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Jake Metzler

Gerard Milne

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James W. Toumey Outstanding Service Award

The James W. Toumey Award is given for outstanding achievement in service to the New England Society of American Foresters. Toumey was one of the founding fathers of the New England Section in 1920, author of ***Seeding and Planting*** *and* ***Foundations of Silviculture****, one of the first two regular staff members at the Yale School of Forestry. Henry S. Graves noted in a memoriam* ***"Almost at once he took a prominent place in the forestry movement and throughout his career was in the foremost ranks of the leaders of the profession.***

Jake currently serves as the Vice President of Stewardship and Conservation for the Forest Society of Maine (FSM), where he has been employed in various roles since 2004. In his current role he provides oversight of staff and projects to meet objectives regarding completion and stewardship. This includes negotiation, budgeting, fundraising support, forest analysis, community interactions, and special project management. He is an alumnus of the University of Maine, receiving a B.S. in forestry in 2000 and then a M.S. in Forestry in 2004 with a thesis focus on remote sensing applications.

His participation in SAF activities began in 2006, when he served as a Member-at-Large on the Maine Division Executive Committee, and then the following 3 years as chair elect, chair, and past chair. In 2009, he volunteered to be co-chair of the program committee for NESAF Annual Meeting hosted by Maine. In 2019, he again volunteered to fill the empty NESAF Chair Elect position, then becoming Chair in 2020 when NESAF hosted the National Convention. While Chair-Elect, he led the effort to re-write the NESAF Operations Manual and provided guidance on a rewrite of the NESAF Bylaws. The nomination letter recognizes Jake for his ability to keep NESAF organized and on track during the COVID chaos, when the National Convention converted from in-person to virtual. Returning to the Maine Division, Jake now serves as Secretary/Treasurer, and was the Planning Committee Treasurer for the 2022 NESAF Annual Meeting, hosted by Maine. Jake, like others who have received this award, rarely says "No," when asked to volunteer or help at some SAF function.

A letter of endorsement states, "I recall that Jake stepped forward to be NESAF Chair Elect during a time when we were struggling to secure volunteers for leadership positions, and I appreciated his willingness to serve in this role. Jake has a cool head which serves him well in leadership positions, but he is also a model worker – he gets things done." A second endorsement states, "Over the past 17+ years, Jake has gained an abundance of institutional knowledge of MESAF and NESAF by undertaking hours and hours of research and review, as well as through his own experience. His willingness to share the knowledge he has gained is a true gift."

Jake received the Mollie Beattie Young Forester Leadership Award in 2010 and attend the National SAF Leadership Academy in 2006. He has served on the Town of Winterport's Conservation Committee, the Maine GeoLibrary Board, and the Maine Forest and Logging Museum Board as a Director and Secretary. In addition, he is a Maine Licensed Forester since 2015 and a SAF Certified Forester since 2010.

James W. Toumey Award Recipients

1989 – James Wilkinson, Jr.	1990 – Fred B. Knight	1991 – A. Bradford Wyman
1992 –	1993 – David B. Kittredge	1994 – Max McCormack, Jr.
1995 – Russell S. Reay	1996 – Gary F. Salmon	1997 – James B. Cullen
1998 – Joseph C. Mawson	1999 – Philip Bryce	2000 –
2001 –	2002 – Fred Borman III	2003 – Robert M. Ricard
2004 – Ingeborg V. Seaboyer	2005 – Kenneth M. Laustsen	2006 –
2007 – Raymond J. Toolan	2008 – Ronald C. Lemin, Jr.	2009 – George F. Frame
2010 – Lawrence Rousseau	2011 – Pete Howland	2012 – Janice Mulherin
2013 -	2014 – Harold Cook	2015 –
2016 – Susan Francher	2017 -	2018 – Carol Redelsheimer
2019 – Tim Fleury	2020 – Kris Hoffmann	2021 – Lloyd C. Irland
2022 -		

Gerard (Jerry) Milne

Austin Cary Practicing Professional Award

The Austin Cary Award recognizes New England SAF members who have shown exceptional achievement as practicing forest managers. Austin Cary (1865–1936) graduated from Bowdoin College and introduced northern landowners to forest sampling, growth estimation, and simple silvicultural techniques. Cary's Woodsman's Manual, written in 1909, continued to be used as a textbook until the 1960's.

