

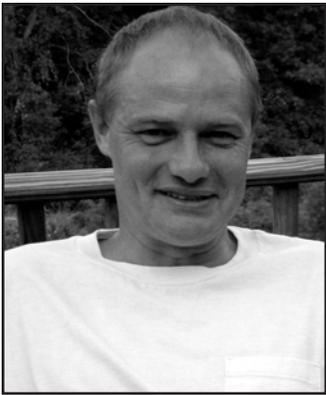


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## Comments from the Chair



Well, here it is already mid June and half the year is almost over. My, how time flies! I guess that is how it goes when you are busy, as I am sure all of you know. But, a few weeks ago I came into the office a little early. I was thinking about all I needed to do that day, week, and month and was going to try and get a head start. I drove the couple of

miles into Ferdinand State Forest; all wooded, and didn't see anyone else. I drove by the lake and saw the mist rising in the dawn's light. I parked in the lot, and as I got out of the vehicle a couple of deer bolted out of the creek and into the woods. The woods were alive with birds singing and squirrels running around. It was only then that I thought—is this a great job or what? No matter how busy we are and wound up in our work, every now and then it is good to stop and remember why we are foresters.

But now to the busy part, and ISAF has been busy lately. A list of activities since last time includes the TSI Day in Perry County. I want to thank Earl (Mac) McCleerey, Brian Gandy, Carl Hauser, Mike Coggeshall, Mike Spalding, Jamie Winner and Jason Woodard for helping out on a hot, sticky day. A lot of good work, good discussion, a good time and some additional funds for ISAF as well. Thanks guys!

I am also proud to announce that the Fellow nomination for Bruce Wakeland was accepted, and Bruce now joins a select group of Indiana foresters. We all know of Bruce's contributions and accomplishments to not only ISAF, but Indiana forestry. This is an award well deserved. Congratulations to Bruce and thanks to Lee Huss for doing the leg work on the application. Great job.

Dan Shaver was nominated for District Field Forester of the Year. He was not selected to represent the District at the Na-

tional competition, but that does not diminish the accomplishments Dan has made. Congratulations to Dan and his recognition.

ISAF wrote a letter of support for expanded Q-37 regulations to help control the import of unwanted exotic pests on plant materials. We all know the damage exotic pests can have on our native environment, so hopefully this will help slow the flow of those pests.

Arrangements have been made for ISAF's involvement in the State Fair. We will have a display on Opening Day on Expo Street. The day has been promoted as "Indiana Hardwoods Day," and we will be in the middle of the celebration of our fine hardwood forests and their products. If anyone wants to help man the display on August 6, let me know.

And last but not least, John Friedrich has been hard at work planning the summer meeting August 26-27 in Columbus. Be sure to look out for the registration, and please plan to come. You will get a quality program, some great interaction with your fellow foresters, good fellowship, and you will be supporting your professional society. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Oh, and don't forget to appreciate the trees, birds and squirrels in your office. Is this a great job or what!?

Doug Brown  
ISAF Chair

## ISAF TSI Field Day

The temperature was up but the dedication was higher for a small, but determined, group of foresters on April 22nd. Earl McCleerey and Brian Gandy had arranged for an ISAF TSI project in northern Perry County. So Mac, Brian, Mike Coggeshall, Carl Hauser, Mike Spalding, Jamie Winner, Jason Woodard and Doug Brown met in downtown Bristow to plan our attack. We fought off the heat, Perry County's famous ticks, and a few briars and completed the project to add over \$1,500 to our funds. Thanks to a great crew!

## June SAF Council Meeting

District 9 SAF Members,

First off, I have now completed one-half of my 3-year term as your Council Rep., and I cannot believe how quickly it has gone by. Starting in 2009, new candidates for Council will need to step forward and take on this challenge. I find it both fun and challenging and highly recommended. Please let me know if you have questions about running for this position.

Congratulations to our new slate of Fellows for District 9: **Robert Heinemann, James Foster, Thomas Hennessey, Bruce Wakeland, Pete Woyar, and Jeffrey Stinger**. Each of these nominees exceeded the high standards set by District 9's Fellows Committee, and the final approval by Council. A special Fellows recognition reception will be held at the National Convention this year for the first time to honor the new and current Fellows.

Congratulations also to the 2008 Field Forester of the Year from District 9: **David Allen**, a district forester with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. David will receive his award at the National Convention along with the other winners across the country. Thanks to all of the other candidates. We had a great slate to choose from, and any of these should be considered for future recognitions.

