



# THE INDIANA FORESTER

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## Comments from the Chair



I have recently been involved in two activities that help protect and promote forest resources in Indiana. One was a short article on oak trees that will be featured on a National Public Radio session called "Journey with Nature." This program is funded by The Nature Conservancy and will be featuring short messages about interesting facets of the natural world. The hope is to provide listeners with a brief but interesting tidbit on subjects such as Hellbender Salamanders, wetlands, migratory birds, cave crickets and forests. These messages will be heard by many people. Some will care, some will not, and some might even be inspired to pay more attention to the natural world. I choose to believe that the number of people that care and the number of people that will be inspired outnumbers those that do not care. Hope is an important part of any discussion on oak trees. As foresters, we see oak trees every day; we know more about them than the vast majority of people, but we cannot take them for granted. The main point of the message was that of the thousands of acorns an average oak tree produces, maybe 1/2 of 1 percent will become a mature oak tree. The one oak tree that makes it has to provide food or habitat for 96 different birds and mammals and over 296 species of insects. On top of all of these species, there are also humans waiting to turn that tree into wood products. That is a lot of responsibility for a little acorn. It is also a lot of responsibility for foresters.

The other event I was lucky to be involved with was a program called "Nature Daze." This program was more of a traditional field day that was inspired by a landowner in Brown County. He is a member of the Brown County Native Woodland Project and wants to remove non-native invasive plants from his property. His inspiration for the field day came from his struggle to figure out what to do with his property. He bought the property and then puttered around for a year or so, before getting in touch with the local wildlife biologist. The wildlife biologist put him in touch with the local Natural Resource and Conservation Service and the District Forester. The District Forester encouraged the landowner to get a consultant forester.

You need to balance forest and  
wildlife management.  
Come find out how...Nature Daze  
September 8, 2007



Bill and Becky Freeman Property,  
Brown County  
Save the date and watch for more  
information.  
Adult and children activities with a  
free lunch.

The NRCS agent helped the landowner get into several cost share programs to establish warm-season grasses and the wildlife biologist helped get the area planted. The landowner described the "dazed and confused" feeling he had trying to figure out who to work with, where to find assistance and what to do once someone provided information. It took the landowner over 5 years to get other parts of his property in order before he was ready to start tackling the invasive plants on the property. He admits he is still "dazed and confused" at times, but he benefited so much from the advice of all the resource professionals, that he volunteered to open his property up to other landowners for a field day. The field day included discussions on forest management, prairie establishment, pond management and invasive species control. The field day was a huge success with over 120 people attending. They did not all come to learn about forest management, but after sitting through the session on pond management or prairie establishment they wandered over to see what forest management was all about. Hopefully, this translates into a few more people that begin actively managing their forest. I mention this because like the little acorn, I believe we have to overcome some pretty

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high odds just to get one landowner to make a good decision about managing their forest. If we get lazy or complacent, there will be someone else out there to influence that landowner in another direction. If we get lazy or complacent, forest resources in Indiana will suffer. In order to avoid getting complacent, foresters need to actively engage new and old landowners; we need to keep reaching out to new audiences that may impact our ability to manage the forest in the future. We need to keep trying new programs and strategies. We need to keep educating children about the benefits of managing forests, the products the forest generates, the science of forestry, and we need more foresters. As foresters, we need to be active in professional forestry societies. Just being a member is good, but it is not enough. We need volunteers, we need activists, we need letter writers, we need educators, we need researchers, and we need to keep up with political activities related to forestry. Foresters cannot do this

alone. We need to work with forest industry; we need to work with landowner groups; and we need to work with non-forest owners who greatly outnumber forest owners. As foresters, we need to be forward thinking. The resource we manage takes generations to mature, but our ability to manage that resource could disappear faster than pawpaw fruits in a forest. Momentum has been gained in the past few years with the passage of a right to practice forestry act, the passage of the Hoosier National Forest Plan, a new strategic plan for the State forests, and an increase in certified sustainable forestland in Indiana. The Indiana Society of American Foresters has been active in all of these endeavors and several others. I hope foresters will look back at these past few years and be proud of the way foresters are working to influence the future of forest management in Indiana.

Dan Shaver, ISAF Chair

## ISAF SUMMER MEETING AND TOUR



Getting ready for the tour



Checking out the barrens at Mogan Ridge



Chris Thornton points out information on USFS lands



Tim, Lenny and Dan discuss oak regeneration (or when's lunch?)



