

SAF Newsletter

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National Election Results

Beuter Elected SAF Vice-President

John H. Beuter, CF, of Corvallis, Oregon, has been elected vice-president of the Society of American Foresters. After serving SAF as vice-president in 2003, Beuter will assume the SAF presidency—the organization’s top volunteer leadership position—on January 1, 2004. The 2002 SAF elections also resulted in the election of four new representatives on the SAF Council. The candidates will take office January 1, 2003. In addition, forty-one SAF members were elected SAF Fellow, the highest honor that can be bestowed on an SAF member.

The National Tellers Committee verified and certified the results of the 2002 national election as follows:

Vice-President, John H. Beuter, CF, Corvallis, Oregon
Council member, District I: Ann Forest Burns, Seattle, Washington
Council member, District IV: Marlin Johnson, CF, Albuquerque, New Mexico
Council member, District VII: Mike Lester, CF, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania
Council member, District X: Emmett Thompson, Auburn, Alabama

For more information about the elections, see the December issue of *The Forestry Source*, the January/February issue of the *Journal of Forestry*, or visit the SAF website at www.safnet.org/policy/11_02electionPR.htm.

Three IMSAF Members Elected Fellows

Forty-one SAF members were elected SAF Fellow, the highest honor that can be bestowed on an SAF member. Fellows are SAF professional members who have been identified by their peers as having rendered outstanding service to forestry and the Society. IMSAF members voted Fellows include:

Rod Brevig, Snake River Chapter
Walt Rogers, Snake River Chapter
Doug Page, Utah Chapter

2002 House of Society Delegates Meeting

The HSD 2002 meeting was held October 4-5 at the SAF Convention. Agenda items were developed through the convener system, as well as solicited by the Delegates prior to the meeting.

The following recommendations were made to Council:

- Form a committee of Leadership Academy alumni to determine a way to try to finance the 2003 Leadership Academy before the next Council meeting in early December. If this cannot be accomplished by December, the committee will work towards financing the Leadership Academy in 2004 and beyond.
- Approved the use of any 2002 HSD budget surplus as seed money for the Leadership Academy.
- Set the 2003 HSD budget at a limit of \$7,000 plus the CPI index.
- Established a committee to propose amendments to the HSD Charter to clarify the eligibility requirements for HSD officers and delegates, and to incorporate provisions for the convener system. Proposed amendments would be considered at the 2003 HSD meeting.
- Recognizing that Federal employees are generally prohibited from serving in an official capacity as an officer or member of any board of any non-federal organization, and that this has had effects on SAF membership and SAF member participation, that SAF should take up this issue and decide upon appropriate action.
- That SAF (national and local) embark on a back to basics forestry campaign, that a small team develop a narrowly focused communications plan identifying key messages, audiences and cost effective tools, and that SAF (national and local) commit to aggressively implementing this communications plan with our respective constituents/stakeholders.
- That a position statement on fuels treatment be developed.
- That the requirements for becoming a Certified Forester be modified so that they conform to the requirements for becoming a professional SAF member.

Elections for 2003 HSD Officers were held, and Gary Schneider, Kentucky/Tennessee Society, was elected Chair, and Bruce Cox, Minnesota Society, was elected Vice Chair.

SAF Positioned for Membership Growth in 2002

For the first time since 1996, SAF could see membership growth at year's end. Current statistics show that we are currently 129 members behind where we were on October 31. What does this mean? It means that everyone needs to put an extra effort into recruitment between now and December 31.

Recruit for your school or alma mater. This year's Humboldt Challenge again offers \$3500 to the school that recruits the most new members.

Recruit for yourself. For every new regular member or two new student members you recruit before December 2002, you get a \$5 SAF gift certificate.

Recruit for your colleagues. You and the new members you recruit will receive an SAF coupon book filled with discounts for products and services from SAF and other forestry suppliers and organizations. This coupon book can save you hundreds of dollars!

Membership applications are available at www.safnet.org/who/join.htm. Be sure to include your name and membership ID # on the "recruiter" line of each membership application you distribute. If your

application doesn't include an option for recruiter, simply write the word "recruiter" on the application and include your name and membership ID#.

