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Comments from the Chair



Boy, it has seemed like a long winter. I normally enjoy those few days in December or January where we get 50 degree weather; it never came this year. As I write this, the kids are playing outside without coats and we finally are enjoying spring-like days. Planting season is around the corner...

The winter meeting on March 9-10 at Jasper was a smashing success. By holding our meeting in conjunction with the Indiana Association of Consulting Foresters, we had over 60 individuals attend one or both of the days. Many thanks to Mike Warner, the current IACF president, for making this possible.

The meeting started with a presentation by Ron Rathfon regarding the Southern Indiana Cooperative Weed Management Area. Ron outlined the efforts of CWMA's in the Midwest, detailed the draft Best Management Practices for invasive species, and highlighted three invasive plant species not currently recorded, but to "watch out for." Ron is actively looking for weed watchers and expert verifiers to help in the southern part of state; contact him if you are interested. After all, the more eyes and bodies involved, the better the CWMA will function and the less work it is for any one individual!

Next, we moved into hardwood silviculture with two presentations by Purdue graduate students. Andrew Meier gave an interesting talk on epicormic branching, outlining the many factors influencing their formation. Research is scant in this area, but it appears that genetics, site factors, tree health, and crown vigor all contribute. These factors all need to be considered when pruning, thinning, or in other treatments that directly change light environments within a stand. Next, Rob Morrissey discussed crop tree release in Central Hardwood stands. Through a simulation study using the Forest Vegetation Simulator, he was able to show that crop tree release in 20-35 year stands can provide a 6-10% return on investment after 30 years.

After an enjoyable evening dinner and "thumping" in the biannual stump hole tournament (won by "hot-handed" Dan² – Dan Shaver and Dan McGuckin), we started the next day on the topic of taxes. Dr. Bill Hoover of Purdue lectured on tax law and tax basis calculations, repeatedly warning everyone that the proper procedure or answer is ever evolving based on changes in legislation and court cases. Dr. Ralph Johnson of Purdue reviewed inventory methods appropriate for quickly estimating volume and value for tax basis calculations or other purposes; he referenced several USFS tu-

torials on statistics and sampling design, which I believe are available at <http://www.fs.fed.us/fmssc/measure/training/index.shtml>. Dr. Carl Mize, retired from Iowa State University, ended the morning with an overview of Indiana TIGER, several programs that you can use for woodlot management and tax basis estimation.

After lunch, we ended the meeting with a lively panel discussing how to interest middle and high school students in careers in natural resource management. Donna Rogler – Project Learning Tree Coordinator, Joe Ramey – Horticulture Instructor, Central Nine Career Center, Sean Jochum – Director of Guidance from Jasper High School, Bryan Uebelhor – Guidance Counselor from Southridge High School, and Anna Byer and Craig Reckelhoff – Purdue Forestry undergraduates all took part. Both Sean and Bryan made it very clear that the forestry message is not being heard by students or parents, largely because they do not have good materials to convey that message. They suggested that we all strive to be active at our local schools by either getting in front of the students through career days, organizing forestry clubs at a school, or letting high school students job shadow. Introduce yourself to your local high school guidance counselor!

I want to again thank all the speakers and especially Janet Gosewehr and Liz Jackson who both helped me organize and conduct the meeting. Until July, happy planting!

–Mike Saunders

A LITTLE HUMOR

A number of years back when I was a graduate student at the University of Maine, I had a good friend of mine get a forestry job in Florida. Keith Kanoti, my office mate at the time, and I wrote a Jeff Foxworthy-inspired piece for him entitled "You know you might be a Florida forester if." Well wouldn't you know, about two months after I arrived at Purdue...

You know you might be an Indiana Forester if: by Keith Kanoti

1. You have ever done a stump cruise on a front lawn (damn black walnut rustlers).
2. The only growth and yield models you can find are for corn.
3. You think a "softwood" is anything other than an oak or hickory.
4. You think slope distance is how far you have to drive to go skiing.
5. You wonder what all those numbers between N, S, E, and W on your compass are for.
6. You think 10 foot deep soil is "pretty shallow."
7. Instead of drawing property boundaries on your stand maps you just cut the paper into a square.
8. Your stand and stock tables have a column for poison ivy board foot volume.

