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Comments from the Chair



Here it is the middle of March and I feel like a cross between Scrooge and Punxsutawney Phil. The snow has melted, the birds are courting, the spring peepers are in full song, and we are even starting to see the first ticks of the season. It is the season for the renewal of life, where brown turns to green, quiet mornings turn to raucous song, and sour moods turn cheerful.

And all I keep saying is I need another 6 weeks of winter!

Being a forester sometimes puts you at odds with the rest of the world. It is hard to get people to understand that for a forester, cold naked trees are much better than a hot, fully leaved out woods. Snow beats ticks, mosquitoes, gnats, spider webs, sweat and heat rash any day of the week. But, as we have all learned years ago, time doesn't wait on us, we have to adapt. So I will rush to get as much of my field work done as I can while the weather is good. The rest I will do in the heat or put off until next fall. Meantime, the chores of the new season will start knocking and adding to the pressure. And come the next change of seasons, I will feel the pressure anew as I didn't quite have enough time to get everything done I wanted to do. Is this a great profession or what?

I tend to think it is more great than not. As an eternal optimist (those of you who know me can stop laughing now), I think it is a great time to be a forester in Indiana. Things are changing very quickly in nearly every one of our work lives. Though this may sometimes be scary and frustrating, it also opens up opportunities. We heard about some of those at the winter meeting in February. Carbon credits are buzzwords we are hearing about, but some landowners are actually receiving cash for keeping and managing their forests because of those words. That is good news for all foresters. There are mixed feelings out there about certification, but it appears to be here to stay. Though we may not like the rules, we may need to suck it up just to stay in the game. Hopefully, the payoff will be there in the end, and in the course of the game, we have opportunities to improve our forest management. We heard about new opportunities with conservation easements, policy and protecting our existing forestlands. And in another controversial topic, we heard about documented and modeled climate change. I am not a climatologist, so I will never say what is happening or why, but it sure seems something is going on to me. I have heard birders tell me the birds are arriving earlier and leaving later than

even a few years ago. The USDA has moved hardiness zones northward as plants extend their ranges. To me, spring seems earlier, and once summer is here it seems hotter and more humid that ever, though age and a general intolerance for discomfort may have something to do with that. If this continues, it could have serious impacts on our forests and their management.

And ISAF changes as well. We made some committee chair changes as Darrell Breedlove has taken over the Forester's Fund, Brian Gandy has taken on the Fund Raising chair, and Ron Rathfon and/or Lenny Farlee will take on the Education committee. I want to thank all these folks for stepping up and filling some voids that were created as other folks moved on to other things. People don't take on these positions for life, and we always need new people with new ideas to replace them. By being an SAF member, you have already shown you care about your profession. Being involved on the executive committee is an opportunity to take a leadership role while networking and doing something new. And we NEED YOU! If interested, feel free to contact me.

ISAF, under the watchful eye of our Treasurer Lynn Andrews, continues to be fiscally healthy. However, there is some concern about our operating funds as costs for everything climbs. We have been aggressive in a number of outreach opportunities, but rising costs for these will put a pinch on the budget this year. At the same time, the investment account, envisioned, created and nurtured by Jack Seifert, Dale Weigel and others, is doing very well. It is generating special project funds that we need to utilize carefully. We don't want these funds to become part of our operating budget, so we are in the process of developing some guidelines to maximize their benefit. Many of you assisted over the years in TSI and tree planting projects to generate those funds, so if you have suggestions, let me know ASAP.

In closing I would like to thank everyone that participated in the winter meeting. I had a lot of help setting things up and arranging the program, particularly Burney Fischer. I appreciate all the speakers that participated and the 59 folks who came to the meeting. Several of you sent me messages or cards, and I thank you for those. It is nice to know the effort to put it all together was appreciated. So if you like singing birds, peeping frogs and need dry logging soils, I hope this finds you well into spring. If you are like me and all you need is a few more weeks, we can always hope for a late freeze.

Doug Brown
ISAF Chair

AWARDS COMMITTEE

The awards committee gave two awards at the ISAF winter meeting. Retired Purdue University professor John Mosier received his SAF Fifty Year membership award while Dale Weigel received the ISAF Service Leadership. (See the separate articles on each of these distinguished members elsewhere in this issue.)