Jerry is a 1979 graduate of SUNY ESF, and after college worked at a variety of positions including being a member of a USDA FIA measurement crew in NY and ME and as a Wetland Service Forester in MD. Late in 1981he began a long and successful career in the CT Dept. of Environmental Protection, starting as the service forester for New Haven and Fairfield counties. In 1995 under a reorganization, he became a full-time state lands forester. He currently holds license #7 as a CT Certified Forester. In addition, Jerry serves on the Plymouth Land Trust Board, previously served on the CT Maple Producers Board, and is active in the CT Christmas Tree Growers Assoc. Within SAF, he has served as the Yankee Division Chair and Secretary/Treasurer of the CT Chapter.

The nomination letter states, "Beyond creating aesthetically pleasing forests, he has that knack for understanding how his forests respond to management prescriptions. I say aesthetically pleasing because I have led hikes through his forests and participants had no idea they were in a managed stand until the stumps and new regeneration were pointed out." Jerry was tapped by Audubon Connecticut to contribute to their "Managing Forests for Trees and Birds in Connecticut" because of his expertise in forest management. This is CT's extension of Vermont's Foresters for the Birds and has been crucial for our engagement with the public and government officials push back against the myopic vision of "proforestation" activists that sought to shut down professional forest multiple use management.

"Jerry is tasked with work to address immediate or large-scale forestry issues that arise within districts. These range from protecting state boundaries from encroachment to landscape level forest health threats. He has worked as a liaison with other units, agencies, consultants, as well as public and state officials regarding forestry policies and practices. More specifically, Jerry has developed a field tour at Naugatuck State Forest, that the Division of Forestry has used repeatedly to showcase active forest management accomplished over the last 30 years across four different stands and how this relates to current forestry issues, including forest carbon and global warming," as stated in an endorsement letter. He has honed his forestry skills in managing 18,000 acres of state forestlands, administered over 100 timber sales, and schedules and completes invasive species control projects annually.

"As a forester for the Aquarion Water Company, I have the privilege of co-managing Centennial Watershed State Forest with Jerry and DEEP staff. Though we work for two different entities,… we must navigate a complicated and unique management agreement, signed in 2002, which requires our cooperation. As a result, much of what we do today at Aquarion is shaped by the advice and experience he provides. The legacy of the work he helped to do is obvious all over the woods as well, including a 50-acre pre-salvage where a new cohort of diverse tree regeneration has replaced a thicket of 6-foot-tall Japanese barberry. Jerry is a major component, helping to push these projects to completion. Lastly, he approaches each day with incredible enthusiasm that makes it easier to tackle the tougher tasks our jobs require."

Austin Cary Award Recipients

1989 – Lynn Levine	1990 – Stephen Orach	1991 – William H. Rivers
1992 – Paul Memmer	1993 – Charles Gadzik	1994 – Don & Nina Huffer
1995 – John McNulty	1996 – Bruce Spencer	1997 – D. Jensen Bissell
1998 – Charles Moreno	1999 – Fred A. Huntress	2000 – Michael Bartlett
2001 – Anne Marie Kittredge	2002 – Joel B. Bronson	2003 – Glenn Freden
2004 – Leland H. Sanders	2005 – Anthony Filauro	2006 – Geoffrey T. Jones
2007 – George F. Ritz	2008 – Si Balch	2009 – Kevin Evans
2010 – John A. O'Brien	2011 – Carol L. Redelsheimer	2012 – Stephen C. Coleman
2013 – Ronald Klemarczyk	2014 – Douglass "Bill" Mahan	2015 – Brooks McCandlish
2016 – Tom Hahn	2017 – Kirby Ellis	2018 – Elizabeth (Betsy) Lesnikoski
2019 –	2020 – Barrie Brusila	2021 –
2022 – Peter Farrell	2023 – Jeremy Turner	

