



## Maine Division

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Dear Maine Division Members:

Time is flying, Fall hunting seasons are starting. Foresters are starting to think about winter operations. My time as Chair of the Division is running out and I am getting ready to pass responsibilities over to **Bob Wagner**. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity for fun and growth during the last year. I have learned a lot about the forestry profession in Maine. I have had the chance to interact with very interesting people. I urge you to say thank you to **Sue Aygarn, John Bryant, Ben Dow, Mandy Farrar, Dave Field, Tony Filairo, Ken Laustsen, Ron Lemin, Marc Johnson, Bill Livingston, Dick Scott, Lynn Wilson, and Bob Wagner** for their contributions to the Maine Division over the last year. Also **Bob Chandler Jr.** and **Rory Eckardt** have really helped keeping our relationship with the student chapter vibrant and healthy. Above all is the work of **Laura Audibert**, Division Manager, who is just awesome at keeping the show moving forward.

We have accomplished quite a lot during the year. We have secured funding from the National SAF to help with our policy initiative (**Ken Laustsen**) as well as our poster contest (**Sue Aygarn**). We helped sponsor **Mandy Farrar** and **Dan Simonds** to attend the SAF Leadership Academy in Nebraska. **Ken Laustsen** and I also attended. It was very useful to learn more about the SAF and to meet the leaders and staff. We left the workshop with a greater understanding of the SAF and renewed energy to continue to play a role in our professional body. Our website has been enhanced due to a efforts of **Tony Filairo, Bill Livingston, Bob Wagner, Dan Simonds** and **Laura Audibert**

This is likely to be the last year for the **Poster Contest** in its current form. **Sue Aygarn** is well into the execution stage of poster contest for this year. She and a great group of volunteers are getting ready to visit schools and get the 6<sup>th</sup> grade kids fired up to create amazing art work. The goal is to have the posters ready to be judged at our fall meeting. Concurrently Sue is leading the effort to create a new "**Forestry Awareness Program**." Some very innovated ideas have been generated that should match foresters with school teachers and children to help communicate foresters roles in the many facets of forest management. There is still time to offer suggestions for a suitable event, please contact Sue (947-2800).

The **Spring MESAF Meeting** was very well attended. During an evening session the State Foresters from Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont discussed Liquidation Harvesting. The following day was spent finding out about the work that has been carried out over the last 50 years on the Bartlett Experimental Forest. The feedback indicated that the topics were timely and the participants top notch.

We are in the process of finalizing plans for the **Fall MESAF Meeting**. On **Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>** we will meet at the Wells Conference Center on the University of Maine Orono campus. The topic is "Supplying Maine's Wood Using Markets: Current and Future Opportunities." The goal is to provide members with a solid background of the markets in Maine. A carefully selected, eclectic, group of speakers will provide us with their views of our wood markets. The business meeting will provide an opportunity to hear more about our activities and financial status.

**2005 NESAF Winter Meeting**. **Ron Lemin**, and co-chair **Bob Wagner**, are making great strides in organizing this event. The meeting is titled "Changing Forests-Challenging Times – Managing Our Northeastern Forest under Changing Global Pressures" and will take place in Portland during **March 16-18, 2005**. Please contact Ron (827-1002) if you are interested in volunteering.

Again, thank you for the honor of serving you.

Looking forward to seeing you at the fall meeting!

Kenny Fergusson.