Father Guy Mancini talks about carbon credits on the Abbey lands



Carl Hauser strikes a pose



Jim D. enjoys a great lunch at Bear Hollow



Tom Thake offers information about harvesting on the USFS

## BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES REGULATIONS: UPDATE

As you know from the last newsletter, there was a task force preparing some legislation related to a regulated Best Management Program in Indiana. The task force included representatives from forest industry, landowner groups, ISAF, The Nature Conservancy, and the Division of Forestry. The proposed legislation was drafted, reviewed by the executive committee of each participating organization, and then sent on to a legislative summer study committee. The study committee will review the proposed legislation and hear public comment on October 2-3, 2007, at Brown County State Park. Although the task force met in good faith to draft what they thought was a good program, the legislation has been met with opposition by landowner groups, foresters and industry. At the summer ISAF meeting in Tell City, a motion was put forward that ISAF not support the legislation as written. The motion carried and ISAF will be providing comments to the summer study committee. The comments will include our acknowledgement of the benefits of Best Management Practices, acknowledgement of the need to manage forests, and recommendations on a better path to improving the implementation of BMP's in Indiana. I would like to thank the membership for comments that were received for and against the proposed legislation. Regardless of whether or not the legislation is enacted, ISAF needs to be forward thinking in the realm of forest policy and regulation. If we are not, others will set the policy and create the regulations for us.

Dan Shaver, Chair, ISAF

## NEWS FROM THE STUDENT CHAPTER

National Convention, Midwest Conclave, community service, and fundraising—yes the Purdue Chapter of the Society of American Foresters certainly has a full plate in store for ourselves this coming semester. With rising numbers and growing interest we can't help but set our goals high.

The PSAF is gearing up for the national SAF convention as we hope to send an even bigger delegation than the 15 students who attended in 2006. We would like to thank the Indiana SAF for once again making a substantial donation in order to help fund our trip to Oregon. We look forward to another great learning and networking experience.

PSAF is also getting ready for the Midwestern Big Ten Conclave. We are eager to send a team to the competition this year in Iowa as Purdue has unfortunately been unrepresented in the past couple years. Some events that we expect to compete in are dendrology, overhand axe chop, two man buck saw, log rolling, and many more.

In hopes of getting the SAF name out into the community, the Purdue chapter has taken on a community service project in Lafayette. The project involves converting a naturally regenerating farm field full of honeylocust trees and bush honeysuckle into a 25 acre city park. Hopefully, the project will turn out to be an educational tool not only for people now, but for many generations to come.

With all this excitement going on, we can't help but be excited about the upcoming semester and school year to come. We do need some help though. The PSAF just had their call-out meeting Thursday, August 30th and had a great turn out with many new faces attending. In hopes of keeping these new faces coming back, we need speakers and demonstrations for our meetings. So, if you have something of interest to present, or a great job that you wish to share with us, please contact us, and we'll be happy to have you come speak at one of our meetings.

Andy Fox, Secretary, Purdue Student Chapter

## REMINDER—SHOOT YOUR COLLEAGUES!

All ISAF members are being encouraged to go out in the workplace, home, etc. and shoot their colleagues—with a camera, of course! A photo contest is now open to all ISAF members (including student members) with a theme of "Forestry in Action."

Forestry is an active and diverse profession. Capturing moments on film and showing others is one way to showcase the profession. The photo contest is your opportunity to provide others with insights on what we do as foresters whether it's in the field, classroom, or laboratory. Of course, each profession has its light moments, and forestry is no different, so photos showing humorous situations are also encouraged as well as the serious side of things.

Photos should be good quality digital pictures, and having people in those photos is strongly encouraged. A maximum of 6 photos per member can be submitted, and should be sent to Janet Eger, Newsletter Editor at [jeger@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:jeger@dnr.IN.gov). Entries will be accepted through February 1st, 2008, and will be displayed at the winter ISAF meeting. Anyone who is interested in helping judge the contest should contact Janet at the e-mail address listed, or (812)279-3391.

## Indiana Society of American Foresters June 28, 2007

### Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Location: The Nature Conservancy, Brown County Hills Office

Members Present: Dan Shaver, Lynn Andrews, Doug Brown, Jayson Waterman, Dale Weigel, Janet Eger, Michael Gregg, and John Stambaugh.

Guest Present: Duane McCoy from the Indiana DNR, Division of Forestry

Meeting called to order by Dan Shaver at 10:00 am.