Emma M. Sass

Mollie H. Beattie Young Forester Leadership Award

The Mollie H. Beattie Young Forester Leadership Award is presented to a member of NESAF less than 40 years old who has shown leadership in a program or project benefiting the practice of forestry. Beattie was Vermont Commissioner of Forests, Parks, and Recreation, Deputy Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources, and ultimately became Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Beattie was active in SAF. She co-authored ***Working with Your Woodland****; she is remembered for her tireless devotion to conservation, integrity, and quiet courage.*

Some of Emma's research has focused on underrepresented landowners and she has also pursued this interest in more applied realms. Specifically, she has helped to facilitate a "women in the woods" affinity group and associated events. "Emma is smart, critical, and very interested in helping to conserve forests and increase equity," as mentioned in the nomination letter.

Emma currently is a Research Fellow at UMASS Dept. of Environmental Conservation/USDA Forest Service's Family Forest Research Center (FFRC). Her primary interests are forest management and conservation and how to identify influences in our relationship to forests. This work focuses on the implementation and analysis of the National Woodland owners Survey (NWOS) and other interests in research on how landowners in the eastern and central USA feel about oak forests and their management as part of the American Forest Foundation's White Oak initiative. Emma received a B.S. from Tufts in Biology and Environmental Studies and a M.S. from UVM in Natural Resources with a concentration in Forest Science.

"She is a natural leader, who has advanced our conversations of the recognition of women woodland owners and foresters and our appreciation for the challenges and opportunities associated with the conservation and stewardship of family forest lands. She is an incredibly talented, dynamic, and highly intelligent person who can quickly step into a challenging place and start contributing to solutions. The leadership roles she has taken, and their resultant impacts epitomize the contributions to our profession the Mollie Beattie Award is intended to recognize," as commented in an endorsement letter.

In another endorsement letter, "The 2024 NESAF Annual Meeting theme is, *"Managing for Complex Relationships in the Forest and with Each Other."* Achieving this lofty goal will take a generation of foresters who are equally adept at applying ecological principles as they are navigating dynamic social systems of diverse stakeholder interests, family forest owners who dominate our landscapes, and, thankfully, changing attitudes towards diversity in our profession. Emma Sass is a model of the new generation of forester that will advance and evolve our profession to meet the needs of our forests and our society."

My personal connect with Emma has been through the New England-based Women Foresters Collaborative (WFC). The WFC is an informal group of forestry professionals that is self-defined and governed. We rely on personal initiative to power our website, plan our meetings, and communicate with interested natural resource professionals. "Emma's personal attributes are that of a leader. She is competent, contributing to our understanding of private woodlot owners, and increasing our effectiveness working with them. She is emphatic, listening, analyzing information and various perspectives, and suggesting creative solutions. Though humble, she has a presence, empowering our team to be successful."

Mollie H. Beattie Young Forester Leadership Award Recipients

1989 – Charles Levesque	1990 – David Kittredge, Jr.	1991 – Charles Niebling
1992 – Anne Marie Loud	1993 – Alan Calfee	1994 – Carrie Tripp
1995 – Carol Redelsheimer	1996 – Robert Ricard	1997 – Patrick D. Hackley
1998 –	1999 – Kevin Evans	2000 – Sara Packer
2001 – Cynthia S. Wood	2002 – Tom O'Shea	2003 – David Irvin
2004 –	2005 – Amanda Farrar	2006 – Laura Kenefic
2007 – Ben Machin	2008 –	2009 – Margaret Machinist
2010 – Jacob W. Metzler & Spencer R. Meyer		2011 – Brad W. Simpkins
2012 – Joseph (J.P.) Barsky	2013 – Jessica Leahy & William Van Doren	
2014 – Andrew Fast	2015 – Kathryn T. Manende	2016 – Wendy Weisiger
2017 – Anthony (Tony) D'Amato	2018 – Eric Hansen	2019 – Kyle Burdick
2020 – Amanda Mahaffey	2021 – Nicole S. Rogers	2022 –
2023 – Joseph Orefice		

Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award is the highest award given by the New England SAF, recognizing professional achievement in forestry, irrespective of age or tenure, by a New England SAF member.