9. You have administered a timber sale for a single tree.
10. You have trouble convincing forestry extension staff that trees can be used for other purposes than wind breaks.

This has been hanging on my door ever since. Happy April Fools!
 –Mike Saunders

FORESTERS FUND

At the recent ISAF Winter meeting in Jasper, a total of \$230 was raised for the Foresters' Fund through the generosity of ISAF members. The silent auction raised about \$140 while donations from Dr. Walt Beineke from the sale of his book raised another \$20, and some great chocolate from Jayson Waterman brought in another \$20. The remainder of the funds came from 19 players in the Stump Hole Tournament (after the winners' pot was allocated.) Thanks to everyone for helping!

TSI FUND RAISER

A hardy band of ISAF members wielded chainsaws and Tordon, and completed all but about 10 acres of the TSI project in eastern Indiana recently. Those members participating included Brian Gandy, Jayson Waterman, Doug Brown, Eric Summerfield, and Darrell Breedlove. The last few acres will be finished soon, and ISAF will receive payment for the work. Thanks to all who have participated in this somewhat long drawn out project. Mother Nature was not very cooperative in getting this finished, but ISAF has finally gotten the upper hand!

DEER RULE CHANGES

As was discussed at the ISAF meeting, there are changes to the deer hunting rules being considered by the Natural Resources Commission. The changes are up for public comment and foresters are encouraged to submit their comments. The prior recommendations resulted in 3,000 comments received, most from hunters interested in status quo.

Here is information on the deer rule changes:

<http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/2362.htm>

Go here to comment on the deer rules changes:

<http://www.in.gov/nrc/2377.htm>

Comments can also be mailed to the following address:

Natural Resources Commission
 Indiana Government Center North
 100 North Senate Ave., Room N501
 Indianapolis, IN 46204

Officially: "The Division of Fish and Wildlife's new objective is to affect a focused deer herd reduction, in a strategically targeted manner, to more adequately balance ecological, recreational, and economic needs of the citizens of Indiana."

Here are members of the Natural Resources Commission:

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HELP THE AMERICAN ELM

American elm (*Ulmus americana*) trees used to be dominant in many areas now dominated by ash trees before elm populations were reduced by Dutch elm disease (DED). DED-tolerant American elm trees could be a good planting option for areas where ash is currently being impacted by emerald ash borer. We have a small plantation of elms in various stages of testing for DED tolerance. Several genotypes have been shown to tolerate DED, and a large portion of the progeny from crosses among these trees are DED-tolerant as well. We are currently testing the potential of seedlings from DED-tolerant crosses to be used for restoration plantings. It is our hope that large, stately American elm trees will someday grace our floodplain and swamp forests once again.

We need more DED-tolerant genotypes of American elm to use as parent trees for our plantation in order to have enough genetic diversity to use it as a seed orchard for large-scale plantings. **We are looking for healthy American elm trees larger than 24 inches DBH (diameter at breast height) that are growing in areas that have had DED and that have not been treated with fungicides to prevent DED. If you see a survivor elm that fits this description, please enter its location and DBH at our website:**

http://nrs.fs.fed.us/disturbance/invasive_species/ded/survivor_elms/

We will compile these entries in a database, prioritize the elms for sampling, contact land owners, and then collect small branches from the trees to propagate and test them for DED-tolerance. Please forward to anyone who knows how to identify elm trees and might have interest in this project. Thank you for your help!

Kathleen

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MARKETING FORESTRY

Marketing forestry to the public is a role every members of the society should embrace. ISAF at its winter meeting discussed who will be the next generation of professional forester. To help the membership, ISAF developed a brochure that explains careers in forestry for high school students. They are available to member to distribute to local high schools, youth organizations, and anyone interested in becoming a forester.

The Communications committee also developed a small display that promotes the role of professional foresters for the private woodland owner. This tail gate size display is designed to be utilized for field days. A brochure was developed that discusses the importance a professional forester will provide in management decision.

ISAF will be reprinting our Trees of Indiana bandanna and have them available to the membership. The cost is \$3.25 each. They are an excellent gift, perhaps to a future forester and business card for ISAF since they include our web page address.

If you are interested in any of these items, please contact me at hussl@bloomington.in.gov.