During the ISAF summer meeting, the awards committee will present the ISAF Distinguished Career Award to the forester who has promoted the principles of forestry in Indiana. ISAF members may nominate a fellow forester to the awards chairman Lee Huss no later than July 1st.

Lee Huss
ISAF Awards Chair

Moser Receives 50 Year Award



Dr. John W. Moser, Jr., a nationally recognized leader in the forestry profession, received an award for 50 years of service from the Society of American Foresters at their Winter Meeting at McCormick's Creek State Park. Moser had recently retired after 40 years of employment as professor of

forest biometry at Purdue University.

Dr. Moser is a strong advocate for and a national leader in the Society of American Foresters (SAF). Over the years he assumed increasing responsibilities from chapter to national levels. His duties have included: Chair, Indiana Society; Chair, Inventory Working Group; 2 terms as Measurements Subject Area Representative on the Forest Science and Technology Board and 2 terms as Chair of the Board; Associate Editor of *Forest Science*; and served as Council Representative for District IX that includes ten states from Ohio to Oklahoma. In addition, he has organized several SAF workshops and conferences, was the program chair for the 1993 Indianapolis National Convention, and served on numerous national and local committees. In 1993, he was SAF Vice President and became President of the national organization on January 1, 1994. In 1996, he served as the National Program Chair for the Seventh American Forest Congress.

He was elected an SAF Fellow in 1987. In 1994, he received the Tree of Life Award from the Canadian Institute of Forestry in recognition of notable contributions to sustainable forest management. He received the 1997 John A. Beale Memorial Award for exemplary service to SAF. The Indiana Society of American Foresters presented him their Meritorious Service Award in 1991 and in 2003.

Moser's career in forestry began with an undergraduate education at West Virginia University. He then served as a field operations supervisor with Nelson Tree Service of Dayton, Ohio. After subsequent military service and graduate school at Penn State, he was a timber management forester on the Monongahela National Forest; a research forester with the Northeast Forest Experiment Station and the State Extension Forester for West Virginia University. In 1964, he began doctoral study at Purdue University

where he subsequently advanced from graduate instructor to Assistant Department Head. He retired as professor of forest biometry with teaching and research responsibilities.

While at Purdue University, he has taught in both the Departments of Forestry & Natural Resources and Computer Science. Dr. Moser's research has concentrated on the application of quantitative sciences to forest resource management. He developed the first compatible growth and yield equations for uneven-aged stands and demonstrated the generalization between methods used for even-aged and uneven-aged yield estimation. He developed the inventory processing software for Indiana's CFM Program, and it has been widely utilized as the model for many other inventory processors such as the Tennessee Valley Authority's Forest Inventory Program. His copyrighted Timber Inventory and Management Planning Information System software has been used by both private and public forestry agencies. He has authored over 100 publications and invited presentations and taught numerous short courses through the country.

ISAF extends congratulations to John, and expects to see him around for the next 50 years!

Teena Ligman
ISAF Communications Chair

Dale Weigel receives Indiana SAF Distinguished Service Award



Dale Weigel was honored at the ISAF winter meeting with the prestigious ISAF Distinguished Service Award. Lee Huss presented the award to Weigel for his service to the Indiana Society.

Weigel has most recently served as Chair of the Investment Committee from 2001 to present. With a balance of approximately \$155,000, ISAF has certainly invested well and Weigel takes his job very seriously. He notes, "The Indiana Society is one of the more financially stable societies in the country and uses the income from the investment to promote forestry in Indiana."

Weigel credits Jack Seifert for initiating several projects such as tree planting and timber stand improvement that members worked on that generated the funds. He said, "A lot of times we only had a handful of people, but we planted a lot of trees and invested the money we earned, and it has paid off over time." Weigel said though he has chaired the committee, there are many people who have contributed to the financial success of the society and with the money they've been able to do several beneficial things. "For instance," Weigel said, "for the HASTI convention this year we were able to purchase quantities of two different publications to promote forestry to kids."

Weigel has also served as Chair of the Indiana SAF in 1999, Vice Chair in 1998, and Secretary and Treasurer. He has also been on the Science and Technology Committee and been the Continuing Education Coordinator.