Distinguished Service Award Recipients

1966 – Phillip Coolidge
1967 – George Garratt
1968 – Gerald S. Wheeler
1969 – David M. Smith
1970 – Austin Wilkins
1971 – John Noyes
1972 – Albert Nutting
1973 – Robert Dinneen
1974 – Arthur Heitman
1975 – Herschel Abbott
1976 – Morris Wing
1977 – Theodore Natti
1978 – James Wilkinson
1979 – Ernest Gould
1980 – Max McCormack, Jr.
1981 – Raymond Foulds
1982 – Howard Mason
1983 – Philip Rich
1984 – Michael Sikora
1985 – Gibb Dodge
1986 –
1987 – Clifford Swenson
1988 – Peter Hannah
1989 – Lester A. DeCoster
1990 – Robert B. Fiske
1991 – Fred B. Knight
1992 – Thomas F. Quink
1993 – David M. Smith (1969)
1994 – Robert S. Bond
1995 – John E. Hibbard
1996 – Edgar P. Wyman
1997 – Lloyd C. Irland
1998 – William B. Leak
1999 – Richard F. Watt
2000 – George R. Stephens
2001 – Leo C. Laferriere
2002 –
2003 – Ernest B. Harvey, III
2004 – Jane Difley
2005 – Hans Bergey
2006 – David B. Field
2007 – Robert J. Berti
2008 –
2009 – Robert Lee Edmonds
2010 –
2011 – John A. O'Brien
2012 – George F. Frame
2013 – Joan Nichols
2014 – Kenneth M. Laustsen
2015 – Michael H. Dann
2016 – Philip Bryce
2017 – Everett L. Towle
2018 – Ronald C. Lemin, Jr.
2019 – Si Balch
2020 – Karen Bennett
2021 – John W. McNulty
2022 – Brad W. Simpkins

Ernest M. Gould Jr. Technology Transfer Award

The Ernest M. Gould Jr. Technology Transfer Award is given for outstanding contributions to natural resource science and management through education, extension, or youth service. Gould achieved wide acclaim for his expertise in analyzing and resolving forest resource policy issues while on the faculty of Harvard University. He was a graduate of the University of New Hampshire.

Ernest M. Gould Jr. Award Recipients

1989 – Stephen Broderick
1990 – Stanley Knowles
1991 – Christina Petersen
1992 – William B. Leak
1993 – Christopher Murdock
1994 – Thomas J. McEvoy
1995 – Ancyl Thurston
1996 – Virginia Barlow
1997 – Donald W. Quigley
1998 – Phil Auger
1999 – David Kittredge, Jr.
2000 – Elizabeth Postlewaite
2001 – Marc J. Tremblay
2002 – Richard Weyrick
2003 – Karen P. Bennett
2004 – Jeffrey S. Ward
2005 – Phil Auger (1998)
2006 – Michael C. Snyder
2007 – Mariko Yamasaki
2008 –
2009 – Northam (Nory) Parr
2010 – Susan M. Aygarn
2011 – Christopher F. Modisette
2012 – William H. Livingston
2013 -
2014 -
2015 – Mark Twery
2016 – Matthew C. Chagnon
2017 – Jessica Leahy
2018 – Thomas E. Worthley
2019 – Laura S. Kenefic
2020 – Paul Catanzaro
2021 –
2022 -
2023 – Tony D'Amato

David M. Smith Award

The David M. Smith award recognizes a New England SAF member engaged in research, teaching, or the field application of silviculture, whose work reflects Dave's advice that ***"we should observe and analyze the patterns of stand development first, and devise silvicultural treatments to fit or modify them afterwards."***

David M. Smith Award Recipients

2011 – William B. Leak	2012 – Bob Frank	2013 –
2014 -	2015 – Robert S. Seymour	2016 – Mariko Yamasaki
2017 -	2018 – Kevin Evans	2019 – Mark S. Ashton
2020 – Laura Kenefic	2021 –	2022 – Stephen Eisenhaure
2023 – Jeff Ward		

Integrity in Conservation Award

The Integrity in Conservation Award recognizes an individual or organization working with natural resources who demonstrates adherence to principles and high standards in the face of adversity.