- A. BMP (Best Management Practices) Regulations – Comments in regards to Draft Legislation.
  1. Duane McCoy reported about the Draft Legislation and the 2 main parts of the Law.
    - a. 1st all loggers would have to go through BMP training and be certified. Also foresters would have to go through Cutter and Skidder training. Seifert said the DNR would cover the cost of training for the first 2 years after the law is passed.
    - b. 10% of logging jobs would be randomly selected and monitored every year. Also neighbors and landowners could call a complaint into the DNR to come out to inspect logging jobs they thought were not in compliance.
  2. There is a BMP Draft Legislation Meeting on Monday, July 2, 2007 at Morgan-Monroe State Forest. IACF should have a representative there.
  3. Questions and comments members had in regards to the BMP Draft Legislation:
    - a. How much voluntary compliance is now met in Indiana? 83%, however Duane says that it is probably lower.
    - b. How successful is the BMP law in Kentucky? Is there a big difference in compliance with the law now than before the law was

## DEADLINE REMINDER

The *INDIANA FORESTER* is the official publication of the Indiana Society of American Foresters, and is published quarterly in January, April, July, and October. The deadline for submitting articles, photos, etc. for the next issue is **December 15, 2007**. News for and about the ISAF is welcome including letters to the editor, photos, articles of general forestry interest, and book reviews. Items should be sent to Janet Eger, 1919 Steven Ave., Bedford, IN 47421, e-mailed to [jeger@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:jeger@dnr.IN.gov), or faxed to (812)279-0472.

passed? Duane says there are some problems with how Kentucky's BMP law was written and Indiana's BMP law will be different.

- c. Would small logging operations be hurt by this law? Everyone agreed most likely.
- d. What if a private landowner marks timber and it is commercially sold? What is meant by "procurement" in the draft legislation? Duane says procurement is in the law to include foresters. If a private owner marks or cuts the timber and it is sold commercially he must be compliant to the BMP law and be trained and is responsible for BMPs being met.
- e. Can private landowner tell the logger to go across the river and get the logs over there?
- f. Are timber buyers/loggers who buy land and strip it and commercially sell timber bound to this BMP law? Yes
- g. Does law apply if the property is clearcut and developed? No, this is an exemption.
- h. Foresters who sell timber will be responsible to make sure BMPs are practiced.
- i. Why this law has come about? Because SFI and FSC people who have checked some logging jobs say Indiana is not meeting BMP rules. SFI and FSC want to see regulation, because other states have it.
- j. When will timber sale be checked to see if BMPs are being met? Duane said at the closeout date.
- k. Does federal land such as Crane Naval Base & Hoosier National Forest have to follow this? Will they need to train foresters for BMPs?
- l. Stambaugh said he sees this law being problematic.
- m. Mike Gregg said what about science—what SAF stresses is important—how much water is silted from harvesting? Duane said 1% but not sure.
- n. Doug Brown stated most of the sediment in streams comes from farming and development sites, not from logging operations.
- o. Are pesticides addressed in the BMPs? Duane said no, not at this time, it is addressed in other laws.
- p. Janet said science should be addressed 1st, in this case it seems last.
- q. Duane McCoy said IFIC and IHLA are for BMP Law and that they have helped draft BMP legislation.
- r. Is the cost better than the benefit?

Jayson Waterman made a motion, "that ISAF will not make an official comment at this time," and second by John Stambaugh. Dale made an amendment to this motion which is the position, "that ISAF will not have an official position until final legislation, but we will offer comments in the drafting of the legislation." Call for question. Motion carries.

#### B. Don McGuire Donation to ISAF

1. Janet made a motion to place the \$5,000 Don McGuire Donation in the investment account and use the interest from this investment to supplement and to send students from Purdue ISAF to National SAF Convention every year. Motion passed.

#### C. Summer Meeting—Update

1. Doug Brown reported the summer meeting would be in Tell City, August 22 & 23. The meeting will tour the chip plant in Hawesville, KY, Swiss Plywood, view burn site on Mogen Ridge, Purdue Oak Regeneration study site, and go to St. Meinrad to look at some tree plantings. Bear Hollow will host a lunch.

#### D. Committee Reports:

1. Newsletter – Janet Eger said July 15th is deadline for articles and photographs. Let her know of any changes to ISAF offices and committee chairs. Janet proposed we check into in the future of sending the newsletter through the internet via email. Need to see if ISAF members have email addresses.
2. Investments – Dale Weigel reported some money will be needed for FFA, approximately \$550. Dale reported that there is approximately \$7,000 that could be spent this year. Dan Shaver said he would check with Darrel Breedlove in regards to his survey of Proposals for Spending Investment Account Funds.