Teena Ligman
ISAF Communications Chair

Indiana Society of American Foresters

February 27, 2008

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Location: McCormick's Creek State Park, Canyon Inn near Spencer, Indiana

Members Present: Doug Brown, Lynn Andrews, Dan Shaver, Jayson Waterman, Dale Weigel, Janet Eger, Lee Huss, Michael Gregg, Carl Hauser, Ron Rathfon, Teena Ligman, John Friedrich, Brian Gandy, Andrew Fox, Darrell Breedlove and Jack Seifert.

Meeting called to order by Doug Brown at 10:00 am.

1.) 2007 Election Results by Doug Brown

a.) Chair elect is John Friedrich, his term runs from January 1 through December 1, 2009.

b.) Lynn Andrews won a 2nd two year term as Treasurer.

2.) Approval of Minutes from 2007 Summer Meeting

Motion to approve the 2007 ISAF Summer Meeting Minutes by Jayson Waterman, motion seconded by Janet Eger, motion passed.

3.) Treasurer's Report, 2008 Budget Approval

a.) Lynn Andrews reported that costs are going up, income is going down. The costs of the HASTI Booth, FFA Convention, and stamps were up—inflation. Lynn said we really need to stick to the budget.

b.) Members brought ideas to bring in money. Lynn lifted up idea of bringing in new members by offering to pay a portion of their dues the 1st year they join. Another idea was brought up to apply to National SAF to apply for grants to help pay for booths or get the money from the Foresters Fund. Doug Brown suggested that ISAF should help sponsor more 1 day continuing education events to help bring in money.

c.) Jayson Waterman made a motion to accept the treasurers report, motion seconded by Janet Eger, motion passed. Jayson Waterman made a motion to approve of the 2008 ISAF budget, seconded by Dale Weigel, motion passed.

4.) Student Chapter Comments - Andrew Fox, ISAF Student Chapter President at Purdue University

a.) Purdue Student Chapter did a 17 acre TSI on National Forest property near Tell City.

b.) On Saturday, March 1st they are doing a honeysuckle removal on a 20 acre woods owned by the Lafayette Parks Department. The student chapter asked for help from ISAF members to do the TSI job.

c.) Andrew also reported students enrolled to get Forestry degree are low and dropping.

5.) Old Business

a.) Committee Charters - Dan Shaver said he is working on this.

b.) FFA (Future Farmers of America), Conservation Day, and HASTI reports

1.) FFA- Hidden Treasure booklets were available for students at the booth. Teena Ligman submitted an article titled, "SAF Foresters Honored at FFA Convention," which was published in The Forestry Source. SAF was given a 40-year plaque for supporting the National FFA for the last 40 years.

2.) Conservation Day at Indianapolis Convention Center. Dan Shaver said there were some legislators there,

Doug Brown suggested for members to be there and volunteer for the ISAF booth at the event.

3.) HASTI - *My Friend The Forester* booklets were available at the booth. PLT a separate booth at HASTI. Dale suggested we pull some ideas from SAF website for ideas to show teachers at the booth. Dale also asked Teena to check out some publications and give him some suggestions. Dan Shaver said there is a push in schools to take kids outside. Brian Gandy said he has a client who wants to promote outdoor education with an established Forestry Trail. Boy Scouts and 4-H have helped out on this trail and/or good to take on this trail.

4.) Tree Planting to be done in Orange County. This is to be done in May 2008. Lynn said \$500 set aside from investment fund for tree planting.

6.) New Business

a.) Forestry Representative on Indiana Land Resources Council - Bruce Wakeland was chosen as a good representative for this position.

b.) "Year of the Tree" - theme of Indiana State Fair. Jack Seifert says this a great opportunity to promote forestry. He said ISAF could show science and technology. Jack wants to do an expo similar to what John Daetna did, with good support. Seifert would like to see a display from timber on a private landowner to eventually a finished product. Other main displays will be a lumberjack show, building of a covered bridge, and foods from the woods. IHLA is major sponsor involved with this. \$5,000 to \$20,000 or sponsorship for fair. Seifert and Jeff Settle are the main contacts for this. August 6th is going to be a day for 1 day booth setup. IHLA, IDNR, and Tree Farm will have a booth there everyday. Lee Huss said he would be head of ISAF booth. Jayson Waterman made a motion of \$1,000 from investment money proceeds for a booth for ISAF for state fair. Janet Eger seconded the motion, motion approved.