For more information, contact Carol McKernon, SAF's membership services coordinator, at (301) 897-8720, ext. 108, or email your request to mckernoc@safnet.org. To receive an application via fax, call (301) 897-8720, ext. 160 and request Document #101.

SAF To Tour Finland/Estonia In 2003

The 2003 SAF International Study Tour will visit Finland and Estonia May 31 to June 12. The tour will start in Helsinki and visit the University of Helsinki then go to Joensuu to visit the European Forestry Institute, industrial and nonindustrial private forests, a Stora Enso manufacturing complex, and the Timberjack manufacturing plant. In Estonia, we will spend a weekend in a national park, visit one of the country's newest sawmills and the Estonian Agricultural University forestry school, and spend a day at the Jarvselja Forestry Experimental and Training Center. In addition to forestry, there will be plenty of interesting sightseeing, and a post-tour extension of St. Petersburg Russia is offered.

For an information and booking brochure or online information, contact Dick Reid, 11627 E. Boone Drive, Indianapolis, IN, 46229, (317) 894-0138, or email reidconsulting@aol.com.

SAF Cosponsors Fourth Annual North American Forest Ecology Workshop

SAF is cosponsoring the Fourth Annual North American Forest Ecology Workshop to be held June 16–20, 2003, at Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon. The aim of the workshop is to bring researchers, academicians and managers together to foster dialog and discussion of current issues related to basic and applied research in forested ecosystems of North America.

Certified Forester® (CF) Without Exam

The Society of American Foresters is enhancing the Certified Forester® program by instituting an examination component. Beginning January 1, 2003, all foresters wishing to become certified under the CF program will need to pass an exam. Thus, if you want to become a SAF Certified Forester® without taking an exam, apply now. For additional information, or to obtain a CF application, please visit the SAF website www.safnet.org/certified/cfprogram.htm or contact Pat Cillay, cillayp@safnet.org or (301) 897-8720 x 122.

SAF Announces Online Store

Just in time for the holidays, SAF has introduced a new online store complete with a "shopping cart" to facilitate online purchases. Members need only to log in with their SAF user name and password to take advantage of member discounts. (If you cannot remember your user name and password, instructions are posted when you go to sign in). The store can be found at <http://store.safnet.org>

Special offer: Free shipping on online orders of more than \$100 placed before December 31, 2002! That's a savings of \$18 or more. (Order must total more than \$100 after any coupons or gift certificates are deducted.)

SAF 2003 National Convention: Have You Answered the Call?

The 2003 SAF National Convention, “Forest Science in Practice,” will be held in Buffalo, New York, October 25-29, and featured three days of concurrent sessions offering opportunities for more than 100 panel presentations. Yours could be one of them! The deadline for proposals is January 15, 2003.

For information about the review criteria, formats, and other details, go to the SAF website at www.safnet.org/calendar/conv2003/2003call.htm or contact Terry Clark, CF, science manager, Society of American Foresters, at clarkt@safnet.org or call (301) 897-8720 ext. 123.

Nominate a Colleague for a National Award

SAF is accepting nominations for the 2003 national awards. Each year the Society recognizes outstanding professionals for their achievement in the profession. Detailed information on each award is available at www.safnet.org/who/nationalawards.html. The deadline for national award submissions is February 28, 2003.

Further Your Career By Finding a Mentor

If you are a forestry student or new professional, you can learn more about a specific area of interest, define your career path, and discover how skills are applied in a specific field through SAF’s Online Mentoring Program. If you’re looking for a mentor or interested in becoming one, visit the “What’s New” section of the Member’s Only area on the SAF website at <http://64.78.50.23/members/mentorprog.cfm>

Tells Us About Your SAF Unit’s Activities

Tell us about an outstanding event, program, or project being conducted by your state society, division, or chapter. We’ll consider featuring that event or project in the “Society Affairs” department of SAF’s newspaper, *The Forestry Source*. By sharing information about your good work, you’ll inspire others to conduct similar projects. Please forward timely articles, notices, tips, press releases, or story ideas (with photos, if possible) to source@safnet.org.

For information about submitting to *The Forestry Source* visit the SAF website at www.safnet.org/pubs/forestrysource/edpolicy.htm

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