



Hello SAFers!

I hope this letter finds you all well, especially now that we are starting to see some cooler temperatures. Snow will be flying before we know it! By now, we have finished up our summer field tours. All were highly successful and enjoyable, and we certainly had a variety of topics this year (timber harvesting on islands, white pine silviculture, and beech management). As always, we appreciate your willingness to fill out the surveys at the end of the tours, as it gives the executive committee an idea of what our members would like to see covered in the future. I would also like to extend a huge thank you to our Members at Large who worked hard to bring you exciting programs for these events. Setting up field tours takes a lot of coordination, and your hard work does not go unnoticed!

This year, our annual fall meeting is October 23rd, at Wells Conference Center at the University of Maine Campus. The theme of our meeting is “Future of Forestry in Maine”, and the future of the industry through the eyes of professional foresters, mill owners and logging contractors to gain insight as to what the next decade might be. We hope you are available to attend this year, we are looking forward to the program. We also encourage anyone who is able to consider “adopting a student” by making a small financial contribution towards their registration fee, and to sit with/mentor a student during lunch. There are check boxes on the registration form if you are interesting in either of these options.

As always, it is a pleasure to serve as chair of this organization, and my job would not be as easy without the support of the executive committee, a big thanks to all of you! If any of our members have interest in serving on the executive committee in the future in any capacity, please do not hesitate to reach out to me!

Wishing you all a happy fall!

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