c.) *The Woodland Steward* - Janet says it is one of the best forestry publications. There will be 3 issues in 2008, 4 issues in 2009 on a set schedule. They are working with new printing press out of Lafayette, which is willing to do interviews and write articles. Dan asked ISAF to submit article about ISAF.

d.) Leadership Training - Cost is \$1,400-\$1,500 for National SAF Leadership Training. It will be on June 26th-June 27th.

e.) Other Business

1.) ISAF Summer Meeting - John Friedrich had ideas about showing new technology, new methods, do some outdoor presentations. Lenny Farlee had an idea for the Winter Meeting to be held as a joint conference with The Wildlife Society. Another idea for meeting is looking at properly managed areas dealing with invasive species.

2.) BMP Legislation - Sycamore Trails wants to be notified of changes or revisions.

3.) Doug Brown lifted up idea of ISAF having an Executive

Officer, a paid position to be the head of ISAF. Dan Shaver said he thinks it is a good idea. It is very tough and overwhelming to be chairperson and do responsibilities related to your full-time job.

7.) Committee Reports

- a.) Newsletter - Janet Eger said sorry about misspellings or wrong names on back of newsletter. She would like feedback on sending out the newsletter through email to reduce mailing costs.
- b.) History - Need a fire cabinet to hold files.
- c.) Communications - One story was placed in *The Forestry Source* about the FFA convention.
- d.) Science/Technology - Jack Seifert asked if Ron Rathfon and Lenny Farlee handle this.
- e.) Membership - John Stambaugh reported 176 members, 42 have not paid. There are 28 student members. All agreed that ISAF needs to invest in youth and one-on-one, and we need to continue to invest in FFA and HASTI. Also suggested to write an article for *The Forestry Source* to ask members to give opinions to increase number of students obtaining a forestry degree. Also state that we need to let National SAF know about members passing away, and to also let John Stambaugh know.
- f.) Forester's Fund - Darrell Breedlove said there was going to be a Stump Hole Contest at the Winter Meeting to raise money for the Foresters Fund. Seifert said Don McGuire wants to auction textbooks and Deam Books to donate to the Foresters Fund.
- g.) Education - Ron Rathfon said there will be a SIPAC Field Day at the end of September 2008.
- h.) Continuing Education - Carl Hauser said that ISAF needs to let SAF know of a start time, end time, speakers for each meeting. This will help for auditing purposes and to get it online. Also SAF wants a list of everyone who attended.
- i.) Policy - Bill Minter wants a forest industry person for a council.
- j.) Awards - Lee Huss said that John Moser was going to be given a 50 year award for membership in SAF. Lee is also looking for nominations for career awards—Bruce Wakeland will be submitted.
- k.) Fund Raising - Brian Gandy is now the head of this committee. He will work on lining up TSI, and Tree Planting projects.
- l.) Investment - Dale Weigel showed the Investment Committee Annual Report 2007. Beginning Balance as of January 1, 2007 was \$141,387.63 ending balance as of December 31, 2007 was \$155,167.52.

There was 1 nice donation from a member of ISAF and \$1,800 was earned from a TSI project. Seifert said he is concerned about more money going away from the account that what is invested in it. Investment committee is still looking for ideas for what to do with money invested in the investment fund.
- m.) Audit - Jayson Waterman has checked the account in the past and it was fine.
- n.) Nominating - Ron Rathfon said he is looking for nominations for Chair-elect and Secretary.

Meeting adjourned 12:00 pm.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Michael Gregg, ISAF Secretary

SAF Members of District 9:

The March SAF Council met at Bethesda on March 8 & 9. Our new President, Tommy Thompson, called the meeting to order.

Here are some highlights from this meeting:

Sale of the National Headquarters — Due diligence continues smoothly on the sale of the property to Nations Academy. Many of the details are still confidential due to the process, but all is going well, and the Council and Staff are anticipating final closure on this deal soon. A report by John Moser, chair of the Relocation Task Force was made to Council. Several key decisions were offered and approved by Council to guide the committee. First, the direction to purchase instead of lease was proposed. Primarily due to control of the resource and the possibility for value appreciation, Council approved this direction. Secondly, the Task Force recommended that the location be centered on the Washington, D.C. area. Several factors contributed to this direction: the intent of the original donation was to have a presence in the DC area; the headquarters of many peer groups are housed here; a policy office would have to be located here anyway; the DC area is in close proximity to many of the SAF members; and staff disruptions would be held to a minimum. After discussing these points and understanding the importance to move swiftly on these main decisions, Council approved this direction. The Task Force is now hiring a local realtor group to put together packages to consider.

