IN THE FOREST

The Walk in the Forest program is a wonderful opportunity for the public to experience forests and forestry hands-on. National Walk in the Forest Day is celebrated annual on the third Friday in October. Chapters and their members are encouraged to join with local educators and landowners to plan and implement a Walk in the Forest in their area.



Goals of Walk in the Forest

1. Inform the public of the many benefits of trees and forests-aesthetic, recreational, ecological, environmental, and economic.
2. Increase public awareness of the dynamic nature of the forest, the changing landscape, and how wildlife species, plant communities, and humans respond to changes.
3. Increase the public's understanding of foresters-help the public to understand that foresters are uniquely qualified to help maintain the integrity of forest environments.
4. Emphasize that foresters are trained professionals who understand trees, forests, and natural resource systems. Teach the public that foresters work with other professionals to manage, enhance, and conserve our forests that provide wood and paper products, clean air and water, wildlife habitat, places to recreate, and aesthetic beauty.

For more information on the Walk in the Forest program contact Jeff Ghannam, SAF Director of Media Relations, at ghannamm@safnet.org or Michelle Harvey, SAF Director of Science and Education, at harvey@m@safnet.org.

FORESTS FOR HUMANITY

Forests for Humanity is the Society of American Foresters nationwide effort to highlight the relationships between people, forests, and sound forest management while providing affordable housing for local families in need.

SAF FORESTERS' FUND GRANT PROGRAM

Our forests provide goods and services for 250 million citizens everyday. Yet many people are unaware of the forests' contribution to their daily lives and most do not understand the role of professional forestry in making the many benefits possible.

The Society of American Foresters established the Foresters' Fund in 1962 to enhance public understanding of professional foresters' role in natural resource management. That goal is reaffirmed in the SAF Council's 2000 external communications strategic outcome to have the public recognize that professional stewardship of forest resources is the most effective means to achieve society's environmental goals. Contributions to the fund come from individual SAF

members, from special fund-raising projects, and from annual interest earned on the principal.

Effective Foresters' Fund projects make good use of their teachable moments. The 1998 SAF Conservation Education Task Force report identified four key forestry concepts central to effective education activities:

- Forest environments are among the most complex, resilient, and varied of our ecosystems.
- Forest environments are subject to competing demands.
- Use of the forest environment does not necessarily compromise its integrity.
- The forestry profession is uniquely qualified to help maintain the integrity of forest environments.

Only SAF chapters, divisions, and state societies can apply for Foresters' Fund grants.

For more information on the Foresters' Fund grant guidelines, criteria and application form visit the SAF website at:

<http://www.safnet.org/members/forfund.cfm>

SAF EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (BROCHURES, VIDEOS, & PUBLICATIONS)

SAF MEDIA RELATIONS PROJECT (MRP)

SAF has launched a grassroots media effort and all SAF members are invited to participate in what we are calling the Media Relations Project or MRP. As a member, we know that you have a strong commitment to volunteering and by being a member you have demonstrated your support for the profession and the future of forestry! In other words, you care about what happens to our forests and want to make a difference.

It's a perfect fit. The MRP aims to make a difference in forestry issues. Volunteers will be provided the information to share the forestry story through the print media.

Here are ways you can develop a relationship with the media in your area through the MRP:

- Call your local environmental beat reporter using a media contact list provided by the national office. Schedule a meeting to discuss local forestry issues and how you can serve as a source of information for forestry-related articles.

- Schedule a meeting with you local papers' editorial boards to discuss opportunities to contribute to forestry-related news and feature stories.

- Write letters to editors responding to misinformation.

- When you receive an article from the SAF national office, respond to the publication with a letter using talking points provided. Be sure to correct any misinformation in the article.

Media efforts are not limited to sending information:

- invite media contacts on tours of forestlands

- invite the media to participate in Walk in the Forest projects

- use Foresters' Fund grants to hold a breakfast meeting with the media

- invite the media to attend professional meetings in the area

It's that simple!! All of us together can make a difference and change the headlines across

the nation to reflect the positive things foresters are doing for America's natural resources.

We encourage you to be part of this exciting grassroots effort to help SAF have a powerful voice in forestry issues affecting the profession today and tomorrow.

For more information on the Media Relations Project visit the SAF website at:
<http://www.safnet.org/members/media.cfm>

APPENDIX I. WISCONSIN & UNITED STATES FOREST RESOURCE INFORMATION

A. Wisconsin Forest Profile

The fifth inventory of Wisconsin's forests reports 34.8 million acres of land, of which 16.0 million acres are forested. This bulletin contains detailed tables of area, volume, growth, removals, mortality, and ownership.