Lee Huss

ISAF Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Winter Meeting 2011

Old Business

Indiana Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee by Brian Gandy—Is made up of several organizations. ave come up with 6 Action Steps and are trying to increase economic incentives. Overall the group is moving forward but will take some time. Are a little afraid subcommittees won't follow through.

Marion County Ordinance by Mike Saunders—Have been working on the ordinance but it is about as bad as it was before. Was put in place to balance development and protect the remaining forests in the county. Residents are exempt in forest is in Classified Forest Program or at least 3 acres. Lindsey Purcell is guiding the group. Send any concerns to him.

By-law revision by Brian Gandy—If ISAF decides to start voting electronically. Will need to revise by-laws. ISAF will no longer need a Teller with electronic voting. It has not been formally approved yet.

Wooden nickels and bandannas by Teena Ligman—The bandannas are gone. Both items were a huge hit at National FFA Convention and several other events. We are now out of bandannas. Still have plenty of nickels. Would like to print at least 1000 more. Are \$3/ea. Still have money from last year to spend. Mike Saunders motioned to spend up to \$7500 as long as there is a significant price break (3000 bandannas). Second by Dale Weigel. Motion approved. Also discussed putting an order form on website. Would like to have one framed for National Convention.

New Business

INCA by Brian Gandy—Indiana Conservation Alliance consists of 25-30 organizations. ISAF is a member of INCA. Brian has represented the group for the past 3 years. The group has 5 priorities: Indiana Heritage Trust, Clean Water Indiana, Property Assessment-Clean Energy, Phosphorous out of fertilizer, and dedicated funding. Brian Gandy has volunteered to be a permanent representative for ISAF along with one rotating representative, usually Chair-Elect. Ron Rathfon motioned to accept Brian's proposal. Second by Jayson Waterman. Motion approved.

HSD by Mike Saunders—His main concern is to make National Convention more accessible. Is too expensive for many people to attend. Are working on changes.

Leadership Academy by Mike Saunders—Will be held July 15-17 in Carbondale, IL. Looking to send 8-10 people from the district. Looking for someone to go. If anyone would like to go, please contact Mike.

Forestry Video by Donna Rogler—WFYI does a ½ hour show called Indiana Expeditions. Since this is the International Year of the Forest they would like to possibly do 2 – ½ hour shows. She wants it to include things like forest management, fire, possibly conclave. Purdue is going to donate video. WFYI will also have educational information on website and will donate a DVD of the program to every school in the state. Donna wants to know if ISAF will contribute to the project. Need to come up with \$25,000. ISAF will be included as a partner. Bill Minter motioned to give \$4500 to the project. Seconded by Dale Weigel. Motion amended by Dale Weigel to increase amount to \$5000. Seconded by Janet Eger. Motion approved.

Conclave by Mike Sauders—Conclave will be held on April 9th at Purdue University. They are still looking for donations and volunteers. You

can sign up to volunteer online. ISAF budgeted \$1300 for Conclave in 2010.

Nominations Chair by Mike Saunders—Ron Rathfon would like to step down as Nominations Chair. Please contact Mike with any suggestions.

Committee Reports

Treasurer – Scott Reckelhoff—Handed out copies of Checkbook Balance Sheet for 2010 and Proposed Budget for 2011. Expect to about break even in 2011. Current checkbook balance of \$9761.27. Dale Weigel motioned to accept proposed budget and accept Treasurer's Report. Jayson Waterman seconded. Motions approved.

Investment – Dale Weigel—The stock market had a positive year. We had a 16% gain on the endowment fund. There is currently \$8000 to disperse. It was dispersed between the WFYI project and the bandannas.

Audit – Jayson Waterman—Jayson met with Scott in January to go over Treasurer's books. All of the books are clean. Scott is doing a great job.

Teller – Jayson Waterman—Jayson met with Brian Gandy to count election ballots. Donna Rogler is now Chair-Elect and Barb Wilhoit Secretary.

Newsletter – Janet Eger—The deadline for the next Newsletter is March 15th.

History/Archives – Brad Rody—Is currently going through everything to see what is still missing. Is still collecting anything anyone has.

Fundraising – Brian Gandy—Is still trying to get TSI project completed. The first scheduled TSI day it snowed and only 2 people showed up. The second time was cancelled due to the ice storm. Is re-scheduled for March 15th. The woods is located in Cedar Grove in Franklin County. Really hoping to get more than 2 people there and get the project done in one day.