National Communications Award — Council approved the adoption of the Communications Award as a National Award by changing the By-laws. It was also approved that the award be named the W.D. Hagenstein Award in honor of W.D. Hagenstein who has been one of the most prominent foresters in educating the public and legislators for many decades.

2008 Referendum Vote for Membership Changes — Council approved to add a referendum to the 2008 Voting Packet laying out the new recommended changes to the Membership Categories. Since this is a constitutional change, 2/3 of the membership must vote in approval for this change. This will simplify the membership categories and open up voting rights for all members.

Membership Survey and Strategic Planning — a large portion of the meeting led us through a process to integrate the results of the membership survey with a strategic plan. An effort will be made this year to incorporate those changes and improvements offered by members through the survey into a working strategic plan. Look for a better process in strategic planning and implementation coming out in the months ahead.

Revisions to the By-Laws of State Societies — look for the revisions that will need to be added to every state society's by-laws. These will be the minimum necessary to allow for electronic voting, the unit forest policy process, renaming the vice-chair to chair-elect, and some compliance language.

Leadership Academy — the Leadership Academy will be held in 2008, April 26-29, at the Bolger Center for Leadership Development in Potomac, Maryland. This is a very worthwhile educational event for all up-and-coming leaders as well as seasoned ones. Let's try to get members to attend this function. Please send me your ideas on what you would like to see with the Leadership

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Academy in the future. Should they be national or regional? How often should they be held? Should we try to hold regional ones with one national advanced academy? Give me your ideas.

Group Certification Process — SAF has been approached by a coalition of Maine parties who want to push forward the SAF Certified Forest Management System. So, a pilot project will be started in Maine to determine if there is enough energy to carry this forward and to answer the many questions involving certification. The CFMS Task Group and the representatives from Maine will develop a discussion paper to stimulate debate and to see if there is enough traction to continue. The test project will begin this Summer.

These are some of the highlights from this Council meeting. As

always, I'm available for comment, suggestions, problems, and concerns.

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ISAF Winter Meeting



Chair Doug Brown leads the ISAF winter meeting



Panel Discussion



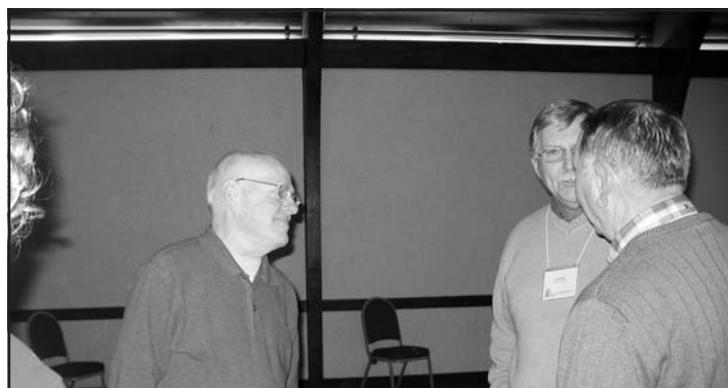
Greg Koontz makes a point to Pete Halstead at the ISAF Winter Meeting



Phil O'onnor talks invasives



Mike Seidl talks global markets



Walt Beineke, Walt Zak and Carl Hauser have a deep discussion



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Foresters' Fund Update

Thanks to everyone who played Stump Hole during the foresters' social at the Winter Meeting. The Foresters' Fund made \$80 from the tournament. The final game was between the returning champion team, Brian Gandy and Lynn Andrews, and the late entries, Doug Brown and Darrell Breedlove. Doug and I were able to win a fairly close game.

The next Foresters' Fund event will be at the Summer Meeting. Don McGuire donated several books that will be auctioned off. If anyone else has items they would like to donate to a live or silent auction, please contact me at dbreedlove@dnr.in.gov.

Darrell Breedlove
 Foresters Fund Chair

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