Here are the highlights from the June Council meeting held in Priest River, Idaho.

**Endorsement of Policy Reports:** Council approved the *Task Force Report on Managed Forests and Climate Change* after many revisions. Council was split on the underlying tone of the report; is global climate change man-made or cyclical; can we change the climate if we change our ways, etc. Once the tone was balanced out, the report was accepted by majority vote, and will be published in a book for policy makers in this time of debate. It offers forest management as a tool that needs to be considered if any cap and trade system is adopted. As a huge skeptic in this global climate change debate, I'm OK that the final product provides the guidance we need right now to be at the table in these debates. Look for the publication of this report in an upcoming issue of the *Journal of Forestry*.

**Wildland Fire Management and Using Herbicides on Forest Lands** position statements were both approved by Council.

**Testimony at Senate Committee on Appropriations** was also a contested issue, particularly around the funding level recommended for State and Private Forestry. SAF uses many sources to develop testimonies, including input from the Council on Forest Policy who agreed with the 100% increase over the President's proposal. The enacted figure for 2008 was \$262.8 million, the President proposed \$109.5 million for 2009, and SAF recommended \$207.5 million. This compromise was felt to complement the proposal for the entire appropriations. Council approved the testimony, and recommended that Staff get more input from the CFP in the future around this issue.

**Comprehensive Field Trip Insurance:** The additional cost for this coverage would be \$84,475. After reviewing this year's field trips that were pre-planned by the local units through the insurance broker, there were almost no additional costs associated with those field trips and meetings. Council voted not to purchase this additional insurance coverage and stress the importance of local units to contact the insurance broker as soon as they know the specifics about their upcoming meeting. Try to provide this information 60 days in advance of the meeting: copy of program; detail any travel plans for members, participants, and spouses; and if using contracted transportation, a copy of the contractor's evidence of insurability, certificate of insurance, and the SAF unit would need to be listed as an insured

party. Avoiding guns, boats, alcohol, fun runs and other athletic events will further reduce the risk of additional insurance premiums.

**National Convention at Reno, Nevada:** You all should have received a copy of the early registration brochure for this meeting. This will be one of the cheapest venues that SAF has used in many years. The very competitive room rates, the cheaper flights into Reno, and the free shuttle to the hotel will make this a very affordable Convention. Please consider attending this year.

**Draft Strategic Plan of SAF:** The current SAF strategic plan is too long and not operational, so a new strategic plan will be forthcoming this year. I will be chairing this effort focusing more of the action plan for Council activities, then passing those action items down to the local units. Each local unit can then develop their own action plans using the strategic plan as a template. If there is anyone in the District that would like to assist with this effort as additional support, please let me know. Look for more on this in 2009.

**Sale of National Headquarters:** Progress is slow, but steady. Any major real estate transaction is complicated, and this one is no different. Besides the normal processes with Nation's Academy, the purchaser, the good people of Montgomery County seem now to be overly concerned with this sale and are issuing nominations for green space and historical preservation with the idea to stop this sale from going through. Look for a new report on the progress coming out in the July *Forestry Source*.

**Student Representative Report:** Steve Purvis, the student representative to SAF Council, provided a report on their recommendations. They would like to see the student section of the SAF web-site improved; a Face Book site set up for students; and involvement with a plan for membership retention and recruitment. He also recommended that if the State Society Committees do not have the Student Chapter Chairs on the Executive Committee, they should be included as a non-voting member. I see this as a great idea.

**SAF Leadership Academy:** A very successful Leadership Academy was held at the Bolger Center in Potomac, MD, in May. 53 attendees completed the event and 97% rated their participation as good or excellent. A committee is working on the next Leadership Academy that will be held in 2009. The location and specifics will be conveyed at the National Convention in Reno.

As always, feel free to contact me with any comments, suggestions, arguments, and problems. Thanks for allowing me to serve in this way.

Roger Weaver  
SAF Council District 9

## Deer Management Meeting

Feb. 25 to 27, 2009

at the Lafayette, IN, Holiday Inn Select

### Emerging Issues in White-tailed Deer Management and Conservation.

The Indiana Chapters of ISAF and TWS are both sponsors and will have accommodations for business meetings at this function.

We will have national experts speak on deer management, biology, policy, and the inter-actions of deer, the environment, and people.

The conference content will be designed for Foresters, Wildlife Biologists, Researchers, and Stakeholders in White-tailed deer policy and management.

As additional program and registration information is made available, it will be posted at the following site: [www.fnr.purdue.edu/2009deer](http://www.fnr.purdue.edu/2009deer).