To view or download this bulletin on Wisconsin's forest inventory data visit the U.S. Forest Service's North Central Research Station's Wisconsin Forest Profile website at:
<http://www.ncrs.fs.fed.us/hottopics/fpwi.htm>

B. Wisconsin Forests at the Millennium: An Assessment, November 2000

This document provides an overview of the state of Wisconsin's forest resources from ecological, economic, and social perspectives—the pillars of sustainable forestry. This report was developed by DNR staff from various disciplines and will serve as a springboard from which we can develop a statewide forest plan that will serve Wisconsin for the next decade or so.

To view this document visit the Department of Natural Resources website at:
<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/forestry/Look/assessment/FRresources.htm>

C. Ecological Landscapes of Wisconsin

Wisconsin DNR's Division of Forestry uses an ecological land classification system based on the National Hierarchical Framework of Ecological Units (NHFEU). The purpose of the classification is to distinguish land areas that differ from one another in ecological characteristics. A combination of physical and biological factors, such as climate, geology, topography, soils, water, and vegetation, are used to differentiate areas. These factors are known to control or influence biotic composition and ecological processes. Together, they provide a useful approximation of ecosystem potentials.

To learn more about the Ecological Landscapes of Wisconsin visit the Department of Natural Resources website at:
<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/forestry/Look/ecolandclass/index.htm>

D. Wisconsin's Voluntary Site-Level Forest Management Guidelines

The FMG provides a comprehensive summary of sustainable forestry techniques for the state's forest types. While DNR, consulting and industrial foresters will probably use the book most, woodland owners, timber producers and other resource managers should also find the guide valuable. The FMG is intended solely as voluntary guidance and does not include any mandatory requirements other than referenced material from existing statutes or administrative rules.

To learn more about the Ecological Landscapes of Wisconsin visit the Department of Natural Resources website at:
<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/forestry/Private/FMG/index.htm>

APPENDIX II. SAF LEADERSHIP

A. National Leadership

To find out more about the leadership of the National Society and the men and women who make up the SAF Council visit the Society of American Foresters website at:

<http://www.safnet.org/who/council.html>

B. SAF National Office Staff Directory

To find out more about the National office staff or to look up the person or department you need to contact visit the Society of American Foresters website at:

<http://www.safnet.org/who/cmstaff.htm>

C. WISAF State and Chapter leadership

To view the Wisconsin Society of American Foresters Directory visit the WSAF website at:

<http://www.wisaf.org/saflist.htm>

APPENDIX III. WORKING WITH GOVERNMENT LEADERS

A. Practical Guide to Responding to Forest Issues

B. Working with Your Local Legislators on Forestry Issues

The following are excerpts from a presentation made to the SAF Executive on January 19th, 2001 by Gunner Bergersen, a lobbyist with the Lake States Lumber Association, on effective communication techniques to use with their state representatives.

First and most important, you need to make sure you vote. A state senator or representative will check your voting record, if you don't vote he/she will not waste time with your concerns. The best way to be heard is to become a "Super Voter", someone who votes in all elections. The politician will not know how you voted, only that you are interested enough to take the time.

Another important activity is to contribute to their campaign (the amount isn't as important as the fact you do), attend fund-raisers. Make sure you shake the senator's hand and look him in the eye. Get him/her to remember your name and your profession. If you get known before asking for their vote on an issue, your input is more carefully considered.

Talk to the senator in person, visiting at their office in the home district. This is better than trying to be heard at listening sessions or town hall meetings where you might get booed or harassed in other ways. Don't get technical, make arguments simple and present them in three minutes or less. If the arguments are too complex, your senator will not be able to argue the position effectively. You might only be able to talk with the staff but that can be sufficient since the senator relies on staff advice. To avoid the appearance of possible conflicts of interest, visit their office during non-work time.

Send the senator a follow-up letter explaining your position. It helps him/her to have some concrete evidence of what the constituency wants when they are required to justify their vote.

Spend your time with a politician who can make a difference, especially one in a leadership position such as running the senate or the minority leader. A long established representative, committee chair, or someone in the Joint Finance Committee are excellent persons to contact. If your district is covered by someone with little or no clout, contact the senator in a leadership role that is closest to your district. Explain to him/her why you are contacting them and what you are interested in.

It is important to present ideas in the schools. Talk to classes on sustainable forestry, the children will bring ideas home to their parents who might take an interest in the issue. Bergersen used the example of seatbelt laws being championed in the schools before becoming law.

- C. Directory of the Wisconsin State Senate
To view the Wisconsin State Senate's Home Page visit their website at:
<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/senate/senate.html>
- D. Committees of the Wisconsin State Senate
To view the Wisconsin State Senate's Committee's Home Page visit their website at:
<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/senate/senco.html>
- E. Directory of the Wisconsin State Assembly
To view the Wisconsin State Assembly's Home Page visit their website at:
<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/assembly/assembly.html>
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