3. Fund Raising – ISAF TSI Field Day in March 29, 2007, at woods owned by Michaela Farm/Sisters of St. Francis in Oldenburg made \$1,800. This was invested directly into ISAF Investment Account.
4. Membership – John Stambaugh reported 180 members, some have been purged. Also the SAF Membership application is online now.
5. Audit – Jayson Waterman checked the 2007 ISAF Winter Meeting Treasurer's Report, and the audit turned out okay.
6. Communications – Laurie Bowman has stepped down. Janet said they should ask Tina if she is interested.

#### E. General Committee:

1. Dan Shaver reported \$2,400 profit from the Winter ISAF Mtg. \$1,215 went to Hoosier Heartland RC&D because they helped sponsor the meeting.
2. Dan Shaver said he has tried to help out Purdue ISAF make some money by selling items at the Auction at the Winter ISAF meeting.
3. Janet Eger said we need to tell National SAF what we are doing.
4. John Stambaugh gave *Woodland Steward Newsletter* news that Fred Hadley is stepping down from being the editor of the newsletter, so they are looking for a new editor.
5. John Moser has contacted Dan Shaver to come up and speak to a class at Purdue and attend the Purdue SAF Meeting.
6. Janet said we need to submit people for Fellow position from ISAF, and it can be more than one.

Janet Eger moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 12:30 pm.

Meeting Minutes submitted by,  
Michael Gregg, Secretary

## **Indiana Society of American Foresters** **August 22, 2007** **Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Location: Ramada Limited Inn in Tell City, Indiana

Members Present: Dan Shaver, Lynn Andrews, Doug Brown, Jason Waterman, Dale Weigel, Janet Eger, Lee Huss, Michael Gregg, Carl Hauser, Ron Rathfon, Burney Fischer, Teena Ligman, and John Stambaugh.

Meeting called to order by Dan Shaver at 10:00 am.

#### I. Approval of Agenda by Dan Shaver

- A. Doug Brown went over the logistics of travel for the ISAF meeting.
- B. Duane McCoy will discuss BMP regulations at ISAF business meeting.

#### II. Treasurers Report presented by Lynn Andrews. ISAF started the year with \$5,427 and the current balance is \$7,300. Several expenses are coming so we should end up where we started.

- A. Foresters Fund. Lynn suggested \$100 donation, motion made by Jason Waterman, seconded by Lee Huss. Motion approved.
- B. Suggested Giving.
  1. Motion passed to increase Purdue Student Chapter funding to \$1,500. \$1,300 suggested for Student Chapter transportation to National SAF meeting.
  2. Burney Fischer asked for a \$100 donation to IU Foundation for a Forestry Field Day for 60-80 Indiana University students. Motion passed.
  3. Lee Huss asked for \$500 for a Habitat for Humanity tree planting project in Orange County, Indiana. Motion passed.

#### III. Old Business

##### A. FFA (Future Farmers of America) Convention

Lee Huss is the head of the ISAF booth at the convention. It will be in Indianapolis, Wednesday, October 24-October 26. Lee looking for volunteers to be in the booth in 2-4 hour slots. ISAF has been at the convention longer than anyone else, been there for about 45 years.

##### B. HASTI Booth

Lee Huss recommended we have a booth there. Looking for volunteers to be in the booth, and good ideas for door prizes. Dan Shaver suggested ISAF pay for room and board or parking to help encourage volunteers for the booth.

#### IV. New Business

##### A. BMP Legislation

–Many members stated that we needed to have more foresters be at the Indiana Assembly Summer Committee meetings and more forester involvement in the BMP Legislation.

–Also suggested that at the General meeting at night that ISAF would have an agreed upon basic premise or stance on the proposed BMP legislation.

–Some people suggested that this is needed to please SFI certification.

–One person said it would not take care of the bad actors.

–Dan said the legislation would benefit the large bulk of forestland outside of Consulting Foresters, Classified Forests, and government properties.

–Look up Indiana General Assembly, Legislative Services website, or Summer committee to see who is on the board and how to contact them.

B. Winter Meeting will be held in conjunction with The Wildlife Society.

#### V. Committee Reports:

1. Newsletter – Janet Eger said September 15th is deadline for articles and photographs. She is looking for pictures. Prizes will be given for the pictures.

2. Investments – Dale Weigel reported 5% could be disbursed this year.

3. Education – Ron Rathfon said there will be meeting October 18th at SIPAC, near Patoka Lake. He also said Kentucky and Tennessee invited ISAF to Oak Regeneration and Management Meeting in Lexington, KY, on October 3-4, 2007.