# Indiana SAF Winter Meeting

## Business Meeting Minutes

### February 27, 2008

#### McCormick's Creek State Park

Meeting began at 6:30 p.m.

Doug Brown recognized ISAF election results.

Approval of minutes from summer 2007 business meeting. Bill Minter motioned approval, Sam Bond seconded. Motion approved.

#### **Treasurer's Report by Lynn Andrews.**

Slow decline in checkbook balance. No recent projects to produce extra income. Discussion on details.

Jim Allen motioned to accept Treasurer's Report. Dale Weigel seconded. Motion approved.

Dale Weigel motioned to accept proposed budget. Jim Allen seconded.

Bill Minter motioned a change to proposed budget to increase HASTI convention funding to \$450. Lenny Farlee seconded. Motion approved.

Amended proposed budget approved.

#### **Student Chapter report by Andrew Fox.**

Working on TSI fund raiser. Working with Lafayette Parks Dept. Requested assistance from membership for two up coming weekends.

#### **Awards presentation by Lee Huss.**

The Distinguished Service Award to Dale Weigel. The Fifty Year Membership Award to John Moser.

#### **Old business by Doug Brown.**

Discussed committee charters – work by Dan Shaver.

Lee Huss gave a report on I&E efforts – FFA convention, HASTI convention.

Dan Shaver gave a report on Conservation Day.

#### **New business by Doug Brown.**

Indiana Land Resources Council is being resurrected. Bruce Wakeland is recommended to fill the forestry slot on the council.

State Fair theme this year is "Year of the Tree." Discussion on ISAF role – possibly through other organizations such as DoF, IHLA.

Woodland Steward Institute is back in operation under direction of Dan Shaver.

Discussion of the possibility of an executive director (part time) for ISAF to handle the large number of items coming through. It is difficult for officers to keep up on a volunteer basis.

Sam Bond has a SAF display if needed.

Lenny Farlee discussed a possible joint meeting with the Wildlife Society regarding emerging issues in deer management.

#### **Committee Reports**

Newsletter – Janet Eger reports the next newsletter deadline is March 15 for articles.

History – Brad Rody report via Doug Brown – Brad is looking for fireproof cabinet for storage – if someone has one they no longer need.

Communication – Teena Ligman via Doug Brown – looking for materials or ideas for handouts.

Science/Technology – Jack Seifert reported that the HEE now has a website. He also discussed emerging issues with carbon.

Membership – John Stambaugh via Doug Brown – close to achieving the goal set by national. There are 42 members not paid for current year yet. Asked that when members hear of another member who passes, please pass information on to officers so records can be updated.

Foresters Fund – Darrell Breedlove – Stump Hole tournament tonight. May auction off Don McGuire's donated collection of forestry books at the summer meeting.

Education – Lenny Farlee and Ron Rathfon have agreed to jointly take over this committee.

There was discussion on John Moser's retirement from Purdue and the desire to refill his position with a forest mensurationist. Jack Seifert motioned that ISAF send a letter to Purdue indicating the ISAF desire for a forest mensurationist in that position. Lynn Andrews seconded. Motion approved.

Continuing Education – Carl Hauser – the CFE program is tightening requirements. Programs need approval prior to holding event. Registration or sign in of the participants is also being required.

Policy – Bill Minter – the Policy Committee needs an industry or public land representative.

Awards – Lee Huss – Bruce Wakeland is to be nominated as a Fellow.

Fund Raising – Brian Gandy has taken this over. He is planning a TSI project in Perry County.

Investments – Dale Weigel – the stock market is down, so therefore so is the investment. There are funds available to disburse now. But a continued down market may result in no or few funds available next year.

Liz Jackson reported the Central Hardwood Forest Conference is being hosted by Purdue on April 8 and 9.

The HEE workshop is being held on April 10.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50 PM.

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## ISAF Management Announcement

SAF members:

We are very excited that we are hosting the 2008 National Convention in Reno, November 6-8. The agenda and activities are full of challenging and enjoyable events. We most look forward to interacting with other Natural Resource Professionals. If you have not thought about attending, please go to the convention website, [www.safenet.org](http://www.safenet.org), and then rethink your decision. In order to make the convention successful, we will be relying on volunteers to plan

and implement it. There are numerous tasks, all of which will involve meeting and working with other wonderful folks. Please go to the volunteer web site: <http://ucanr.org/safvolunteer> for additional information and to sign up. We can use your help for a couple of hours or longer. Please contact us with any questions you may have.

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