Integrity in Conservation Award Recipients

1998–Max McCormack, Jr.	1999–Roger Milliken, Jr.	2000–
2001–	2002–George Darey	2003–Leo C. Laferriere
2004-David Houghton	2005–Edward Griffith	2006–*Northern Woodlands*
2007–Richard Carbonetti, Peter Condaxis, William Samal, and Jonathan Wood		
2008–Maine Department of Conservation, Baxter State Park Authority, and Trust for Public Land, Maine Office		
2009–John M. Hagan, III	2010–Employees of the White Mountain National Forrest	
2011–Karen P. Bennett	2012-	2013–
2014–Thomas J. Rawinski	2015-Steven H. Swatling	2016 – Jason Stock
2017 – Will Staats	2018 – Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests	
2019 – Robert T. Pershel	2020 – Steven K. Pelletier	2021 – Ralph Nyland
2022 – R. Alec Giffen		

SAF Fellows

Listing of current NESAF members (Year Elected, Name)

Current Fellow criteria require both of the following: 1) A strong commitment through direct SAF volunteer activities, and 2) exemplary action, sustained leadership, and advancement of the forestry profession in at least one of the following areas: a) application of forestry, b) education, c) public policy, d) research, or e) technology transfer. Both criteria need to be typically demonstrated and performed at two or more levels (local, state, regional, national, or international).

1986 – Clifton E. Foster			
1988 – Peter R. Hannah			
1989 – Maxwell L. McCormack, Jr.			
1991 – Walter R. Gooley, Jr.			
1993 – Jane A. Difley			
1996 – William B. Leak			
1997 – Lloyd C. Irland			
1998 – Robert M. Frank, Jr.	James W. Hornbeck		
1999 – David B. Field	Donald W. Floyd		
2000 – Hans T. Bergey			
2001 – Charles A. Levesque			
2002 – Robert M. Ricard, CF			
2003 – Anthony Filauro			
2005 – James B. Cullen	Mervin E. Stevens		
2006 – Bradford A. Wyman			
2007 – William R. Bentley			
2008 – Kenneth M. Laustsen, CF	Carol L. Redelsheimer	Robert S. Seymour	
2009 – Charles J. Barden			
2010 – George F. Frame			
2011 – Sidney E. Balch, CF			
2012 – Karen P. Bennett, CF			
2013 – Dr. Susan P. Romano, CF			
2015 – Michael H. Dann			
2017 – Paul C. Dolan			
2018 – Richard G. Carbonetti, CF	Edward O'Leary		
2021 – Ronald C. Lemin, Jr., CF			
2022 – Dr. Laura S. Kenefic	David I. Maass	Janice C. Mulherin	
2023 – Phil A. Bryce, CF	Tony W. D'Amato, CF	Susan R. Francher	Jeff S. Ward

Golden Members
50 years and more of membership
in the Society of American Foresters