4. Fund Raising – ISAF TSI Field Day in March 29, 2007, at woods owned by Michaela Farm/Sisters of St. Francis in Oldenburg made \$1,800. 36 acres was done in 1 day.

5. Continuing Education – Carl Hauser said ISAF meeting counted as 4 hours, and Forestry Field Days count too.

6. Awards – Burney suggested fellows should help make nominations.

7. Membership – John Stambaugh reported 166 members, 22 students. National SAF would like for us to have 13 new members.

8. Audit – Jayson Waterman checked the 2007 ISAF Winter Meeting Treasurer's Report, and the audit turned out okay.

9. Communications – Teena Ligman said she would be the Communications Chair.

John Stambaugh said the *Woodland Steward* is looking for someone to step up and be the Editor and President. There will not be a Fall Issue of the *Woodland Steward*.

Meeting adjourned 11:30 pm.

Meeting Minutes submitted by,  
Michael Gregg, Secretary

## Indiana Society of American Foresters

August 22, 2007

### 2007 Summer Meeting Minutes

Location: The Patio Restaurant in Tell City, Indiana  
Meeting called to order by Chairman Dan Shaver

#### I. Overall Comments

Doug Brown has set up a great meeting, went to Paper Plant in Hawesville, KY, Swiss Plywood in Tell City, and the next day will go to Hoosier National Forest and then learn about Carbon Emission Offsets at a St. Meinrad Archabbey property.

Dan Shaver announced that Don McGuire has given a donation to ISAF. Don set a standard for ISAF members and was recognized at Society of American Foresters.

#### II. Treasurer's Report presented by Lynn Andrews.

#### III. Old Business

##### A. FFA (Future Farmers of America) Convention

Lee Huss is the head of the ISAF booth at the convention. It will be in Indianapolis, Wednesday, October 24-October 26. Lee is looking for volunteers to be in the booth in 2-4 hour slots. ISAF has been at the convention longer than anyone else, been there for about 45 years.  *Careers in Forestry Brochure*  was handed out to everyone, as this is one of the brochures handed out from the booth.

##### B. HASTI Booth

Lee Huss is looking for volunteers to be in the booth.

##### C. Habitat for Humanity

Trees will be planted in Orange County, in the city of Orleans. Contact Lee Huss (812) 349-3716, or Janet Eger (812) 279-3391 if you are interested in helping out, they are looking for volunteers.

#### IV. Committee Reports:

1. Newsletter – Janet Eger said September 15th is deadline for articles and photographs. She is looking for pictures. Prizes will be given for the pictures.

3. Education – Ron Rathfon said there will be meeting October 18th at SIPAC, near Patoka Lake. This meeting will show research he has been working on and will have CFE hours. He also said Kentucky and Tennessee invited ISAF to Oak Regeneration and Management Meeting in Lexington, KY, on October 3-4, 2007.

6. Awards – Burney suggested fellows should help make nominations.

7. Membership – John Stambaugh reported 166 members, 22 students. National SAF would like for us to have 13 new members.

7. Audit – Jayson Waterman said Dale's records are clean.

8. Communications – Teena Ligman is looking for people to help out in this committee.

#### V. New Business-BMP Legislation

##### A. BMP Regulations

Duane McCoy gave a good presentation on 1.) What is in the Proposed BMP Legislation, 2.) Where is it coming from, and 3.) Why is it out there. One of his main points was should the forestry profession and timber industry write law or let others do it, who don't represent these groups. Another point was that more and more people or big companies want to buy certified timber.

Many questions were then asked. It came down to in Kentucky the bad actors have not been stopped in the timber industry, Landowners would need to be certified if they sold their own timber. Some people said it is an expensive way to control bad logging jobs, it is saying we have a problem and do we really have a problem, and logging companies who have money will get around it, Bruce Wakeland said IACF was against it. Dan Shaver said he has seen properties where BMP's were not done.

Another comment was isn't this in the Right to Practice Forestry Act.

Greg Koontz made the motion that "ISAF will not support the BMP legislation as it is currently written," this motion seconded by Mike Gregg, motion passed.

Indiana General Assembly will have Summer Committee Hearings September 11&12 at the Falls of Ohio Park in Clarksville, Indiana and October 11th in Brown County.

B. Winter Meeting will be held in conjunction with The Wildlife Society.

John Stambaugh said the *Woodland Steward* is looking for someone to step up and be the Editor and President. There will not be a Fall Issue of the *Woodland Steward*.

Meeting adjourned.

Meeting Minutes submitted by,  
Michael Gregg, Secretary



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