Communications – Teena Ligman—The website is currently down and has been for 2 – 3 weeks. Canvas Dreams is supposed to be doing the website for free. Are working to get it going again. ISAF has 2 displays. Knows where one is but looking for second. Believe Sam Bond has it. Would like to have them both at next meeting so everyone can see what they look like.

Science/Technology – Jack Seifert—No report

Membership – John Stambaugh—We currently have 150 members. Dues are going to increase to \$153 in 2012.

Forester's Fund – Darrell Breedlove—We made \$110 at the last meeting, \$250 for the year. Are going to have a silent auction tonight as well as a Stump-hole tournament.

Education—Events are listed on the Executive Committee Meeting agenda
Continuing Forestry Education—No report

Policy – Bill Minter—In the process of reviewing policies.

Awards – Lee Huss—There were no Fellow nominations or DC&MS award nominations this year. Would like to get a list of people who have already received these awards. Would like to list Fellows on website.

Nominations—Ron Rathfon would like to step down as Chair so we need to find a new committee.

Purdue Student Chapter – Mike Saunders—The students are busy with Conclave. Six students went to National Convention. They had a good time. They did ok in the quiz bowl.

Jayson Waterman motioned to approve minutes of 09/01/10 meeting. Seconded by Brad Rody. Motion approved.



Indiana SAF Membership

Winter Meeting 2011

By the numbers

INSAF currently (Jan 2011) has 150 members. 131 + 19 students

Membership committee action

- Membership plans to include a brief bio on new, transferred, and reinstated members in the *Indiana Forester* each issue. This started in the last issue.

- Welcome letter

Some benefits of Membership

- Free online access to all 5 SAF journals
- E-forester
- *JoF* in hard copy
- Website: application form, job postings, archives, SAF and CF members can view CFE records starting March 1

FYI

- A dues increase goes into effect in 2012 (last increase was over 10 years ago) Members will pay: \$153 Students: \$40 Retired: \$121

Meeting began at 3:40.

Old Business by Mike Saunders

Forest Stewardship Council was discussed by Brian Gandy. He has represented ISAF the last three years. Has volunteered to be permanent representative along with one rotating representative, usually ISAF Chair-elect. Ron Rathfon motioned to accept Brian's proposal. Seconded by Jayson Waterman. Motion approved.

Discussed revision of by-laws to allow electronic voting. The Teller Chair will become obsolete. Will have re-written position statements for summer meeting.

Discussed wooden nickels and bandannas. We still have plenty nickels. The bandannas are gone. They were given out at many events including National FFA convention where they were a big hit. Want to print at least 1000 more. Motion by Mike Saunders to spend up to \$7500 on more bandannas as long as there is a significant price break (3000 bandannas). Seconded by Dale Weigel. Motion approved. Want to re-print by summer meeting. Also would like to put order form on web-site.

Discussed Marion County Ordinance. They are trying to balance development and protect the remaining forest. They still have quite a bit of work to do. If you have any questions, contact Mike Saunders or Brian Gandy.

New Business by Mike Saunders

Brian Gandy discussed INCA, Indiana Conservation Alliance. Great opportunity to meet Legislators. Anyone can go if interested.

Donna Rogler discussed Forestry TV program by WFYI. This is International Year of the Forest. WFYI would like to do 2- ½ segments on forestry in Indiana. They need \$25,000 to produce program. ISAF will donate \$5000 for program. It was approved by the Executive Committee. WFYI will also have forestry activities on their website and will send DVDs of the program to every school in the state. Brian Gandy motioned for ISAF to support this program. Seconded by Lenny Farlee. Motion approved.

Conclave will be hosted by Purdue on April 9th. It will be televised by ESPN/ESPNU in the fall. They are still looking for donations and volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Mike Saunders.

Treasurer's Report – Scott Reckelhoff - Both the Balance Sheet for 2010 and the proposed budget for 2011 are in the newsletter. Details of both were briefly discussed. Dale Weigel motioned to accept Treasurer's Report and proposed budget. Jayson Waterman seconded. Motions approved.

Investments – Dale Weigel – The stock market had a positive year so we had a 16% return. There is \$8000 available but all has been dispersed. Decided to give \$5000 for PBS forestry show and rest to purchasing more bandannas.