Member Years	Division/ Chapter Name	Prefix	First Name	MI	Last Name	Suffix	Designation
53	Connecticutt	Mr.	Robert	A.	Hart		
57	Connecticutt	Mr.	William	B.	Hull		
58.8	Connecticutt	Mr.	Clarence	G.	Merrill		
60	Connecticutt	Dr.	David	R.	Miller		
63	Connecticutt	Dr.	William	R.	Bentley		
64	Connecticutt	Mr.	Otto	E.	Schaefer		
65	Connecticutt	Dr.	James	H.	Brown	Jr	
50	Maine	Mr.	Thomas	A.	Dodd		
50	Maine	Mr.	Roger	I.	Johndro		
50	Maine	Mr.	Kenneth	M.	Laustsen		CF
50	Maine	Mr.	David	I.	Maass		
50	Maine	Ms.	Sarah	J.	Medina		
50	Maine	Mr.	Rene	D.	Noel	Jr.	
51	Maine	Mr.	Anthony		Filauro		
51	Maine	Mr.	Ron		Lovaglio		
52	Maine	Mr.	Grant	S.	Estell		
52	Maine	Dr.	Lloyd	C.	Irland		
53	Maine	Mr.	Sidney	E.	Balch		
53.7	Maine	Mr.	Robert	J.	Leso		
54	Maine	Mr.	Vite	R.	Vitale		
54.7	Maine	Mr.	Calvin	B.	Gammon		
55	Maine	Mr.	Lee	B.	Stover		
55	Maine	Mr.	Gilbert	S.	Viitala		
55	Maine	Dr.	Robert	J.	Weir		Ph.D.
55.8	Maine	Mr.	John	C.	Bozak	Jr	
56	Maine	Mr.	James	W.	Pinkerton		
57	Maine	Mr.	Albert	J.	Childs		
59	Maine	Dr.	David	B.	Field		
61	Maine	Mr.	David	B.	Clement		
62	Maine	Mr.	Gene	S.	Bergoffen		
62	Maine	Mr.	Walter	R.	Gooley	Jr	
63	Maine	Mr.	James	J.	Burtis	Jr	
63	Maine	Mr.	Clifton	E.	Foster		
63	Maine	Dr.	Peter	R.	Hannah		
63.8	Maine	Dr.	Maxwell	L.	McCormack	Jr	
66	Maine	Mr.	Richard	H.	Hogan		
67	Maine	Mr.	Robert	M.	Frank	Jr	
69	Maine	Mr.	William	D.	Barron		
70	Maine	Mr.	Donald	K.	Whittemore		

Member Years	Division/ Chapter Name	Prefix	First Name	MI	Last Name	Suffix	Designation
50	Massachusetts	Mr.	Frank	M.	Stewart		
55	Massachusetts	Mr.	Austin	B.	Mason	III	
55	Massachusetts	Mr.	Marcus	G.	Phelps		
57	Massachusetts	Mr.	Willard	H.	Estes		
57	Massachusetts	Dr.	Richard	C.	Schlesinger		
58	Massachusetts	Dr.	Warren	E.	Archey		
68.9	Massachusetts	Mr.	Thomas	F.	Lynch		
50	New Hampshire	Mr.	Gary	A.	Jacob		
51	New Hampshire	Dr.	Theodore	E.	Howard		
51	New Hampshire	Mr.	Leon	W.	Stevens		CF
51	New Hampshire	Mr.	Leo	P.	Maslan		
52	New Hampshire	Mr.	Harold	W.	Cook		CF
52	New Hampshire	Mr.	Samuel		Stoddard	III	
53	New Hampshire	Mr.	Russell	S.	Reay		CF
55	New Hampshire	Mr.	Bradford		Wyman		
57	New Hampshire	Mr.	Robert	J.	Berti		
57	New Hampshire	Mr.	Robert	L.	Edmonds		
57	New Hampshire	Mr.	James	H.	Neil		
59	New Hampshire	Dr.	William	H.	Smith		
62	New Hampshire	Dr.	James	W.	Hornbeck		
62	New Hampshire	Mr.	Joseph	H.	Vaillancourt		
64	New Hampshire	Mr.	Mervin	E.	Stevens		
65.8	New Hampshire	Mr.	William	B.	Leak		
51	Rhode Island	Mr.	Thomas	A.	Dupree		
51	Rhode Island	Mr.	Peter	W.	Ludwig		
52	Rhode Island	Mr.	David	C.	Holt		
66	Rhode Island	Mr.	Hans	T.	Bergey		
51	Vermont	Mr.	William	K.	Kropelin		CF
53	Vermont	Dr.	Steven	E.	Dennison		
55	Vermont	Mr.	Ronald	S.	Kelley		
57	Vermont	Mr.	Galen	O.	Hutchison	Jr	
57.8	Vermont	Mr.	David	C.	Stevens		
58	Vermont	Mr.	Conrad	M.	Motyka		
59	Vermont	Mr.	Brian	T.	Sweet		
65	Vermont	Dr.	Jeffrey	V.	Freeman		
65	Vermont	Dr.	David	R.	Houston		