Audit – Jayson Waterman – Met with Scott in January. Went through all of the Treasurers books and all books are clean.

Tellers – Jayson Waterman and Brian Gandy – Met and counted election votes. Donna Rogler is new Chair Elect and Barb Wilhoit Secretary.

- SAF has a monthly payment plan for dues
- You get \$10 off your dues for each new member recruited. Tell candidates to go online to download an application form.

Woodland Steward Institute

Recently voted to admit IASWCD (Indiana Assoc. of SWCDs) as a full voting member

Still publishing about 33,000 copies per issue

Website has been recently updated

Can view the issues in color on the website

Go to the website if you want an e-subscription instead

Have ample supply of material to publish, but INSAF can submit article at any time for eventual printing. Check with us before submitting time sensitive articles.

We are on track to have enough funding this year for 3 issues.

Member organizations contributions are due.

–John Stambaugh, Membership Chair

Newsletter- Janet Eger – Reports the deadline for the next newsletter is March 15th. Also anytime you are out at a meeting or a forestry event, please take pictures and send them to Janet.

History/Archives – Brad Rody – If anyone has any historical handouts and/or pictures please send them to Brad. He is trying to get a hardcopy of everything he can. He is going to put together a list of everything that is missing.

Fundraising – Brian Gandy – Is going to try for the third time to get TSI finished at Cedar Grove. The first time only 2 people showed up due to snow, second time was cancelled due to weather. Trying to get as many people there as possible to finish it this time. The date for TSI day is March 15th.

Communications – Teena Ligman - The website is currently out but is working on getting it fixed.

Science/Technology – Jack Seifert - Discussed IDEMs approval of new rules for outdoor furnaces. The Biomass Report is being finalized and FIA data is ready to be reviewed.

Membership – John Stambaugh – There is 150 ISAF members as of January 1st. Would like to get bios on new members. SAF dues are going to increase in 2012. They will increase to \$153/year. They are going to start offering a 6 month payment plan. He also stated that all 5 journals that SAF offers can be found online for no charge.

Forester's Fund – Darrell Breedlove – We made \$250 last year, \$110 of it during the summer meeting between the silent auction and the Stump Hole tournament. There is a silent auction running now and will end at 7:30.

Education – Ron Rathfon & Lenny Farlee – Some of the upcoming events include TCD Meeting (March 31 @ Wright Center, Purdue), Ohio River Valley Woodland and Wildlife Workshop (March 26, General Butler State Park, Carrollton, KY), and are planning a field day at Martell Forest in late summer/fall.

CFE- Carl Hauser- Send agendas to Carl Hauser to get credits assigned to the meetings. Make sure you sign sign-in sheets to get CFE credits.

Policy – Bill Minter- Reviewed policy statements for Forest Stewardship. Didn't see any issues but may need to re-review later.

Awards – Lee Huss – Is currently looking for SAF Fellow candidates and Service Award candidates. Please e-mail Lee Huss, Janet Eger, or Mike Saunders if you have already received either of these awards. Also, Lee has a box of World of Forestry Career pamphlets. Please see him if you would like to take some.

Nominations – Ron Rathfon – Would like to step down as Nominations Chair. Rob McGriff motioned to nominate Eric Summerfield. Ron Rathfon seconded. Motion approved.

Purdue Student Chapter – Alex Meyer – Report was given by Mike Saunders. Six students attended the National Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico. They lost in the second round of the Quiz Bowl. They probably will not send anyone to Hawaii. It just depends on how Conclave goes.



TSI field Day



ISAF TSI field Day



Mike Saunders, ISAF Chair



ISAF Winter Meeting – Jasper



ISAF Meeting – Jasper



Dr. Bill Hoover, speaker



Dr. Ralph Johnson, speaker



Panel at ISAF Meeting, Jasper



Break Time, ISAF Meeting – Jasper



Dr. Carl Mize, speaker



Audience Listens to Panel Members



ISAF Winter Meeting – Jasper



Mike Saunders leads ISAF business meeting



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WEB CHANGES

If you are having trouble accessing the Indiana SAF webpage, try:
<http://www.indianasaf.net/index.html>.
 I'm working on getting the indianasaf.org address working again, but in the meantime the same website can be accessed at this alternate URL. Sorry for the inconvenience. The powerpoint presentations from the last conference are going up soon.

Teena Ligman

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